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5 Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly,
6 Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland
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8 Lowell, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Larocque of Barnet,
9 Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town,
10 Myers of Essex, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Shaw
11 of Derby, Smith of New Haven, and Winters of Williamstown

12 Referred to Committee on

13 Date:

14 Subject: Taxation; sales tax holiday

15 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to declare
16 August 10 and 11, 2013, a state sales tax holiday.

17 An act relating to declaring August 10 and 11, 2013, a state sales tax
18 holiday

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. SALES AND USE TAX HOLIDAY

3 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 9771 and 24 V.S.A.
4 § 138, a sales and use tax or local option sales tax shall not be imposed or
5 collected on sales to individuals for personal use of items of tangible personal
6 property at a sales price of \$2,000.00 or less on August 10 and 11, 2013.

7 (b) A vendor in good standing shall be entitled to claim reimbursement for
8 its expenditures for the reprogramming of cash registers and computer
9 equipment which were in use at the place of business on and after August 11
10 2013, for the August 10 and 11, 2013, sales tax holiday. Claims shall be filed
11 with the Department of Taxes within 60 days of the date of the sales tax
12 holiday, with receipts or such other documentation the Department may
13 require. The amount of reimbursement to each vendor shall not exceed the
14 least of the three following amounts:

15 (1) the actual cost to the vendor of reprogramming its cash registers and
16 computer equipment;

17 (2) \$50.00; or

18 (3) \$10,000.00 divided by the number of qualified vendor applicants.

19 (c) Any municipality with a local option sales tax affected by the sales tax
20 holidays imposed by this section shall be reimbursed from the Department of
21 Taxes for the amount of local option sales tax revenues lost to the

1 municipality. The Commissioner of Taxes shall develop a methodology for
2 determining such reimbursement. The Commissioner shall also adjust the
3 deposit in the PILOT special fund, as established in 32 V.S.A. § 3709, for lost
4 deposits due to sales tax holidays. Should the amount appropriated for these
5 purposes under subsection (d) of this section be insufficient to reimburse fully
6 the municipalities and adjust the PILOT special fund, reimbursements to
7 municipalities shall take priority.

8 (d) In fiscal year 2014, \$10,000.00 in general funds is appropriated for
9 payments for the reprogramming under subsection (b) of this section, and
10 \$100,000.00 in general funds is appropriated for the reimbursement to
11 municipalities and adjustments under subsection (c) of this section.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage.