

Journal of the House

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

At one o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. John Arrison of Weathersfield.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

H. 495

By Reps. Scheu of Middlebury, McGill of Bridport, and Sheldon of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the approval of the amendment to the charter of the Town of Middlebury

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 496

By Rep. Nicoll of Ludlow,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to recovery-friendly workplaces

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 497

By Rep. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to appraising properties with accessibility or environmental features

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 498

By Rep. Sammis of Castleton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring legislative approval prior to closing or reducing the size or scope of any Vermont State College Library

To the Committee on Education.

H. 499

By Reps. Small of Winooski and Berbeco of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the approval of the amendment of the charter of the City of Winooski

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 500

By Reps. Durfee of Shaftsbury, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Goldman of Rockingham, and Hooper of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the involuntary sterilization of individuals with an intellectual disability

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 501

By Reps. Roberts of Halifax, Bartley of Fairfax, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Goslant of Northfield, Krasnow of South Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Pouech of Hinesburg, Stebbins of Burlington, and Templeman of Brownington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to disclosure of energy code compliance

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 502

By Rep. Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring legislative approval prior to closing or reducing the size or scope of any Vermont State College Library

To the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 27

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to reducing the imposition of cash bail

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 21

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 21. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 31, 2023, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

**Committee Bill; Second Reading; Bill Amended;
Third Reading Ordered**

H. 483

Rep. Conlon of Cornwall spoke for the Committee on Education.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the accountability and oversight of approved independent schools that are eligible to receive public tuition

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, and read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Rep. Conlon of Cornwall** moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, 16 V.S.A. § 166, by striking out subdivision (b)(9)(A)(vi) (admissions process) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (b)(9)(A)(vi) to read as follows:

(vi) the school shall not use an admissions process for publicly tuitioned students that includes mandatory interviews, academic entrance exams, academic history, mandatory campus visits, or consideration of ability to pay for any costs or fees, provided that:

(I) the school may request proof of a student's most recently completed grade;

(II) the school may set a capacity limit on the number of publicly tuitioned students the school will accept; and

(III) the school shall establish a nondiscriminatory selection process when the number of publicly tuitioned student applicants exceeds any capacity limits;

Second: In Sec. 2, 16 V.S.A. § 166, by striking out subdivision (b)(9)(B) (private right of action and enforcement) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (b)(9)(B) to read as follows:

(B) No private right of action is created by this subdivision (9) against an approved independent school approved by the State Board as eligible to receive public tuition for failure to comply with any of the requirements in this subdivision (9). The State Board is authorized to use its powers under subdivision (5) of this subsection (b) to revoke, suspend, or impose conditions on the eligibility of an approved independent school to receive public tuition for failure to comply with these requirements. Complaints of noncompliance shall be received, investigated, and resolved in accordance with subdivision (5) of this subsection (b) and State Board of Education rules. A person shall not coerce, threaten, interfere, or otherwise discriminate against any individual who alleges noncompliance with the requirements under this subdivision (9).

Third: In Sec. 8, 16 V.S.A. § 828 (effective until July 1, 2024), in subsection (a), after “approved independent school”, by inserting the words “eligible to receive public tuition”

Fourth: In Sec. 8, 16 V.S.A. § 828 (effective until July 1, 2024), in subdivision (b)(3), after “provided that subdivisions”, by striking out “166(b)(9)(vi) and (xi) of this title shall not apply.” and inserting in lieu thereof “166(b)(9)(v) and (x) of this title shall not apply. The school shall attest to compliance with this subdivision on or before August 1 of each year.”

Fifth: In Sec. 9, 16 V.S.A. § 828 (effective July 1, 2024), in subsection (a), after “approved independent school”, by inserting the words “eligible to receive public tuition”

Sixth: In Sec. 15, Agency of Education; forms; report, in subsection (b), by striking out “September 1, 2023” and inserting in lieu thereof “July 1, 2023”

Seventh: By striking out Sec. 16, accreditation transition, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 16 to read as follows:

Sec. 16. [Deleted.]

Eighth: By striking out Sec. 18, moratorium on approval of new approved independent schools, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 18 to read as follows:

Sec. 18. MORATORIUM ON NEW APPROVED INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC TUITION

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Board of Education shall be prohibited from providing initial approval for an approved independent school to be eligible to receive public tuition to any school that submits an initial attestation pursuant 16 V.S.A. § 166(b)(9)(x) after August 1, 2023. The moratorium created under this section shall remain in effect until further direction by the General Assembly.

Ninth: In Sec. 19, position development; report, following “an approved independent school eligible to receive public tuition,” and prior to “the Agency of Education”, by inserting “on or before January 15, 2024,”

Tenth: In Sec. 20, effective dates, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) This section, Sec. 10 (repeal), and in Sec. 15, subdivision (b) (compliance attestation) shall take effect on passage.

Which was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Rep. Christie of Hartford** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By adding a reader assistance heading and a new section to be Sec. 14a to read as follows:

* * * Public Accommodations Act * * *

Sec. 14a. 9 V.S.A. § 4501 is amended to read:

§ 4501. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Place of public accommodation” means any school, restaurant, store, establishment, or other facility at which services, facilities, goods, privileges, advantages, benefits, or accommodations are offered to the general public. As used in this chapter, the term “school” includes public schools, independent schools, regional career technical education centers, postsecondary career technical education centers, adult career technical education centers, comprehensive high schools, approved education programs, tutorial programs, distance learning schools, postsecondary schools, and any other type of school or educational institution.

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Which was agreed to. Thereupon, third reading was ordered.

Third Reading; Bills Passed

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time, and passed:

H. 31

House bill, entitled

An act relating to aquatic nuisance control

H. 158

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the beverage container redemption system

H. 205

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Small Farm Diversification and Transition Program

H. 222

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reducing overdoses

H. 480

House bill, entitled

An act relating to property valuation and reappraisals

Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 276

Rep. Stevens of Waterbury, for the Committee on General and Housing, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a rental housing registry

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Rental Housing Registration * * *

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2678 is added to read:

§ 2678. RENTAL HOUSING REGISTRATION

(a) Registration. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, annually on or before March 1, the owner of each unit of rental housing that in the previous year was leased or offered for lease shall pay to the Department of Housing and Community Development an annual registration fee of \$35.00 per unit and provide the following information:

(1) the name and mailing address of the owner, landlord, and property manager of the unit, as applicable;

(2) the phone number and electronic mail address of the owner, landlord, and property manager of the unit, as available;

(3) the location of the unit;

(4) the year built;

(5) the type of rental unit;

(6) the number of units in the building;

(7) the school property account number;

(8) the accessibility of the unit; and

(9) any other information the Department deems appropriate.

(b) Exceptions.

(1) Unit licensed or registered with another program.

(A) Local rental housing health and safety program.

(i) The registration requirement imposed in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to a unit that is currently registered with a municipal, district, or other local government rental housing health and safety program that requires the owner to register the unit and provide the data required in subsection (a) of this section.

(ii) The fee requirement imposed in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to a unit that is currently registered with a municipal, district, or other local government rental housing health and safety program that requires the owner to register the unit and provide the data required in subsection (a) of this section and for which program the owner is required to pay a registration fee.

(B) Licensed lodging establishment. The registration and fee requirements imposed in subsection (a) of this section do not apply to a lodging establishment, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4301, that is required to be licensed by the Department of Health.

(C) Registered mobile home lot.

(i) The registration requirement imposed in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to a mobile home lot within a mobile home park if:

(I) the owner has registered the lot with the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6254; and

(II) the owner does not own a mobile home on the lot.

(ii) An owner of a mobile home lot within a mobile home park who has registered the lot with the Department and who owns a mobile home on the lot that is available for rent or rented shall register the property with the Department pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and pay a fee equal to the fee required, less any fee paid within the previous 12 months pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6254(c).

