

1 Sec. **A**. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
2 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, and 2017  
3 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, is further amended to read:

4 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

5 (a) ~~Intent. It is the intent of this act to recognize all of those who have~~  
6 ~~suffered losses because of the destruction brought by Tropical Storm Irene and~~  
7 ~~the flooding of 2011, and to commemorate the contributions of the many who~~  
8 ~~are helping to rebuild Vermont and to make it stronger. [Repealed.]~~

9 (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; bundles.

10 (1) ~~The department of motor vehicles (“department”)~~ Department of  
11 Motor Vehicles is authorized to design, manufacture or procure, and distribute  
12 one or more commemorative plates that include the text “Vermont Strong” in  
13 accordance with this section. ~~The department and Vermont Life magazine are~~  
14 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates individually or in  
15 conjunction with a bundled promotional item. ~~The department~~ Department  
16 may also authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that  
17 such persons are required to pay the ~~department~~ Department ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00 per  
18 plate within 30 days ~~of~~ after receiving the plates from the ~~department~~  
19 Department.

20 (2) ~~A The Vermont Strong commemorative plate fund (the “fund”)~~  
21 Commemorative Plate Fund is established. ~~The fund~~ Fund shall be under the

1 control of the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor  
2 Vehicles, or designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of  
3 Vermont Strong commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The  
4 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall account for all proceeds of sales of  
5 commemorative plates and bundled promotional items and all receipts into and  
6 disbursements from the ~~fund~~ Fund; shall track the number of plates and  
7 bundled promotional items distributed and sold; and shall track and collect  
8 payments owed for plates distributed. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall  
9 transfer funds from the ~~fund~~ Fund in accordance with subsection (d) of this  
10 section ~~no~~ not less often than once per month. The ~~department~~ Department  
11 shall report its accounting of ~~fund~~ Fund receipts and disbursements, plate  
12 inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the ~~joint fiscal~~  
13 ~~committee at its November 2012 meeting~~ House and Senate Committees on  
14 Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Office not later than May 1, 2024.

15 (c) Use. An approved Vermont Strong commemorative plate may be  
16 displayed on a motor vehicle registered in Vermont as a pleasure car or on a  
17 motor truck registered in Vermont for less than 26,001 pounds, ~~(but excluding~~  
18 ~~vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan)~~, by covering the  
19 front registration plate with the commemorative plate any time from the  
20 effective date of this act. The regular front registration plate shall not be

1 removed. The regular rear registration plate shall be in place and clearly  
2 visible at all times.

3 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

4 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00, except that on or  
5 after July 1, ~~2016~~ 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

6 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to  
7 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00  
8 shall be allocated as follows:

9 ~~(1)(A)~~ (A) \$5.00 to the Department;

10 ~~(2)(B)~~ (B) ~~\$18.00 to the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund~~ \$15.00 to the  
11 Vermont Community Foundation; and

12 ~~(3)(C)~~ (C) ~~\$2.00 to the Vermont Foodbank~~ \$15.00 to the Agency of  
13 Commerce and Community Development’s Business Emergency Gap  
14 Assistance Program.

15 (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items, less any  
16 costs to the Department for the purchase of the bundled promotional items,  
17 shall be allocated as follows:

18 (A) 50 percent to the Vermont Community Foundation; and

19 (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
20 Development’s Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

1 (e) Funding. The ~~department of motor vehicles~~ Department of Motor  
2 Vehicles is authorized to obtain an advance from the Vermont Strong  
3 ~~commemorative plate fund~~ Commemorative Plate Fund in an amount to be  
4 determined by the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor  
5 Vehicles in anticipation of receipts from the administration of this section.

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

9 Sec. **B**. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
10 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, 2017  
11 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, and Sec. **A** of this act is further amended to  
12 read:

13 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

14 (a) [Repealed.]

15 (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; ~~bundles~~.

16 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to design,  
17 manufacture or procure, and distribute one or more commemorative plates that  
18 include the text “Vermont Strong” in accordance with this section. The  
19 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates ~~individually or in~~  
20 ~~conjunction with a bundled promotional item~~. The Department may also  
21 authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that such

1 persons are required to pay the Department \$35.00 per plate within 30 days  
2 after receiving the plates from the Department.

3 (2) The Vermont Strong Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The  
4 Fund shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or  
5 designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of Vermont Strong  
6 commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The Commissioner  
7 shall account for all proceeds of sales of commemorative plates and bundled  
8 promotional items and all receipts into and disbursements from the Fund; shall  
9 track the number of plates and bundled promotional items distributed and sold;  
10 and shall track and collect payments owed for plates distributed. The  
11 Commissioner shall transfer funds from the Fund in accordance with  
12 subsection (d) of this section not less often than once per month. The  
13 Department shall report its accounting of Fund receipts and disbursements,  
14 plate inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the House  
15 and Senate Committees on Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Office not later  
16 than May 1, 2024.

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18 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

19 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be \$35.00, except that on or after  
20 July 1, 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

1 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to  
2 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for \$35.00 shall be  
3 allocated as follows:

- 4 (A) \$5.00 to the Department; and
- 5 (B) ~~\$15.00~~ \$30.00 to the ~~Vermont Community Foundation~~; and
- 6 ~~(C) \$15.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community~~
- 7 ~~Development’s Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program~~ General Fund
- 8 for flood relief.

9 (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items prior to  
10 the effective date of this section, less any costs to the Department for the  
11 purchase of the bundled promotional items, shall be allocated as follows:

- 12 (A) 50 percent to the Vermont Community Foundation; and
- 13 (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community
- 14 Development’s Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

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16 (g) Bundled promotional items. The State shall not be involved with the  
17 sale of any bundled promotional items.

18 **[SUBSECTIONS TO USE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE:]**

19  Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec.  (Vermont Strong license  
20 plates through passage) shall take effect retroactively on August 23, 2023.

- 1        (Y) Sec. B (Vermont Strong license plates upon passage) shall take effect
- 2        on passage.