

1 S.71

2 Introduced by Senators Rodgers, McAllister, and Starr

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes; vehicles; equipment; odometers, hubometers, and clock

6 meters; failure to disclose; alteration; misrepresentation

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand the
8 prohibition on altering odometer, hubometer, and clock meter readings, failing
9 to disclose altered or inaccurate odometer, hubometer, and clock meter
10 readings, and misrepresenting such readings, in order to prohibit such
11 alteration, misrepresentation, and failure to disclose with respect to any vehicle
12 or machinery equipped with an odometer, hubometer, or clock meter, and to
13 recodify the prohibition in the Crimes and Criminal Procedure title of the
14 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

15 An act relating to expanding prohibitions related to odometer and clock
16 meter readings

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

1 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2027a is added to read:

2 § 2027a. ODOMETERS, HUBOMETERS, AND CLOCK METER

3 READINGS: FAILURE TO DISCLOSE, ALTERATION,

4 MISREPRESENTATION

5 (a) A person shall not cause to be sold a motor vehicle, motorboat,
6 all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, highway building appliance, or other vehicle
7 or machine equipped with an odometer, hubometer, clock meter, or other
8 instrument designed to show by numbers or words the distance which the
9 vehicle has traveled or the hours the machine has been operated if the person
10 has actual knowledge that the odometer, hubometer, clock meter, or other
11 instrument is not functioning or that the reading is inaccurate or has been
12 changed, tampered with, or defaced, unless the person discloses the same.

13 (b) A person shall not knowingly cause to be changed, tampered with, or
14 defaced so as to render inaccurate the reading of an odometer, hubometer,
15 clock meter, or other instrument designed to show by numbers or words the
16 distance traveled by a motor vehicle, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle,
17 snowmobile, or other vehicle, or the hours a highway building appliance or
18 machine has been operated.

19 (c) A person shall not knowingly misrepresent an odometer, hubometer, or
20 clock meter reading, or the reading of a similar instrument on an odometer
21 disclosure statement or similar statement, a title, or a bill of sale.

1 (d) A person convicted of a violation of this section shall be fined not more
2 than \$1,000.00 for a first offense and not more than \$2,500.00 for each
3 subsequent offense.

4 Sec. 2. REPEAL

5 23 V.S.A. § 1704a (alteration of odometers) is repealed.

6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.