(2) Unit not offered to general public. The registration and fee requirements imposed in subsection (a) of this section do not apply to a unit that an owner provides to another person, whether or not for consideration, if, and only to the extent that, the owner does not otherwise make the unit available for lease to the general public, and includes:

(A) housing provided to a member of the owner's family or personal acquaintances;

(B) housing provided to a person who is not related to a member of the owner's household and who occupies the housing as part of a nonprofit home-sharing program;

(C) housing provided to a person who provides personal care to the owner or a member of the owner's household; and

(D) housing provided as a benefit of farm employment, as defined in 9 V.S.A. § 4469a(a)(3).

(3) Non-permanent residence; inadequate facilities. The registration and fee requirements imposed in subsection (a) of this section do not apply to a unit that is not designed or constructed for use as a permanent residence, including a unit that does not have adequate potable water or sanitation facilities, electricity, heat, or insulation.

(c) Administration.

(1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall maintain the registry of rental housing data in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Health, the Enhanced 911 Board, and the Department of Taxes.

(2) Upon request, and at least annually, a municipal, district, or other local government entity that operates a rental housing health and safety program that requires registration of a rental housing unit and a fee for inclusion on its registry shall provide to the Department of Housing and Community Development the data for each unit that is required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(d) Protection, permissible use, and disclosure of data.

(1) The data the Department collects pursuant to this section is exempt from public inspection and copying pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(1).

(2) The Department may only disclose data it collects pursuant to this section:

(A) to other State, municipal, or regional government entities;

(B) to nonprofit organizations; or

(C) to other persons for the purposes of protecting public health and safety.

(3) The Department:

(A) shall not disclose data it collects pursuant to this section for a commercial purpose; and

(B) shall require, as a condition of receiving data collected pursuant to this section, that a person to whom the Department discloses the data takes steps necessary to protect the privacy of persons whom the data concerns and to prevent further disclosure.

(e) Rental Housing Safety Special Fund. The Department shall maintain the fees collected pursuant to this section in a special fund entitled the Rental Housing Safety Special Fund, the proceeds of which the Department shall use to design and implement the registry created in, and to administer and enforce the registry requirements of, this section.

* * * Penalty for Failure to Register * * *

Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. § 2678(e) is added to read:

(e) Failure to register; penalty. The Department of Housing and Community Development shall impose an administrative penalty of not more

than \$200.00 per unit for an owner of rental housing who knowingly fails to register or pay the fee required pursuant to this section.

* * * Positions Authorized * * *

Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT; POSITIONS

(a) The Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to create one full-time classified position and one half-time classified position to design and implement the registry created in, and to administer and enforce the registry requirements of, 20 V.S.A. § 2678.

(b) The Department may hire staff authorized by this section to the extent funds become available from an appropriation for that purpose or from the Rental Housing Safety Special Fund created and maintained pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2678(e).

* * * ADS; Project Scope * * *

Sec. 4. AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; PROJECT SCOPE
APPROPRIATION

(a) On or before January 15, 2024, the Agency of Digital Services, in coordination with the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Rental Housing Advisory Board, shall conduct a project assessment, through and including a Request for Information, to assess the costs for creating and maintaining a rental housing registration database consistent with Sec. 1 of this act, and shall report its findings, recommendations, and cost estimates to the House Committees on General and Housing and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Appropriations.

(b) In fiscal year 2024 the amount of \$25,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Digital Services to implement this section.

* * * Crisis Standards of Housing; Homelessness Response Analysis * * *

Sec. 5. CRISIS STANDARDS OF HOUSING

On or before November 1, 2023, the Department for Children and Families shall develop and submit a plan to implement crisis standards for housing to the House Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Health and Welfare. In developing the plan, the Department shall consult with stakeholders who specialize in homelessness prevention and mitigation, including those organizations who participated in developing the

Vermont Roadmap to End Homelessness developed pursuant to 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1102(a).

Sec. 6. HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

(a) On or before September 1, 2023, the Agency of Human Services shall convene a working group, including individuals with lived experience of homelessness, local and statewide representatives of the Continuums of Care Program, representatives of housing- and homelessness-related organizations, to review, develop, and provide recommendations on Vermont's homelessness response and prevention programs and governance system, including any success measures that incorporate recent and relevant assessments and statewide plans.

(b)(1) On or before March 1, 2024, the working group established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall submit its findings and recommendations to the House Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to align with the federal goal to reduce homelessness by 25 percent by 2025, in accordance with the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, including strategies to:

(A) address racial and other disparities, as well as the multiplier effects of two or more concurrent risk factors, among people experiencing homelessness;

(B) justify State and local action through research of quantitative and qualitative data, including the perspectives of individuals who have or are currently experiencing homelessness;

(C) eliminate the silos between State and local governments and organizations; public, private, and philanthropic sectors; and individuals who have or are currently experiencing homelessness;

(D) increase the supply of and access to safe, affordable, and accessible housing and tailored supports for individuals at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness;

(E) improve response systems to meet the urgent crisis of homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness; and

(F) reduce the risk of housing instability for households most likely to experience homelessness.

(2) On or before January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit an interim report on its work pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (b) to the House Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and to

the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 5–6 (crisis housing; homelessness) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Sec. 4 (ADS report) shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

(c) Sec. 1 (registration) and Sec. 3 (DHCD positions) take effect on July 1, 2025.

(d) Sec. 2 (administrative penalty for failure to register) takes effect on March 1, 2026.

Rep. Long of Newfane presiding.

Rep. Sims of Craftsbury, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommended that the report of the Committee on General and Housing be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Rental Housing Registry; ADS; Project Scope * * *

Sec. 1. RENTAL HOUSING REGISTRY; PROJECT SCOPE; REPORT

(a) The Agency of Digital Services, in coordination with the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Rental Housing Advisory Board, shall conduct a project assessment, through and including a Request for Information, to assess the design, implementation, and associated costs for creating and maintaining a rental housing registry, including:

(1) using an existing framework, including the landlord certificate and associated data collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 6069; and

(2) using a new framework for an annual registration requirement for long-term and short-term rental housing.

(b) For each assessment, the report shall address:

(1) the operating cost, including the amount of any new registration fee, necessary to support the design, implementation, and maintenance of a registry;

(2) the technological requirements and associated administrative costs for transferring data between a registry and other registration and licensing programs, including local housing programs and other State registries or sources of housing data; and

(3) the technological requirements and recommended best practices for ensuring data security and privacy.

(c) On or before December 15, 2024, the Agency, Department, and Board shall report their findings, recommendations, and cost estimates to the House Committees on General and Housing, on Ways and Means, and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, on Finance, and on Appropriations.

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APPROPRIATION

In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$25,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Digital Services to implement Sec. 1 of this act.

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reduce homelessness by 25 percent by 2025, in accordance with the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, including strategies to:

(A) address racial and other disparities, as well as the multiplier effects of two or more concurrent risk factors, among people experiencing homelessness;

(B) justify State and local action through research of quantitative and qualitative data, including the perspectives of individuals who have or are currently experiencing homelessness;

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(F) reduce the risk of housing instability for households most likely to experience homelessness.

(2) On or before January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit an interim report on its work pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to the House Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage, except that Sec. 2 (ADS appropriation) shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

Rep. Harrison of Chittenden, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommended that the report of the Committee on Ways and Means be amended as follows:

By striking out Secs. 3 and 4 in their entireties and by renumbering Sec. 5 as Sec. 3.

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and the report of the Committee on Ways and Means was amended as recommended by the Committee on Appropriations.

Speaker presiding.

