

1 S.283

2 Introduced by Senators Mazza and Scott

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; miscellaneous fees; competency examination;

6 accident report; inspection; trailers; title certificates; retention;

7 motorcycle rider training program advisory committee; interstate

8 compact for motor vehicle safety equipment; repeal

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to:

10 (1) increase a motor vehicle department record copying fee;

11 (2) eliminate the requirement of a driving examination or the discretionary  
12 administration of a written or oral examination if a competency examination is  
13 ordered;

14 (3) raise the property damage threshold for the required submission of a  
15 written report of an accident;

16 (4) exempt from inspection requirements registered trailers or semi-trailers  
17 with a gross weight of trailer and load of less than 1,500 pounds;

18 (5) specify a 15-year limit to retention of title certificates by the department  
19 of motor vehicles;

1 (6) eliminate by repeal the motorcycle rider training program advisory  
2 committee; and

3 (7) repeal the interstate compact for motor vehicle safety equipment.

4 An act relating to amending miscellaneous motor vehicle laws, eliminating  
5 the motorcycle rider training program advisory committee, and repealing  
6 the interstate compact for motor vehicle safety equipment

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

8 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 114(a)(21) is amended to read:

9 (21) Records not otherwise specified 4.00 6.00 per page

10 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 636(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) Whenever the commissioner has good cause to believe that any holder  
12 of an operator's license, or any applicant for renewal of an operator's license,  
13 is incompetent or otherwise not qualified to be licensed, he or she may require  
14 such person to submit to a special examination to determine his or her  
15 capabilities or mental or physical fitness, but no person shall be required to pay  
16 to the state a fee for such special examination. Such examination shall be  
17 given at such time and place as the commissioner may determine. ~~If the~~  
18 ~~commissioner determines that a special examination is warranted, then a~~  
19 ~~driving examination shall be administered. If, under the commissioner's~~  
20 ~~discretion, extenuating circumstances exist, the commissioner may also~~  
21 ~~administer a written or oral examination.~~

1 Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 1129(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) The operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident whereby a  
3 person is injured or whereby there is total damage to all property to the extent  
4 of ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$3,000.00 or more shall make a written report concerning the  
5 accident to the commissioner of motor vehicles on forms furnished by the  
6 commissioner. The written report shall be mailed to the commissioner within  
7 72 hours after the accident. The commissioner may require further facts  
8 concerning the accident to be provided upon forms furnished by him or her.

9 Sec. 4. 23 V.S.A. § 1222(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, an  
11 exhibition vehicle of model year 1940 or before, registered as prescribed in  
12 section 373 of this title or a trailer registered as prescribed in subdivision  
13 371(a)(1)(A) of this title shall be exempt from inspection; provided, however,  
14 the vehicle must be equipped as originally manufactured, must be in good  
15 mechanical condition, and must meet the applicable standards of the inspection  
16 manual.

17 Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 2017(b) is amended to read:

18 (b) The commissioner shall maintain at his or her central office a record of  
19 all certificates of title issued by him or her:

20 (1) ~~Under~~ for 15 years after their dates of issuance under a distinctive  
21 title number assigned to the vehicle;

1           ~~(2) Under~~ under the identification number of the vehicle;  
2           ~~(3) Alphabetically~~ alphabetically, under the name of the owner; and, in  
3 the discretion of the commissioner, by any other method he or she determines.  
4 The original records may be maintained on microfilm or electronic imaging.  
5 ~~and, in the discretion of the commissioner, by any other method he or she~~  
6 ~~determines. The original records may be maintained on microfilm or~~  
7 ~~electronic imaging.~~

8       Sec. 6. REPEAL

9           23 V.S.A. § 735 (motorcycle rider training program advisory committee)  
10 and 23 V.S.A. chapter 20 (interstate compact for motor vehicle safety  
11 equipment) are repealed.