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H.462

Introduced by Representative Hooper of Montpelier

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Transportation; parking

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a
Transportation Demand Management Pilot Program to reduce parking
pressures in Montpelier.

An act relating to a Transportation Demand Management Pilot Program

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

Sec. 1. TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PILOT

PROGRAM

(a) No later than July 1, 2013, the Department of Buildings and General
Services, in coordination with the Agency of Transportation, the Department
of Human Resources, and the Vermont State Employees Association, shall
establish a Transportation Demand Management Pilot Program to encourage
state employees in the Executive, Judiciary, and Legislative Branches working
in Montpelier to use alternative means of transportation.

(b) The Program shall include:

1 (1) a bus subsidy that provides a 50-percent discount on all commuter
2 route bus passes for state employees traveling to Montpelier;

3 (2) a “Guaranteed Ride Home” benefit plan in the case of emergencies;

4 (3) a preferential parking plan for carpools and vanpools at National
5 Life and the Capitol complex; and

6 (4) the participation of the Department of Buildings and General
7 Services in a Montpelier Car Share program.

8 (c) As part of the Program described in subsection (b) of this section, the
9 Department of Buildings and General Services shall examine:

10 (1) the option for state employees to elect a pre-tax contribution for
11 public transit and vanpool expenditures; and

12 (2) incentives for state employees that walk or bike to work.

13 (d) Pursuant to 29 V.S.A. § 169, the Department of Buildings and General
14 Services, in coordination with the Agency of Transportation, shall develop a
15 plan to market and promote the Transportation Demand Management Pilot
16 Program. This plan shall include the creation of a “Go Vermont” state worker
17 toolkit to provide an overview to state employees of efficient commuter
18 options and related services, including information on telecommuting and
19 flexible work schedules, and a display at the Capitol of transportation options
20 and vanpool arrangements.

1 (e) As used in this section, “Guaranteed Ride Home” means up to two
2 taxicab rides per month, not to exceed six rides per calendar year.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.