Pending the question, Shall the report of the Committee on General and Housing be amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways of Means, as amended?, **Rep. Sims of Craftsbury** moved to further amend the report of the Committee on Ways and Means as follows:

In Sec. 1(c) by striking out “2024” and inserting in lieu thereof “2023”

Which was agreed to. Thereafter, the report of the Committee on General and Housing was amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as amended, the bill was amended as recommended by the Committee on General and Housing, as amended, and third reading ordered.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 282

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Was taken up and, pending second reading, on motion of **Rep. Houghton of Essex Junction**, action on the bill was postponed until April 5, 2023.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 479

Rep. Coffey of Guilford spoke for the Committee on Transportation.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation

Rep. Demrow of Corinth, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommended that the bill ought to pass when amended as follows:

By striking out Secs. 35, Agency of Transportation positions, and 36, effective dates, and their reader assistance headings in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Fees * * *

* * * Enhanced Driver’s License * * *

Sec. 35. 23 V.S.A. § 7 is amended to read:

§ 7. ENHANCED DRIVER’S LICENSE; MAINTENANCE OF DATABASE INFORMATION; FEE

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(d) The fee for an enhanced license shall be ~~\$30.00~~ \$36.00 in addition to the fees otherwise established by this title.

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* * * Department of Motor Vehicles * * *

Sec. 36. 23 V.S.A. § 114 is amended to read:

§ 114. FEES

(a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees for miscellaneous transactions:

(1) Listings of 1 through 4 registrations	\$8.00
<u>\$10.00</u>	
(2) Certified copy of registration application	\$8.00
<u>\$10.00</u>	
(3) Sample plates	\$18.00
<u>\$22.00</u>	
(4) Lists of registered dealers, transporters, periodic inspection stations, fuel dealers, and distributors, including gallonage sold or delivered and rental vehicle companies	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> per page
(5) [Repealed.]	
(6) Periodic inspection sticker record	\$8.00
<u>\$10.00</u>	
(7) Certified copy individual crash report	\$12.00
<u>\$15.00</u>	
(8) Certified copy police crash report	\$18.00
<u>\$22.00</u>	
(9) Certified copy suspension notice	\$8.00
<u>\$10.00</u>	
(10) Certified copy mail receipt	\$8.00
<u>\$10.00</u>	
(11) Certified copy proof of mailing	\$8.00
<u>\$10.00</u>	
(12) Certified copy reinstatement notice	\$8.00
<u>\$10.00</u>	
(13) Certified copy operator's license application	\$8.00
<u>\$10.00</u>	

(14) Certified copy three-year operating record	\$14.00	
<u>\$17.00</u>		
(15) [Repealed.]		
(16) Government official photo identification card	\$6.00	
<u>\$8.00</u>		
(17) Listing of operator's licenses of 1 through 4	\$8.00	
<u>\$10.00</u>		
(18) Statistics and research	\$42.00	<u>\$51.00</u> per hour
(19) Insurance information on crash	\$8.00	
<u>\$10.00</u>		
(20) Certified copy complete operating record	\$20.00	
<u>\$24.00</u>		
(21) Records not otherwise specified	\$8.00	<u>\$10.00</u> per page
(22) Public records request for Department records requiring custom computer programming	\$100.00	per hour, but not less than \$500.00
(23) Public records request for Department records requiring custom computer programming (updated)	\$119.00	
<u>\$143.00</u>		

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Sec. 37. 23 V.S.A. § 115 is amended to read:

§ 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

(a) Any Vermont resident may make application to the Commissioner and be issued an identification card that is attested by the Commissioner as to true name, correct age, residential address unless the listing of another address is requested by the applicant or is otherwise authorized by law, and any other identifying data as the Commissioner may require that shall include, in the case of minor applicants, the written consent of the applicant's parent, guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis. Every application for an identification card shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain such evidence of age and identity as the Commissioner may require, consistent with subsection (1) of this section. New and renewal application forms shall include a space for the applicant to request that a "veteran" designation be placed on the applicant's identification card. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2), requests a veteran designation and provides a Department of Defense

Form 214 or other proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner, and the Office of Veterans Affairs confirms the veteran's status as an honorably discharged veteran or a veteran discharged under honorable conditions, the identification card shall include the term "veteran" on its face. The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 at the time application for an identification card is made, except that an initial nondriver identification card shall be issued at no charge to an individual who surrenders ~~his or her~~ the individual's license in connection with a suspension or revocation under subsection 636(b) of this title due to a physical or mental condition.

(b) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00 midnight on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the cardholder following the date of original issue, and may be renewed every four years upon payment of a ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 fee. A renewed identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00 midnight on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the cardholder following the expiration of the card being renewed. At least 30 days before an identification card will expire, the Commissioner shall mail first-class to the cardholder or send the cardholder electronically an application to renew the identification card; a cardholder shall be sent the renewal notice by mail unless the cardholder opts in to receive electronic notification. An individual born on February 29 shall, for the purposes of this section, be considered as born on March 1.

(c) In the event an identification card is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or a new name is acquired, a replacement may be obtained upon furnishing satisfactory proof to the Commissioner and paying a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee.

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* * * Registration; General Provisions * * *

Sec. 38. 23 V.S.A. § 304 is amended to read:

§ 304. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES; NUMBER PLATES; VANITY
AND OTHER SPECIAL PLATES

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(b) The authority to issue vanity motor vehicle number plates or special number plates for safety organizations and service organizations shall reside with the Commissioner. Determination of compliance with the criteria contained in this section shall be within the discretion of the Commissioner. Series of number plates for safety and service organizations that are authorized by the Commissioner shall be issued in order of approval, subject to the operating considerations in the Department as determined by the

Commissioner. The Commissioner shall issue vanity and special organization number plates in the following manner:

(1) Vanity plates. Subject to the restrictions of this section, vanity plates shall be issued at the request of the registrant of a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is registered under the International Registration Plan, upon application and upon payment of an annual fee of ~~\$48.00~~ \$58.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. The Commissioner shall not issue two sets of plates bearing the same initials or letters unless the plates also contain a distinguishing number. Vanity plates are subject to reassignment if not renewed within 60 days of expiration of the registration.

(2) Special organization plates.

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(B) The officer of a safety organization or service organization may apply to the Commissioner to approve special plates indicating membership in a qualifying organization to be issued to organization members for a ~~\$17.00~~ \$21.00 special fee for each set of plates in addition to the annual fee for registration. The application shall include designation of an officer or member to serve as the principal contact with the Department and a distinctive name or emblem, or both, for use on the proposed special plate. The name and emblem shall not be objectively obscene or confusing to the general public and shall not promote, advertise, or endorse a product, brand, or service provided for sale. The organization's name and emblem must not infringe on or violate a trademark, trade name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or property right, and the organization must have the right to use the name and emblem. After consulting with the principal contact, the Commissioner shall determine the design of the special plate on the basis that the primary purpose of motor vehicle number plates is vehicle identification. An organization may have only one design, regardless of the number of individual organizational units, squads, or departments within the State that may conduct the same or substantially similar activities.

(C) After the plate design is finalized and an officer or the principal contact provides the Commissioner a written statement authorizing issuance of the plates, the organization shall deposit ~~\$2,200.00~~ \$2,600.00 with the Commissioner. Of this deposit, \$500.00 shall be retained by the Department to recover costs of developing the organization plate. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 502, the Commissioner may charge the actual costs of production of the plates against the fees collected and the balance shall be deposited in the Transportation Fund. Upon application, special plates shall be issued to a registrant of a vehicle registered at the pleasure car rate or of a truck registered for less than 26,001 pounds (but excluding trucks registered under the

International Registration Plan) who furnishes the Commissioner satisfactory proof that ~~he or she~~ the registrant is a member of an organization that has satisfied the requirements of this subdivision (b)(2). For each of the first 100 applicants to whom sets of plates are issued, the ~~\$17.00~~ \$21.00 special plate fee shall not be collected and shall be subtracted from the balance of the deposit. When the ~~\$1,700.00~~ \$2,100.00 balance of the deposit is depleted, applicants shall be required to pay the ~~\$17.00~~ \$21.00 fee as provided for in subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection. No organization shall charge its members any additional fee or premium charge for the authorization, right, or privilege to display special number plates, but any organization may recover up to ~~\$1,700.00~~ \$2,100.00 from applicants for the special plates.

