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Introduced by Representatives Ram of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, and
McCormack of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; public transit buses; yielding; passing

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a duty
to yield to public transit buses that have signaled to reenter traffic after
stopping to discharge or receive passengers.

An act relating to yielding to public transit buses

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

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1075a is added to read:

§ 1075a. DUTY TO YIELD TO PUBLIC TRANSIT BUSES

(a) As used in this section, “public transit bus” means a motor vehicle with
a seating capacity of more than ten persons operated by any municipal transit
system, nonprofit public transit system as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 5088, or
transit authority or transit district created under 24 V.S.A. chapter 127.

(b) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a public transit
bus traveling in the same direction which stopped in the highway right-of-way
to discharge or receive passengers and has signaled to reenter the traffic flow.

1 (c) This section does not relieve the operator of a public transit bus from
2 the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the
3 highway.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.