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An act relating to ski tramways

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

Sec. 1. 31 V.S.A. § 707 is amended to read:

§ 707. REGISTRATION AND FEES

(a) A passenger tramway shall not be operated in this ~~state~~ State unless the operator thereof has been registered by the ~~department~~ Department. On or before the ~~1st~~ first day of November in each year, every operator of a passenger tramway shall apply to the ~~department~~ Department on forms prepared by it for registration hereunder. The application shall contain such information as the ~~department~~ Department may require and shall be accompanied by a registration fee, according to the formula stated in this section, unless an alternate payment plan is approved by the Commissioner pursuant to subsection (f) of this section. The ~~department~~ Department shall assess total registration fees in the sum of the amount approved in the appropriations process for the program for that fiscal year, adjusted by any balance in the ~~passenger tramway special fund~~ Passenger Tramway Special Fund from the prior fiscal year.

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(f) Fee-due-state payment plans. The Commissioner has discretion to authorize a tramway operator to enter a payment plan to pay some or all of the

fee-due-state after November 1 upon a showing of financial need. The authorization and terms of any payment plan shall be in writing and set a date or dates for payment, provided that the total amount of the fee-due-state shall be paid no later than January 15. Failure to pay on November 1 or pursuant to an authorized plan may subject the operator to the penalties established in section 712 of this title.

Sec. 2. 31 V.S.A. § 712 is amended to read:

§ 712. PENALTIES

(a) Operating without ~~registration~~ passing inspection. Any operator who operates a passenger tramway without ~~being registered~~ first passing the annual inspection by the ~~department~~ Department shall be fined not more than ~~\$50.00~~ \$1,000.00 for each day of operation.

(b) Operating without paying fee-due-state. Any operator who operates a passenger tramway without paying the fee-due-state as provided in section 707 of this title shall be fined not more than \$50.00 for each day of operation.

(c) After suspension. Any person who operates a passenger tramway after being ordered to cease operations shall be fined not more than ~~\$100.00~~ \$5,000.00 for each day of illegal operation.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.