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(f) Upon the request of a registrant of a motor vehicle with the previous issue number plates, the Commissioner shall issue current issue number plates bearing the same number as shown on the previous issue plates that are being replaced. The initial one-time fee for the plates shall be ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 in addition to the regular registration fee. Official plates and plates with numbers of 9999 or lower are specifically exempted.

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Sec. 39. 23 V.S.A. § 304b is amended to read:

§ 304b. CONSERVATION MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES

(a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue conservation registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate, on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, and on vehicles registered to State agencies under section 376 of this title, but excluding vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and of Fish and Wildlife shall determine the graphic design of the special plates in a manner that serves to enhance the public awareness of the State's interest in restoring and protecting its wildlife and major watershed areas. The Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and of Fish and Wildlife may alter the graphic design of these special plates, provided that plates in use at the time of a design alteration shall remain valid subject to the operator's payment of the annual registration fee. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner and shall pay an initial fee of ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a conservation plate shall pay a renewal fee of ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00. The Commissioner may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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Sec. 40. 23 V.S.A. § 304c is amended to read:

§ 304c. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: BUILDING
BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

(a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue “Building Bright Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,” referred to as “the Bright Futures Fund,” registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate, on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to State agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall utilize the graphic design recommended by the Commissioner for Children and Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of the State’s interest in supporting children’s services. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall pay an initial fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a Bright Futures Fund plate shall pay a renewal fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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Sec. 41. 23 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:

§ 307. CARRYING OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE; REPLACEMENT
AND CORRECTED CERTIFICATES

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(b) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a certificate, the owner of the vehicle described in it shall forthwith notify the Commissioner and remit a fee of ~~\$16.00~~ \$20.00, upon receipt of which the Commissioner shall furnish the owner with a duplicate certificate.

(c) A corrected registration certificate shall be furnished by the Commissioner upon request and receipt of a fee of ~~\$16.00~~ \$20.00.

(d) An operator cited for violating subsection (a) of this section with respect to a pleasure car, motorcycle, or truck that could be registered for less than 26,001 pounds shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5.00, which penalty shall be exempt from surcharges under 13 V.S.A. § 7282(a), if ~~he or she~~ the operator is cited within the 14 days following the expiration of the motor vehicle’s registration.

Sec. 42. 23 V.S.A. § 323 is amended to read:

§ 323. TRANSFER FEES

A person who transfers the ownership of a registered motor vehicle to another, upon the filing of a new application and upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00, may have registered in ~~his or her~~ the person's name another motor vehicle for the remainder of the registration period without payment of any additional registration fee, provided the proper registration fee of the motor vehicle sought to be registered is the same as the registration fee of the transferred motor vehicle. However, if the proper registration fee of the motor vehicle sought to be registered by such person is greater than the registration fee of the transferred motor vehicle, the applicant shall pay, in addition to such fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00, the difference between the registration fee of the motor vehicle previously registered and the proper fee for the registration of the motor vehicle sought to be registered.

* * * Registration; Fees and Exemptions * * *

Sec. 43. 23 V.S.A. § 361 is amended to read:

§ 361. PLEASURE CARS

The annual registration fee for ~~registration of any motor vehicle of the a~~ pleasure car type, as defined in subdivision 4(28) of this title, and all vehicles powered by electricity, shall be ~~\$74.00~~ \$89.00, and the biennial fee shall be ~~\$136.00~~ \$163.00.

Sec. 44. 23 V.S.A. § 364 is amended to read:

§ 364. MOTORCYCLES

The annual fee for registration of a motorcycle, with or without sidecar, shall be ~~\$46.00~~ \$56.00.

Sec. 45. 23 V.S.A. § 364a is amended to read:

§ 364a. MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES: REGISTRATION; FINANCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY

(a) The annual fee for registration of a motor-driven cycle shall be ~~\$28.00~~ \$34.00.

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Sec. 46. 23 V.S.A. § 364b is amended to read:

§ 364b. ALL-SURFACE VEHICLES; REGISTRATION

(a) The annual fee for registration of an all-surface vehicle (ASV) shall be the sum of the fees established by sections 3305 and 3504 of this title, plus ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00.

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Sec. 47. 23 V.S.A. § 367 is amended to read:

§ 367. TRUCKS

(a)(1) The annual fee for registration of tractors, truck-tractors, or motor trucks except truck cranes, truck shovels, road oilers, bituminous distributors, and farm trucks used as specified in subsection (f) of this section shall be based on the total weight of the truck-tractor or motor truck, including body and cab plus the heaviest load to be carried. In computing the fees for registration of tractors, truck-tractors, or motor trucks with trailers or semi-trailers attached, except trailers or semi-trailers with a gross weight of less than 6,000 pounds, the fee shall be based upon the weight of the tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck, the weight of the trailer or semi-trailer, and the weight of the heaviest load to be carried by the combined vehicles. In addition to the fee set out in the following schedule, the fee for vehicles weighing between 10,000 and 25,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$35.50~~ \$42.53, the fee for vehicles weighing between 26,000 and 39,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$70.98~~ \$85.03, the fee for vehicles weighing between 40,000 and 59,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$248.48~~ \$297.68, and the fee for vehicles 60,000 pounds and over shall be an additional ~~\$390.48~~ \$467.80. The fee shall be computed at the following rates per 1,000 pounds of weight determined pursuant to this subdivision and rounded up to the nearest whole dollar; the minimum fee for registering a tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck to 6,000 pounds shall be the same as for the pleasure car type:

~~\$15.20~~ \$18.21 when the weight exceeds 6,000 pounds but does not exceed 8,000 pounds.

~~\$17.39~~ \$20.83 when the weight exceeds 8,000 pounds but does not exceed 12,000 pounds.

~~\$19.17~~ \$22.97 when the weight exceeds 12,000 pounds but does not exceed 16,000 pounds.

~~\$20.50~~ \$24.56 when the weight exceeds 16,000 pounds but does not exceed 20,000 pounds.

~~\$21.46~~ \$25.71 when the weight exceeds 20,000 pounds but does not exceed 30,000 pounds.

~~\$21.92~~ \$26.26 when the weight exceeds 30,000 pounds but does not exceed 40,000 pounds.

~~\$22.45~~ \$26.90 when the weight exceeds 40,000 pounds but does not exceed 50,000 pounds.

~~\$22.65~~ \$27.13 when the weight exceeds 50,000 pounds but does not exceed 60,000 pounds.

~~\$23.42~~ \$28.06 when the weight exceeds 60,000 pounds but does not exceed 70,000 pounds.

~~\$24.21~~ \$29.00 when the weight exceeds 70,000 pounds but does not exceed 80,000 pounds.

~~\$24.99~~ \$29.94 when the weight exceeds 80,000 pounds but does not exceed 90,000 pounds.

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(b) The annual fee for registration of a category I special purpose vehicle shall be ~~\$178.00~~ \$214.00, and the annual fee for a category II special purpose vehicle shall be ~~\$415.00~~ \$498.00.

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Sec. 48. 23 V.S.A. § 371 is amended to read:

§ 371. TRAILER AND SEMI-TRAILER

(a)(1) The one-year and two-year fees for registration of a trailer or semi-trailer, except a contractor's trailer or farm trailer, shall be as follows:

(A) ~~\$27.00~~ \$33.00 and ~~\$51.00~~ \$62.00, respectively, when such trailer or semi-trailer has a gross weight of trailer and load of 1,500 pounds or less;

(B) ~~\$52.00~~ \$63.00 and ~~\$102.00~~ \$123.00, respectively, when such trailer or semi-trailer has a gross weight of trailer and load of more than 1,500 pounds and is drawn by a vehicle of the pleasure car type;

(C) ~~\$52.00~~ \$63.00 and ~~\$102.00~~ \$123.00, respectively, when such trailer or semi-trailer is drawn by a motor truck or tractor, when such trailer or semi-trailer has a gross weight of more than 1,500 pounds but less than 3,000 pounds;

(D) ~~\$52.00~~ \$63.00 and ~~\$102.00~~ \$123.00, respectively, when such trailer or semi-trailer is used in combination with a truck-tractor or motor truck registered at the fee provided for combined vehicles under section 367 of this

title. Excepting for the fees, the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to trailer coaches as defined in section 4 of this title nor to modular homes being transported by trailer or semi-trailer.

(2) The one-year and two-year fees for registration of a contractor's trailer shall be ~~\$197.00~~ \$237.00 and ~~\$394.00~~ \$473.00, respectively.

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Sec. 49. 23 V.S.A. § 372 is amended to read:

§ 372. MOTOR BUS

The annual fee for registration of a motor bus shall be based on the actual weight of such bus, plus passenger carrying capacity at 150 pounds per person, and shall be ~~\$2.00~~ \$2.40 per 100 pounds of such weight, except for motor buses registered under section 372a or 376 of this title. Fractions of a hundred-weight shall be disregarded. The minimum fee for the registration of any motor bus shall be \$43.00.

Sec. 50. 23 V.S.A. § 372a is amended to read:

§ 372a. LOCAL TRANSIT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

(a) The annual registration fee for any motor bus used in local transit or public transportation service shall be ~~\$62.00~~ \$75.00, except for those vehicles owned by a municipality for such service that are subject to the provisions of section 376 of this title. In the event a bus registered for local transit or public transportation service is subsequently registered for general use during the same registration year, such fee shall be applied toward the fee for general registration.

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Sec. 51. 23 V.S.A. § 373 is amended to read:

§ 373. EXHIBITION VEHICLES; YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATES

(a) The annual fee for the registration of a motor vehicle that is maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest and that is not used for general daily transportation of passengers or property on any highway shall be ~~\$21.00~~ \$26.00, in lieu of fees otherwise provided by law. Permitted use shall include:

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Sec. 52. 23 V.S.A. § 376 is amended to read:

§ 376. STATE, MUNICIPAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND RESCUE

ORGANIZATION MOTOR VEHICLES

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(b) The fee for registration of a motor vehicle owned by any municipality in this State and used entirely by it or any other municipality for municipal purposes shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this chapter. ~~As used in~~ For purposes of this subsection, the term municipality shall include county-owned vehicles. The Commissioner shall issue specially designed registration plates for county-owned sheriffs' departments' vehicles.

(c) The registration fee for registration of a motor truck, trailer, ambulance, or other motor vehicle, owned by a volunteer fire department or other volunteer ~~fire-fighting~~ firefighting organization or other organization conducting rescue operations and used solely for fire fighting or rescue purposes shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this chapter. A motor vehicle or trailer registered under this section shall be plainly marked on both sides of the body or cab to indicate its ownership.

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(f) A replacement registration plate shall be provided by the Commissioner upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$9.00~~ \$11.00.

(g)(1) The fee for registration of a motor vehicle obtained from the government as excess government property, or a vehicle purchased with 100 percent federal funds and used for federally supported local programs, shall be \$14.00, in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this chapter. The Commissioner shall determine the eligibility as to whether or not the motor vehicle qualifies for this registration and ownership of the vehicle shall be plainly marked on both sides of the body or cab.

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Sec. 53. 23 V.S.A. § 382 is amended to read:

§ 382. DIESEL-POWERED PLEASURE CARS

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual registration fee for a pleasure car or tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck up to 6,000 pounds powered by fuel as defined in section 3002 of this title shall be ~~\$74.00~~ \$89.00, and the biennial fee shall be ~~\$136.00~~ \$163.00.

* * * Registration; Registration of Dealers and Transporters * * *

Sec. 54. 23 V.S.A. § 453 is amended to read:

§ 453. FEES AND NUMBER PLATES

(a)(1) An application for registration as a dealer in new or used cars or motor trucks shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$503.00~~ \$603.00 for each

certificate issued in such dealer's name. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with each dealer's registration certificate three number plates showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer. The Commissioner may furnish additional plates according to the volume of the dealer's sales in the prior year or, in the case of an initial registration, according to the dealer's reasonable estimate of expected sales, as follows:

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(2) If the issuance of additional plates is authorized under subdivision (1) of this subsection, up to two plates shall be provided free of charge, and the Commissioner shall collect ~~\$55.00~~ \$66.00 for each additional plate thereafter.

(b) Application by a "dealer in farm tractors or other self-propelled farm implements," which shall mean a person actively engaged in the business of selling or exchanging new or used farm tractors or other self-propelled farm implements, for such dealer registration shall annually be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$78.00~~ \$94.00. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with each such dealer registration certificate two sets of number plates showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer and in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion may furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$12.00 per set; such number plates may, however, be displayed only upon a farm tractor or other self-propelled farm implement.

(c) Application by a "dealer in motorized highway building equipment and road making appliances," which shall mean a person actively engaged in the business of selling or exchanging new or used motorized highway building equipment or road making appliances, for such dealer registration shall annually be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$123.00~~ \$148.00. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with each such dealer registration certificate two sets of number plates showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer and in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion may furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$30.00 per set; such number plates may, however, be displayed only upon motorized highway building equipment or road making appliances.

(d) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging motorcycles or motor-driven cycles, the registration fee shall be ~~\$62.00~~ \$75.00, which shall include three number plates. The Commissioner may, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$10.00 for each set.

(e) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging trailers, semi-trailers, or trailer coaches, the registration fee shall be ~~\$123.00~~ \$148.00, which shall include three number plates; such number plates may,

however, be displayed only upon a trailer, semi-trailer, or trailer coach. The Commissioner may, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, furnish further plates at a fee of \$10.00 for each such plate.

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Sec. 55. 23 V.S.A. § 457 is amended to read:

§ 457. TEMPORARY PLATES

At the time of the issuance of a registration certificate to a dealer as provided in this chapter, the Commissioner shall furnish the dealer with a sufficient number of number plates and temporary validation stickers, temporary number plates, or temporary decals for use during the 60-day period immediately following sale of a vehicle or motorboat by the dealer. The plates and decals shall have the same general design as the plates or decals furnished individual owners, but the plates and decals may be of a material and color as the Commissioner may determine. The Commissioner shall collect a fee of ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for each temporary plate issued.

Sec. 56. 23 V.S.A. § 463 is amended to read:

§ 463. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE

A registered motor vehicle dealer is authorized to issue an in-transit registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when these vehicles are sold in this State to be transported to and registered in another state or province. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon request, provide registered motor vehicle dealers with such numbers of applications and special in-transit number plates for vehicles sold in this State to be transported to and registered in another state or province as shall be necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge a fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for the processing of the plate application and the issuance of the plate. The dealer, upon the sale of a motor vehicle to be transported to and registered in another state or province, shall cause the application to be filled out and transmitted to the Commissioner and shall attach to the vehicle the in-transit number plate corresponding to the application. No registered motor vehicle dealer shall sell, exchange, give, or transfer any application or in-transit plate to any person other than the person to whom the dealer sells or exchanges a motor vehicle to be registered in another state or province. The application shall be in a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner. The special in-transit number plate to be attached to the vehicle will be issued in the form and design as prescribed by the Commissioner and shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the date of issue.

Sec. 57. 23 V.S.A. § 476 is amended to read:

§ 476. MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY FEE

A motor vehicle warranty fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 is imposed on the registration of each new motor vehicle in this State, not including trailers, tractors, motorized highway building equipment, road-making appliances, snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or trucks with a gross vehicle weight over 12,000 pounds.

