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1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2	The Committee on Transportation to which was referred Senate Bill No. 46
3	entitled "An act relating to the taxation of vehicles used for forestry
4	operations" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5	recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6	clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
7	Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 8911(23) is amended to read:
8	(23) The following motor vehicles, including their repair parts, used for
9	timber cutting , ; timber removal , and processing of ; and transportation of
10	equipment, timber, or other solid wood forest products intended to be sold
11	ultimately at retail: skidders with grapple and cable, feller bunchers, cut-to-
12	length processors, forwarders, delimbers, loader slashers, log loaders, whole-
13	tree chippers, stationary screening systems, and firewood processors, elevators,
14	and screens, semi-trailers, tractors, truck cranes, truck tractors, trailers, and
15	motor trucks and motor vehicles with a loaded weight of ?,100 pounds or
16	more. The Department of Motor Vehicles may require a purchaser at the time
17	of purchase to certify that a motor vehicle or other equipment is exempt under
18	this section. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall publish guidance
19	relating to the application of this exemption.

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Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 8902(12) is added to read:
(12) "Motor truck" has the same meaning as in 23 V.S.A. § 4(20).
Sec. 3. 32 V.S.A. § 9741 is amended to read:
§ 9741. SALES NOT COVERED
Retail sales and use of the following shall be exempt from the tax on retail
sales imposed under section 9771 of this title and the use tax imposed under
section 9773 of this title:
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(12) Motor vehicle purchases and use taxed under chapter 219 of this
title and the transactions exempted therefrom that are listed in section 8911 of
this title. Provided, however, that notwithstanding subdivision 8911(5) of this
title, construction, earthmoving, logging, and motorized equipment that has not
been registered as a motor vehicle is subject to tax under this chapter, and
further provided that power take off and other auxiliary equipment on motor
vehicles, whether attached prior to or subsequent to registration, is not exempt
under this section, except for equipment exempt under subdivision (51) of this
section. Motor vehicle parts purchased by a dealer registered under the
provisions of 23 V.S.A. §§ 451–468 shall be exempt from the tax under this

chapter when used to recondition a used motor vehicle owned by the dealer inits inventory for resale.

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1	(51) The following machinery, including repair parts, used for timber
2	cutting; timber removal, and processing of; and transportation of equipment,
3	timber, or other solid wood forest products intended to be sold ultimately at
4	retail: skidders with grapple and cable; feller bunchers; cut-to-length
5	processors; forwarders; delimbers; loader slashers; log loaders; whole-tree
6	chippers; stationary screening systems; firewood processors, elevators, and
7	screens, semi-trailers, tractors, truck cranes, truck tractors, trailers, and motor
8	trucks and motor vehicles with a loaded weight of ?,100 pounds or more; and
9	when sold for use on any machinery listed under this subdivision, traction
10	enhancement accessories, tire chains, track systems, and winch cables. The
11	Department of Taxes shall publish guidance relating to the application of this
12	exemption. The Department of Taxes may require a purchaser at the time of
13	purchase to certify that a motor vehicle or other equipment is exempt under
14	this section. As used in this subdivision, "motor vehicle" has the same
15	meaning as in 23 V.S.A. § 4(21) and "motor truck" has the same meaning as in
16	<u>23 V.S.A. § 4(20).</u>
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18	Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
19	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
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8		FOR THE COMMITTEE