

1 S.205

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Appropriations; Judiciary; criminal and civil surcharges; General

6 Fund

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a  
8 schedule to repeal criminal and civil surcharges by June 30, 2026 and replace  
9 revenue from the surcharges with general funds.

10 An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges

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

12 Sec. 1. CRIMINAL AND CIVIL SURCHARGES; REPEAL; GENERAL

13 FUNDS

14 (a) On or before October 1, 2020, the Court Administrator, in consultation  
15 with the Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services,  
16 a representative from the Special Investigations Unit, and a representative from  
17 Vermont Legal Aid, shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on  
18 Appropriations a schedule to repeal the surcharges set forth in 13 V.S.A.  
19 § 7282 so that all surcharges are repealed on or before June 30, 2026.

1        (b) Beginning on July 1, 2021, for fiscal years 2022 through 2026, the  
2        Court Administrator shall include in its annual budget request a recommended  
3        amount of funding from the General Fund to replace the loss of revenue from  
4        the surcharges described in subsection (a) of this section that are set to repeal  
5        in that fiscal year.

6        Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7        This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.