Sec. 58. 23 V.S.A. § 494 is amended to read:

§ 494. FEES

The annual fee for a transporter's registration certificate, number plate, or validation sticker is ~~\$123.00~~ \$148.00.

* * * Registration; Display of Number Plates * * *

Sec. 59. 23 V.S.A. § 514 is amended to read:

§ 514. REPLACEMENT NUMBER PLATES

(a) In case of the loss of a number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle to which it was assigned shall immediately notify the Commissioner of such loss, and the Commissioner shall furnish such owner with a new plate. The fee charged shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 for each plate. The owner of a motor vehicle who has lost one number plate may operate ~~his or her~~ the owner's vehicle with only one number plate attached, until a new plate is furnished ~~him or her~~ to the owner, provided ~~he or she~~ the owner notified the Commissioner as required under this section.

(b) Any replacement number plate shall be issued at a fee of ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00. However, if the Commissioner, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, determines that a plate has become illegible as a result of deficiencies in the manufacturing process or by use of faulty materials, the replacement fee shall be waived.

Sec. 60. 23 V.S.A. § 516 is amended to read:

§ 516. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE BY A PERSON

OTHER THAN DEALER

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue an in-transit registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when the vehicles are sold in this State by a person, other than a registered motor vehicle dealer, to be transported to and registered in another state or province. The registration may be obtained by submitting an application on a form prescribed and

furnished by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner is authorized to charge a fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for the processing of the application and the issuance of the plate. The in-transit registration plate pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of 30 days from issuance and shall be in the form and design prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Issuance of an in-transit plate for vehicles sold by a registered motor vehicle dealer to a person to be transported to and registered in another state or province shall be governed by the provisions of section 463 of this title.

Sec. 61. 23 V.S.A. § 517 is amended to read:

§ 517. INTRASTATE IN-TRANSIT PERMIT

The Commissioner may issue an intrastate in-transit registration permit to authorize the movement within Vermont of a motor vehicle otherwise required to be registered, if the vehicle is sold in this State by a person other than a registered motor vehicle dealer. The permit may be obtained after submission of an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner and payment of a ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 fee. The permit shall be valid for a period of 10 days from the date of issuance and shall be in the form and design prescribed by the Commissioner.

* * * Operator's License; General Provisions * * *

Sec. 62. 23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:

§ 608. FEES

(a) The four-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$51.00~~ \$62.00. The two-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an operator or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$32.00~~ \$39.00, and the two-year fee for licensing a junior operator or for issuing a junior operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$32.00~~ \$39.00.

(b) An additional fee of ~~\$3.00~~ \$4.00 per year shall be paid for a motorcycle endorsement. The endorsement may be obtained for either a two-year or four-year period, to be coincidental with the length of the operator's license.

Sec. 63. 23 V.S.A. § 613 is amended to read:

§ 613. REPLACEMENT LICENSE

(a) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license or error in a license, the licensee shall forthwith notify the Commissioner who shall furnish such licensee with a replacement on receipt of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00.

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Sec. 64. 23 V.S.A. § 617 is amended to read:

§ 617. LEARNER'S PERMIT

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(b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any licensed person may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a learner's permit for the operation of a motorcycle in the form prescribed by the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall offer both a motorcycle learner's permit that authorizes the operation of three-wheeled motorcycles only and a motorcycle learner's permit that authorizes the operation of any motorcycle. The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 at the time application is made.

(2) After the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the applicable motorcycle endorsement examination, other than a skill test, the Commissioner may issue to the applicant a learner's permit that entitles the applicant, subject to subsection 615(a) of this title, to operate a three-wheeled motorcycle only, or to operate any motorcycle, upon the public highways for a period of 120 days from the date of issuance. The fee for the examination shall be ~~\$9.00~~ \$11.00.

(3) A motorcycle learner's permit may be renewed only twice upon payment of a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee. If, during the original permit period and two renewals the permittee has not successfully passed the applicable skill test or motorcycle rider training course, ~~he or she~~ the permittee may not obtain another motorcycle learner's permit for a period of 12 months from the expiration of the permit unless:

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(d) An applicant shall pay ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 to the Commissioner for each learner's permit or a duplicate or renewal thereof.

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* * * Operator's License; General Provisions * * *

Sec. 65. 23 V.S.A. § 634 is amended to read:

§ 634. FEE FOR EXAMINATION

(a) The fee for an examination for a learner's permit shall be ~~\$32.00~~ \$39.00. The fee for an examination to obtain an operator's license when the applicant is required to pass an examination pursuant to section 632 of this title shall be ~~\$19.00~~ \$23.00. The fee for a motorcycle skill test to obtain a motorcycle endorsement shall be ~~\$19.00~~ \$23.00.

(b) A scheduling fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 shall be paid by the applicant before ~~he or she~~ the applicant may schedule the road test required under section 632 of this title. Unless an applicant gives the Department at least 48 hours' notice of cancellation, if the applicant does not appear as scheduled, the ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 scheduling fee is forfeited. If the applicant appears for the scheduled road test, the fee shall be applied toward the license examination fee. The Commissioner may waive the scheduling fee until the Department is capable of administering the fee electronically.

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* * * Operator's License; Suspension and Revocation * * *

Sec. 66. 23 V.S.A. § 675 is amended to read:

§ 675. FEE PRIOR TO TERMINATION OR REINSTATEMENT OF
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

(a) Before a suspension or revocation issued by the Commissioner of a person's operator's license or privilege of operating a motor vehicle may be terminated or before a person's operator's license or privilege of operating a motor vehicle may be reinstated, there shall be paid to the Commissioner a fee of ~~\$80.00~~ \$96.00 in addition to any other fee required by statute. This section shall not apply to suspensions issued under the provisions of chapter 11 of this title nor suspensions issued for physical disabilities or failing to pass reexamination. The Commissioner shall not reinstate the license of a driver whose license was suspended pursuant to section 1205 of this title until the Commissioner receives certification from the court that the costs due the State have been paid.

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* * * Operator's License; Driver Training School Licenses * * *

Sec. 67. 23 V.S.A. § 702 is amended to read:

§ 702. TRAINING SCHOOL AND INSTRUCTOR'S LICENSES

A person shall not operate a driver training school or act as an instructor unless the person has secured a license from the Commissioner. Applications for such licenses may be filed with the Commissioner and shall contain the information and shall be on the forms the Commissioner may prescribe. Each application for a driver's training school license shall be accompanied by an application fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$180.00, which shall not be refunded. If the application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of an additional fee of ~~\$225.00~~ \$270.00 shall be granted a license, which shall become void two years after the first day of the month of issue unless sooner

revoked as provided in this subchapter. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$225.00~~ \$270.00. Each application for an instructor's license shall be accompanied by an application fee of ~~\$105.00~~ \$126.00, which shall not be refunded. If the application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of an additional fee of ~~\$75.00~~ \$90.00 shall be granted a license, which shall become void two years after the first day of the month of issue unless sooner revoked as provided in this subchapter. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$75.00~~ \$90.00.

Sec. 68. 23 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read:

§ 703. POSSESSION OF LICENSE

Each person granted a driver's training school license shall display the same conspicuously on the school premises. Each person granted an instructor's license shall carry the same in ~~his or her~~ the person's possession while engaged in giving driver training. In case of loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license certificate, the Commissioner shall issue a duplicate certificate upon payment of a fee of ~~\$8.00~~ \$10.00.

* * * Operation of Vehicles; Equipment * * *

Sec. 69. 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

§ 1230. CHARGE

For each inspection certificate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Commissioner shall be paid ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00, provided that State and municipal inspection stations that inspect only State or municipally owned and registered vehicles shall not be required to pay a fee. All vehicle inspection certificate charge revenue shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund with one-half reserved for bridge maintenance activities.

