

1 H.235

2 Introduced by Representative Frank of Underhill

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; accessibility; persons with disabilities; motor
6 vehicles

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize the commissioner of
8 disabilities, aging, and independent living to award grants to persons with
9 disabilities for the purpose of providing financial assistance for expenses
10 related to making a motor vehicle wheelchair-accessible.

11 An act relating to wheelchair accessibility

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

13 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 506 is added to read:

14 § 506. WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY; GRANTS

15 The commissioner of disabilities, aging, and independent living shall
16 establish by rule the process and standards for awarding grants to persons with
17 disabilities, or their guardians, for the purpose of providing financial assistance
18 for expenses related to making a motor vehicle wheelchair-accessible. The
19 rules shall establish a formula for determining the amount of grants awarded
20 under this section and minimum eligibility standards for such awards.

1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION

2 The sum of \$480,000.00 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year
3 2012 to the department of disabilities, aging, and independent living to be used
4 for awarding grants under 33 V.S.A. § 506.