

1 S.249

2 Introduced by Committee on Transportation

3 Date:

4 Subject: Motor vehicles; "Vermont Strong" commemorative plate

5 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize the commissioner of
6 motor vehicles to design and sell "Vermont Strong" commemorative motor
7 vehicle plates.

8 An act relating to Vermont Strong commemorative motor vehicle plates

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

10 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

11 (a) Intent. It is the intent of this act to recognize all of those who have
12 suffered losses because of the destruction brought by Tropical Storm Irene and
13 the flooding of 2011, and to commemorate the contributions of the many who
14 are helping to rebuild Vermont and to make it stronger.

15 (b) Authority. The department of motor vehicles or its designee is
16 authorized to design, purchase, distribute, and sell commemorative motor
17 vehicle plates that include the text "Vermont Strong."

18 (c) Use. Residents of the state of Vermont may display an approved
19 commemorative plate on a motor vehicle registered as a pleasure car and on
20 motor trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds (but excluding vehicles

1 registered under the International Registration Plan) by covering the front
2 registration plate with the commemorative plate any time from the effective
3 date of this act until June 30, 2014. The regular front registration plate shall
4 not be removed. The regular rear registration plate shall be in place and clearly
5 visible at all times.

6 (d) Price and allocation of revenue. The retail price of the plate shall be
7 \$25.00. Funds received from the sale of the plates shall be allocated as
8 follows:

9 (1) \$5.00 to the department;

10 (2) \$18.00 to the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund; and

11 (3) \$2.00 to the Vermont Foodbank.

12 (e) Funding. The department of motor vehicles is authorized to obtain an
13 advance from the transportation fund in an amount to be determined by the
14 commissioner of motor vehicles in anticipation of receipts from the
15 administration of this section.

16 (f) Tax exemption. Sales of commemorative plates pursuant to this section
17 shall be exempt from the sales and use tax established by 32 V.S.A. chapter
18 233.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on passage.