* * * Operation of Vehicles; Weight, Size, Loads * * *

Sec. 70. 23 V.S.A. § 1392 is amended to read:

§ 1392. GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS

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(13) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a special annual permit, which shall expire with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on January 1 following date of issue, may be issued to a person or corporation operating on designated routes on the State Highway System for a fee of ~~\$415.00~~ \$498.00 for each vehicle that must be registered for a weight of 80,000 pounds. This special permit shall be issued only for a combination of vehicle and semi-

trailer or trailer equipped with five or more axles, with a distance between axles that meets the minimum requirements of registering the vehicle to 80,000 pounds as allowed under subdivision (4) of this section. The maximum gross load under this special permit shall be 90,000 pounds. Unless authorized by federal law, this subdivision shall not apply to operation on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

(14) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the axle spacing and maximum gross load provisions of subdivision (4) of this section, a special annual permit, which shall expire with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on January 1 following date of issue, may be issued to a person or corporation transporting loads on vehicles on designated routes on the State Highway System for the following fees for each vehicle unit. Unless authorized by federal law, the provisions of this subdivision regarding weight limits, tolerances, or both, shall not apply to operation on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. This special permit shall be issued for the following vehicles and conditions:

(A) 3-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tandem axle that have a maximum gross weight of not more than 60,000 pounds when registered for a minimum gross weight of not more than 55,000 pounds, the permit fee shall be ~~\$156.00~~ \$187.00.

(B) 4-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tri-axle unit that have a maximum gross weight of not more than 69,000 pounds when registered for a minimum weight of 60,000 pounds, the permit fee shall be ~~\$352.00~~ \$422.00.

(C) 4-axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination with a maximum gross weight of not more than 72,000 pounds, provided the distance between the second axle of the tractor and the rear axle of the trailer is at least 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction of a foot less than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000 pounds in the maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

(D) 5- or more axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination with a maximum gross weight of not more than 76,000 pounds, provided that the distance between the first and last axle of two consecutive sets of tandem axles is at least 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction of a foot less than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000 pounds in the maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

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(16) Notwithstanding the axle load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a five or more axle truck tractor, semi-trailer combination, or truck trailer combination, when the load consists solely of unprocessed milk products as defined in subdivision 4(55) of this title, may be registered for and operated with a maximum gross weight of 90,000 pounds on State highways without permit and upon posted State and town highways and those highways designated as the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways when the vehicle has been issued a permit in compliance with the provisions of section 1400 of this title; however:

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(C) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision (16) shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$12.00 when the fee has been paid to register the vehicle for 90,000 pounds or ~~\$382.00~~ \$458.00 when the vehicle is registered for 80,000 pounds.

(17) Notwithstanding the gross vehicle weight provisions of subdivision (4) of this section, a truck trailer combination or truck tractor, semi-trailer combination with six or more load-bearing axles shall be allowed to bear a maximum of 99,000 pounds by special annual permit, which shall expire with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on January 1 following the date of issue, for operating on designated routes on State and town highways, subject to the following:

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(F) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision (17) shall be ~~\$415.00~~ \$498.00 for vehicles bearing up to 90,000 pounds and ~~\$560.00~~ \$671.00 for vehicles bearing up to 99,000 pounds.

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Sec. 71. 23 V.S.A. § 1402 is amended to read:

§ 1402. OVERWEIGHT, WIDTH, HEIGHT, AND LENGTH PERMITS;
FEES

(a) Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits. Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits shall be signed by the Commissioner or by ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's agent and a copy shall be kept in the office of the Commissioner or in a location approved by the Commissioner. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a copy shall also be available in the towing vehicle and must be available for inspection on demand of a law enforcement officer. Before operating a

traction engine, tractor, trailer, motor truck, or other motor vehicle, the person to whom a permit to operate in excess of the weight, width, indivisible overlength, and height limits established by this title is granted shall pay a fee of ~~\$40.00~~ \$48.00 for each single trip permit or ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00 for a blanket permit, except that the fee for a fleet blanket permit shall be ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00 for the first unit and ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for each unit thereafter. At the option of a carrier, an annual permit for the entire fleet, to operate over any approved route, may be obtained for ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00 for the first tractor and ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for each additional tractor, up to a maximum fee of \$1,000.00. The fee for a fleet permit shall be based on the entire number of tractors owned by the applicant. An applicant for a fleet permit may apply for any number of specific routes, each of which shall be reviewed with regard to the characteristics of the route and the type of equipment operated by the applicant. When the weight or size of the vehicle-load are considered sufficiently excessive for the routing requested, the Agency of Transportation shall, on request of the Commissioner, conduct an engineering inspection of the vehicle-load and route, for which a fee of \$300.00 will be added to the cost of the permit if the load is a manufactured home. For all other loads of any size or with gross weight limits less than 150,000 pounds, the fee shall be \$800.00 for any engineering inspection that requires up to eight hours to conduct. If the inspection requires more than eight hours to conduct, the fee shall be \$800.00 plus \$60.00 per hour for each additional hour required. If the vehicle and load weigh 150,000 pounds or more but not more than 200,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$2,000.00. If the vehicle and load weigh more than 200,000 pounds but not more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$5,000.00. If the vehicle and load weigh more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$10,000.00. The study must be completed prior to the permit being issued. Prior to the issuance of a permit, an applicant whose vehicle weighs 150,000 pounds or more, or is 15 or more feet in width or height, shall file with the Commissioner a special certificate of insurance showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person, \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons, and \$250,000.00 for property damage, all arising out of any one crash.

(b) Overlength permits. Except as provided in subsections 1432(c) and (e) of this title, it shall be necessary to obtain an overlength permit as follows:

(1) For vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer longer than 75 feet, anywhere in the State on highways approved by the Agency of Transportation. In such cases, the vehicle may be operated with a single trip overlength permit issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a fee of ~~\$28.00~~ \$34.00. If the vehicle is 100 feet or more in length, the permit applicant shall file with the

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a special certificate of insurance showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person, \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons, and \$250,000.00 for property damage, all arising out of any one crash.

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* * * Title to Motor Vehicles; General Provisions * * *

Sec. 72. 23 V.S.A. § 2002 is amended to read:

§ 2002. FEES

(a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

(1) for any certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, or an exempt vehicle title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

(2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

(3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

(4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

(5) for a duplicate certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

(6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive certificate, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

(7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

(8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for each motor vehicle searched against, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

(9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

(10) for a certificate of title after a security interest has been released, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

(11) for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle acquired by a veteran with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and exempt from registration fees pursuant to section 378 of this title, no fee;

(12) for a corrected certificate of title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00.

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* * * Titling of Vessels, Snowmobiles, and All-terrain Vehicles * * *

Sec. 73. 23 V.S.A. § 3802 is amended to read:

§ 3802. FEES

(a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

- (1) for filing an application for a first certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;
- (2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;
- (3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;
- (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;
- (5) for a duplicate certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;
- (6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive certificate, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;
- (7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;
- (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles for each vessel, snowmobile, or all-terrain vehicle searched against, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;
- (9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;
- (10) for a certificate of clear title after the security interest or interests have been released, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;
- (11) for a corrected certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00.

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* * * Commercial Driver's License Act * * *

Sec. 74. 23 V.S.A. § 4108 is amended to read:

§ 4108. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE, COMMERCIAL
LEARNER'S PERMIT QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

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(f) The fee for a knowledge test and the fee for a skills test shall each be ~~\$32.00~~ \$39.00. The fee for an endorsement test shall be ~~\$14.00~~ \$17.00. In the event that an applicant fails a test three times, ~~he or she~~ the applicant may not take the test again for at least six months. A fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 shall be paid by the applicant before ~~he or she~~ the applicant may schedule a skills test. If an applicant does not appear for the scheduled skills test, the ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00

scheduling fee is forfeited, unless the applicant has given the Department of Motor Vehicles at least 48 hours' notice of cancellation of the test. If the applicant appears for the skills test, the ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 scheduling fee for that test will be used as part of the test fee. Use of an interpreter is prohibited during the administration of the knowledge or skills tests.

