

1 S.136

2 Introduced by Senator McAllister

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; bicycles; registration

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require a
7 resident 18 years of age or older who operates a bicycle on the highways of
8 this State to register his or her bicycle.

9 An act relating to registration of bicycles

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

11 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 364a is amended to read:

12 § 364a. BICYCLES; MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES; REGISTRATION;

13 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

14 (a) The annual fee for registration of a motor-driven cycle shall be \$20.00.

15 (b) Motor-driven cycle operators shall be subject to the provisions of
16 section 801 of this title, which requires, in certain cases, that proof of financial
17 responsibility ~~to~~ be filed with the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner after an
18 accident.

19 (c) A resident 18 years of age or older who operates a bicycle on the
20 highways of this State shall register his or her bicycle and shall be subject to an

1 annual registration fee of \$20.00 or a biennial registration fee of \$37.00. A
2 resident who has moved into the State from another jurisdiction shall register
3 his or her bicycle within 60 days of moving into the State. The Commissioner
4 shall issue each registrant a registration certificate as well as a plate or decal
5 with a unique combination of identifying letters and numbers, and the plate or
6 decal shall be affixed to the bicycle as prescribed by the Commissioner. Upon
7 initial registration by an owner or transferee, the Commissioner shall require
8 proof of ownership. Bicycle registrants shall be subject to the requirements
9 and prohibitions of sections 307–310 of this title and be subject to the rights
10 and requirements of sections 321–324 regarding transfer of ownership, except
11 that the Commissioner may charge a fee upon transfer of \$15.00.

12 (d)(1) A person who violates a requirement of subsection (c) of this section
13 shall be subject to a fine of:

14 (A) not more than \$50.00 for a first offense;

15 (B) not more than \$100.00 for a second offense; and

16 (C) not more than \$200.00 for a third or subsequent offense.

17 (2) A person adjudicated of a violation of subsection (c) of this section
18 shall not be subject to surcharges or fees under 13 V.S.A. § 7282.

19 (e) Owners of bicycles not required to be registered may elect to register
20 their bicycles in order to facilitate the return of recovered stolen bicycles.

