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2	Introduced by Representatives Minter of Waterbury and Lanpher of Vergennes
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Motor vehicles; vehicle miles traveled fee
6	Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to establish a vehicle miles traveled
7	fee on motor vehicles.
8	An act relating to the establishment of a vehicle miles traveled fee
9	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
10	Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. chapter 26 is added to read:
11	CHAPTER 26. VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED FEE
12	§ 2601. ESTABLISHMENT OF FEE
13	A vehicle miles traveled fee is established under which owners and lessees
14	of all motor vehicles registered or required to be registered for operation on the
15	highways of the state shall be subject to a per-mile fee for all miles traveled.
16	§ 2602. ODOMETER READING DATABASE
17	The commissioner shall establish an odometer reading database in which
18	shall be recorded the odometer reading of every motor vehicle registered and
19	inspected within the state. Odometer readings for each motor vehicle shall be
20	updated following each annual inspection required by section 1222 of this title.

1	The commissioner may delegate authority for the establishment of this
2	database within the department of motor vehicles. The commissioner shall
3	give access to the database to all certified inspection mechanics as defined by
4	section 1227 of this title, and to all designated inspection stations as defined by
5	section 1222 of this title.
6	§ 2603. IMPOSITION; RATE AND PAYMENT OF FEE
7	At the time of each annual registered vehicle inspection required by section
8	1222 of this title, owners and lessees shall pay the sum of \$0.006 per vehicle
9	mile traveled. The basis of the fee shall be the difference between odometer
10	readings in consecutive years, as recorded by the certified inspection mechanic
11	or the designated inspection station, so that the amount of the fee shall be the
12	product of the mileage accrued in the year ending on the date of inspection
13	multiplied by \$0.006. Payment of the fee shall be a condition for receipt of an
14	inspection certificate under section 1224 of this title.
15	§ 2603. RECORDING OF ODOMETER READING
16	Following the annual registered vehicle inspection, the certified inspection
17	mechanic or the designated inspection station performing the inspection shall
18	enter the new odometer reading into the department of motor vehicle's
19	odometer reading database.

1	§ 2604. COLLECTION OF FEE
2	The vehicle miles traveled fee shall be collected by the certified inspection
3	mechanic or by the designated inspection station employing the certified
4	inspection mechanic.
5	§ 2605. REMITTANCE OF COLLECTED FEES
6	Each certified inspection mechanic and designated inspection station shall
7	remit collected vehicle miles traveled fees to the department of motor vehicles
8	on a monthly basis. Payment shall be sent by United States mail and
9	postmarked no later than the seventh day of the month following the month
10	during which the fees were collected. The fees shall be deposited into the
11	transportation fund. The commissioner shall adopt additional rules as
12	necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
13	§ 2606. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES
14	A designated inspection station or a certified inspection mechanic who fails
15	to adhere to any provision of this chapter shall be subject to the sanctions
16	contained in section 1231 of this title and any rules adopted pursuant to that
17	section.
18	Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1221 is amended to read:
19	§ 1221. CONDITION OF VEHICLE
20	(a) A motor vehicle, operated on any highway, shall be in good mechanical
21	condition and shall be properly equipped.

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1	(b) A motor vehicle registered or required to be registered must have an
2	odometer in good mechanical condition. Any person who owns or operates a
3	vehicle in violation of this subsection shall be fined \$300.00, which shall be
4	assessed at the time of the annual registered vehicle inspection, collected by
5	the certified inspection mechanic or designated inspection station, and remitted
6	to the state along with the monthly vehicle miles traveled fees described in
7	chapter 26 of this title.
8	Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 1222 is amended to read:
9	§ 1222. INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEHICLES
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11	(b) If a fee is charged for inspection, it shall be based upon the hourly rate
12	charged by each official inspection station <u>plus no more than \$1.00 for</u>
13	administrative costs related to chapter 26 of this title, or it may be a flat rate fee
14	and, in either instance, the fee shall be prominently posted and displayed
15	beside the official inspection station certificate. In addition, the official
16	inspection station may disclose the state inspection certificate charge on the
17	repair order as a separate item and collect the charge from the consumer. A

person shall not operate a motor vehicle unless it has been inspected as

required by this section and has a valid certification of inspection affixed to it.

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- 1 The month of next inspection for all motor vehicles shall be shown on the
- 2 current inspection certificate affixed to the vehicle.

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