

1 S.215

2 Introduced by Senator McCormack

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Commerce and trade; consumer fraud; mandatory gratuities

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that restaurants that charge
7 a mandatory gratuity explain how the gratuity will be used.

8 An act relating to mandatory gratuities

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

10 Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 63, subchapter 2B is added to read:

11 Subchapter 2B. Mandatory Gratuities

12 § 2479b. MANDATORY GRATUITIES

13 (a) A restaurant or other place dispensing food or drink to the public that
14 charges a mandatory gratuity shall state on the bill of sale or post in a
15 conspicuous location on its premises an explanation of how the gratuity will be
16 used, including whether it will be paid to an employee or the employees of the
17 restaurant as part of their wages or in addition to their wages.

18 (b) The attorney general or state's attorney has the same authority to make
19 rules, conduct civil investigations, and bring civil actions with respect to

- 1 violations of subsection (a) of this section as provided under subchapter 1 of
- 2 this chapter.