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PRESS RELEASE

**Secretary Condos Applauds VT House for Passage of
Automatic Voter Registration**

Montpelier, VT – Today, the Vermont House passed H.458 Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) with a strong tri-partisan and unanimous vote. This allows eligible Vermonters who receive their Driver’s Licenses to be automatically registered to vote.

“AVR saves time and money, increases the accuracy of our statewide voter checklist, curbs the potential for fraud, and protects the integrity of our elections,” said Secretary Condos.

This proposal will streamline the federally mandated voter registration at the DMV with a new process in which the state identifies and automatically adds eligible Vermonters to the voter checklist electronically and without any action needed by the voter.

This will add more eligible voters to the Vermont rolls, cementing Vermont’s ranking as a state with one of the highest registration rates in the country.

“As Secretary of State, I believe voting is a sacred right – one we must protect and encourage by removing any unnecessary barriers. Democracy works best when more people participate. I once again applaud the House Government Operations Committee for their hard work and thank the entire Vermont House of Representatives for its nonpartisan support of this important initiative,” said Secretary of State Jim Condos.

Secretary Condos specifically thanks Representative Chris Pearson for introducing the bill, Speaker Shap Smith, and the House Government Operations Committee chaired by Representative Donna Sweaney for their work.

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