

1 H.40

2 Introduced by Representative Shand of Weathersfield

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; antique motor vehicles; registration plates; year of
6 manufacture

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to:

8 (1) expand the eligibility of motor vehicle registrants to display
9 Vermont-issued year-of-manufacture registration plates from those owning
10 vehicles manufactured prior to 1939 to those owning motor vehicles
11 manufactured more than 25 years ago; and

12 (2) eliminate the issuance of current registration plates to antique motor
13 vehicle registrants with unique year-of-manufacture plates and eliminate the
14 requirement that current plates be maintained in the vehicles of eligible antique
15 motor vehicle registrants.

16 An act relating to antique motor vehicle year-of-manufacture registration
17 plates

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

1 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304 is amended to read:

2 § 304. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES; NUMBER PLATES

3 (a) The commissioner shall issue to the registrant of a motor vehicle a
4 certificate of registration in the form the commissioner may prescribe, on
5 which shall appear the name of the registrant, his or her address, a brief
6 description of the vehicle registered, and the date of registration. The
7 commissioner shall also assign to each motor vehicle registered a distinctive
8 number and issue a number plate or plates showing the assigned number, or, if
9 the registrant is registering a motor vehicle manufactured more than 25 years
10 ago and offers for inspection a Vermont plate or plates issued in the year of
11 manufacture, the commissioner shall assign as the registration number the
12 combination of letters and numerals on the year-of-manufacture plate or plates,
13 and shall not issue current plates, if that combination does not duplicate any
14 current registration plates. The number plate or plates issued shall be of the
15 material, size, shape, and color, and with the numerals or letters thereon, the
16 commissioner may determine, and shall be reflectorized in part or in whole.
17 The certificate and number plates shall be delivered free of charge by the
18 commissioner to the registrant as soon as may be after receipt and acceptance
19 of application for registration.

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1 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 373 is amended to read:

2 § 373. EXHIBITION VEHICLES; ~~YEAR OF MANUFACTURE~~

3 YEAR-OF-MANUFACTURE PLATES

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5 (c) The Vermont registration plate or plates of any motor vehicle
6 manufactured more than 25 years ago issued ~~prior to 1939~~ in the year of
7 manufacture may be displayed ~~instead of the plates issued under this section~~, if
8 ~~the current plates are maintained within the vehicle and produced upon request~~
9 ~~of any enforcement officer as defined in subdivision 4(11)~~ year-of-manufacture
10 plates have been assigned by the commissioner as prescribed in subsection
11 304(a) of this title, and if the registrant displays the number of plates required
12 pursuant to section 511 of this title.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.