

H.399

Introduced by Representatives Minter of Waterbury and Lanpher of Vergennes

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; vehicle miles traveled fee

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to establish a vehicle miles traveled fee on motor vehicles.

An act relating to the establishment of a vehicle miles traveled fee

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

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. chapter 26 is added to read:

CHAPTER 26. VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED FEE

§ 2601. ESTABLISHMENT OF FEE

A vehicle miles traveled fee is established under which owners and lessees of all motor vehicles registered or required to be registered for operation on the highways of the state shall be subject to a per-mile fee for all miles traveled.

§ 2602. ODOMETER READING DATABASE

The commissioner shall establish an odometer reading database in which shall be recorded the odometer reading of every motor vehicle registered and inspected within the state. Odometer readings for each motor vehicle shall be 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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