

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to which was
3 referred House Bill No. 577 entitled “An act relating to ski tramways”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that
5 the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
6 lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 31 V.S.A. § 707 is amended to read:

8 § 707. REGISTRATION AND FEES

9 (a) A passenger tramway shall not be operated in this ~~state~~ State unless the
10 operator thereof has been registered by the ~~department~~ Department. On or
11 before the ~~1st~~ first day of November in each year, every operator of a
12 passenger tramway shall apply to the ~~department~~ Department on forms
13 prepared by it for registration hereunder. The application shall contain such
14 information as the ~~department~~ Department may require and shall be
15 accompanied by a registration fee, according to the formula stated in this
16 section, unless an alternate payment plan is approved by the Commissioner
17 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section. The ~~department~~ Department shall
18 assess total registration fees in the sum of the amount approved in the
19 appropriations process for the program for that fiscal year, adjusted by any
20 balance in the ~~passenger tramway special fund~~ Passenger Tramway Special
21 Fund from the prior fiscal year.

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(f) Fee-due-state payment plans. The Commissioner has discretion to authorize a tramway operator to enter a payment plan to pay some or all of the fee-due-state after November 1 upon a showing of financial need. The authorization and terms of any payment plan shall be in writing and set a date or dates for payment, provided that the total amount of the fee-due-state shall be paid no later than January 15. Failure to pay on November 1 or pursuant to an authorized plan may subject the operator to the penalties established in section 712 of this title.

Sec. 2. 31 V.S.A. § 712 is amended to read:

§ 712. PENALTIES

(a) Operating without registration passing inspection. Any operator who operates a passenger tramway without ~~being registered~~ first passing the annual inspection by the ~~department~~ Department shall be fined not more than ~~\$50.00~~ \$1,000.00 for each day of operation.

(b) Operating without paying fee-due-state. Any operator who operates a passenger tramway without paying the fee-due-state as provided in section 707 of this title shall be fined not more than \$50.00 for each day of operation.

(c) After suspension. Any person who operates a passenger tramway after being ordered to cease operations shall be fined not more than ~~\$100.00~~ \$5,000.00 for each day of illegal operation.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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5 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative Botzow

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FOR THE COMMITTEE