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August 5, 2010

The Honorable Governor James Douglas
Pavilion Building
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

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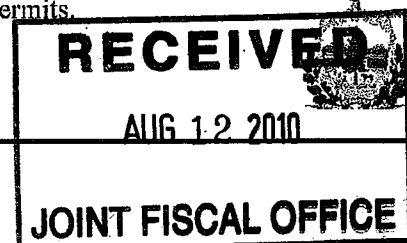
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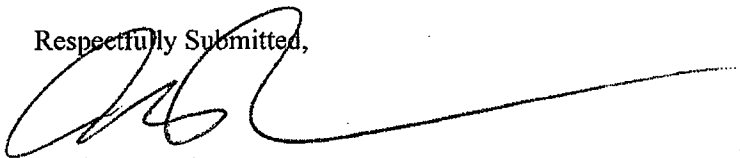
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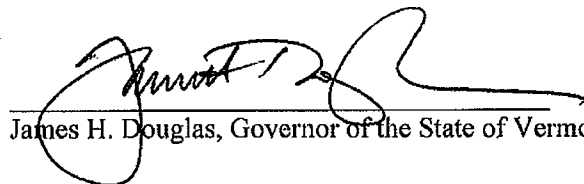
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STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: September 22, 2010
Subject: JFO #2454, #2455, #2456

No Joint Fiscal Committee member has requested that the following items be held for review:

JFO #2454 — \$75,000 donation from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to the Agency of Transportation (AOT). This donation will be used to perform a field evaluation of crack sealing materials. The donation consists of approximately \$30,000 worth of crack sealing materials and installation expenses, and approximately \$45,000 to reimburse AOT for evaluation of the materials and traffic control for the project.
[JFO received 8/10/10]

JFO #2455 — Request to approve the proposed fee structure for online International Registration Plan. This online service would allow individuals to acquire a 72 hour trip permit authorizing them to travel in Vermont under international agreements.
[JFO received 8/12/10]

JFO #2456 — Request to approve the proposed fee structure for online property transfer tax return service. This online service would allow Vermont property buyers and sellers to submit a property transfer tax return electronically.
[JFO received 8/12/10]

The Governor's approval may now be considered final. We ask that you inform the Secretary of Administration and your staff of this action.

cc: David Dill, Secretary
David Tucker, Commissioner



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MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: August 19, 2010
Subject: Grant Requests

Enclosed please find three (3) requests that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration.

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In accordance with the procedures for processing such requests, we ask you to review the enclosed and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Nathan Lavery at (802) 828-1488; nlavery@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like an item held for Joint Fiscal Committee review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by September 2 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.

cc: James Reardon, Commissioner
David Dill, Secretary
David Tucker, Commissioner

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STATE OF VERMONT
SENATE CHAMBER
115 STATE STREET
MONTPELIER, VT
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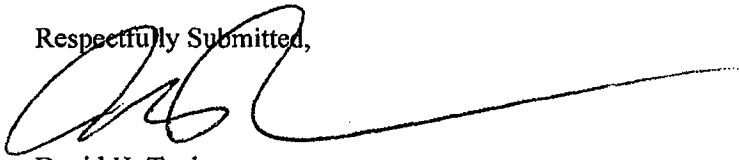
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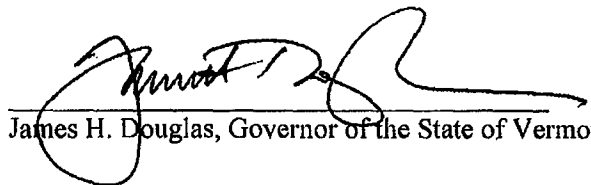
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No. 146. An act relating to implementation of challenges for change.

(H.792)

Sec. B16. 22 V.S.A. § 953(c) is amended to read:

(c) Any charges created or changed by the board shall be approved ~~by the joint fiscal committee before taking effect~~ as follows:

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(2) The governor's approval shall be final unless within 30 days of receipt of the information a member of the joint fiscal committee requests the charge be placed on the agenda of the joint fiscal committee or, when the general assembly is in session, be held for legislative approval. In the event of such request, the charge shall not be accepted until approved by the joint fiscal committee or the legislature. During the legislative session, the joint fiscal committee shall file a notice with the house clerk and senate secretary for publication in the respective calendars of any charge approval requests that are submitted by the administration.