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Sec. 75. 23 V.S.A. § 4110 is amended to read:

§ 4110. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT

* * *

(8) The proper fee.

(A) The four-year fee for a commercial driver's license shall be ~~\$90.00~~ \$108.00. The two-year fee shall be ~~\$60.00~~ \$72.00. In those instances where the applicant surrenders a valid Vermont Class D license, the total fees due shall be reduced by:

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(B) The fee for a commercial learner's permit is ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

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(b) When a licensee or permittee changes ~~his or her~~ the licensee's or permittee's name, mailing address, or residence or in the case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license or permit, the licensee or permittee shall forthwith notify the Commissioner and apply in person for a duplicate license or permit in the same manner as set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The fee for a duplicate license or permit shall be ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

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* * * Motor Vehicle Purchase and Use Tax * * *

Sec. 76. 32 V.S.A. § 8903 is amended to read:

§ 8903. TAX IMPOSED

(a)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the purchase in Vermont of a motor vehicle by a resident a tax at the time of such purchase, payable as hereinafter provided. The amount of the tax shall be six percent of the taxable cost of a:

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(2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable cost of the motor vehicle or ~~\$2,075.00~~ \$2,486.00 for each motor vehicle,

whichever is smaller, except that pleasure cars that are purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.

(b)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the use within this State a tax of six percent of the taxable cost of a:

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(2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable cost of the motor vehicle or ~~\$2,075.00~~ \$2,486.00 for each motor vehicle, whichever is smaller, by a person at the time of first registering or transferring a registration to such motor vehicle payable as hereinafter provided, except no use tax shall be payable hereunder if the tax imposed by subsection (a) of this section has been paid, or the vehicle is a pleasure car that was purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals, in which case the vehicle shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.

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* * * Agency of Transportation Positions * * *

Sec. 77. AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION POSITIONS

(a) The conversion of the following limited-service positions to permanent classified positions is authorized in fiscal year 2024: nine State Airport Maintenance Workers and one State Airport Operations Specialist.

(b) The establishment of the following new permanent classified positions is authorized in fiscal year 2024: one Transportation Operations Technician III and one Transportation Technician IV within Highway Maintenance.

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 78. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 16 (authority to modify eBike Incentive Program eligibility requirements) and 33 (extension of sunset for Agency of Transportation's P3 authority) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Secs. 35–76 (DMV fees) shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

(c) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

Rep. Scheu of Middlebury, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommended the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means and when further amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, highway maintenance, in subdivision (b)(1), by striking out “the fiscal year 2023 budget adjustment act” and inserting in lieu thereof “2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3”

Second: In Secs. 17–19, reallocation of funding, in the section headings, by striking out “the fiscal year 2023 budget adjustment act” and inserting in lieu thereof “2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3” in each section heading

Third: By striking out Sec. 77, Agency of Transportation positions, and its reader assistance heading in their entirety

and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up and read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means?, **Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 101. Nays, 32.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Demrow of Corinth	Minier of South Burlington
Anthony of Barre City	Dodge of Essex	Morris of Springfield
Arrison of Weathersfield	Dolan of Essex Junction	Mrowicki of Putney
Arsenault of Williston	Dolan of Waitsfield	Mulvaney-Stanak of
Austin of Colchester	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland	Elder of Starksboro	Notte of Rutland City
Berbeco of Winooski	Emmons of Springfield	Noyes of Wolcott
Birong of Vergennes	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Nugent of South Burlington
Black of Essex	Garofano of Essex	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Bluemle of Burlington	Goldman of Rockingham	Ode of Burlington
Bongartz of Manchester	Graning of Jericho	Patt of Worcester
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Headrick of Burlington	Pouech of Hinesburg
Boyden of Cambridge	Holcombe of Norwich	Priestley of Bradford
Brady of Williston	Hooper of Randolph	Rachelson of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Hooper of Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Brownell of Pownal	Houghton of Essex Junction	Roberts of Halifax
Brumsted of Shelburne	Howard of Rutland City	Satcowitz of Randolph
Burke of Brattleboro	James of Manchester	Scheu of Middlebury
Burrows of West Windsor	Jerome of Brandon	Sheldon of Middlebury
Buss of Woodstock	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Sibilia of Dover
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Krasnow of South	Sims of Craftsbury
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Burlington	Squirrell of Underhill
Carroll of Bennington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Stebbins of Burlington
Casey of Montpelier	Lalley of Shelburne	Stevens of Waterbury
Chapin of East Montpelier		Stone of Burlington

Chase of Chester	LaLonde of South	Taylor of Colchester
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Burlington	Templeman of Brownington
Christie of Hartford	LaMont of Morristown	Toleno of Brattleboro
Cina of Burlington	Lanpher of Vergennes	Torre of Moretown
Coffey of Guilford	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Troiano of Stannard
Cole of Hartford	Long of Newfane	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Conlon of Cornwall	Masland of Thetford	White of Bethel
Corcoran of Bennington	McCann of Montpelier	Whitman of Bennington
Cordes of Lincoln	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Williams of Barre City
	McGill of Bridport	Wood of Waterbury
	Mihaly of Calais	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beck of St. Johnsbury	Goslant of Northfield	Morgan of Milton
Branagan of Georgia	Hango of Berkshire	Morrissey of Bennington
Brennan of Colchester	Harrison of Chittenden	Oliver of Sheldon
Burditt of West Rutland	Higley of Lowell	Parsons of Newbury
Canfield of Fair Haven	Laroche of Franklin	Peterson of Clarendon
Clifford of Rutland City	Lipsky of Stowe	Shaw of Pittsford
Demar of Enosburgh	Maguire of Rutland City	Small of Winooski
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Taylor of Milton
Donahue of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town
Galfetti of Barre Town	McCoy of Poultney	Walker of Swanton
	McFaun of Barre Town	Williams of Granby

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Andriano of Orwell	Labor of Morgan	Sammis of Castleton
Bartley of Fairfax	Logan of Burlington	Smith of Derby
Chase of Colchester	Nicoll of Ludlow	Surprenant of Barnard
Graham of Williamstown	Page of Newport City	Wilson of Lyndon
Gregoire of Fairfield	Pajala of Londonderry	
Hyman of South Burlington	Pearl of Danville	

Thereafter, the report of the Committee on Appropriations was agreed to, and third reading ordered.

**Committee Bill; Second Reading; Bill Amended;
Third Reading Ordered**

H. 486

Rep. Brady of Williston spoke for the Committee on Education.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to school construction

Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommended the bill ought to pass.

Rep. Mihaly of Calais, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommended the bill ought to pass when amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, School Construction Aid Task Force; report, in subsection (b), by striking out subdivisions (1) and (2) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(1) two current members of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) two current members of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees;

Second: In Sec. 1, School Construction Aid Task Force; report, in subdivision (d)(2), after “technical assistance from a school construction expert” and before the period, by inserting “and any administrative, technical, financial, or legal assistance required by the Task Force”

Third: In Sec. 1, School Construction Aid Task Force; report, in subsection (h), after “fiscal year 2024” and before “the Task Force” by striking out “to hire a school construction expert to assist” and inserting in lieu thereof “to retain any administrative, technical, financial, legal, or construction experts required by”

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the Committee on Appropriations agreed to, and third reading ordered.

Message from the Senate No. 34

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Kucserik, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part passed Senate bill of the following title:

S. 33. An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Adjournment

At five o'clock and fifty-nine minutes in the evening, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.