

1 H.615

2 Introduced by Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; special license plates

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the
7 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue National and State Park special
8 registration plates.

9 An act relating to National and State Park special registration plates

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

11 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304d is added to read:

12 § 304d. NATIONAL AND STATE PARK REGISTRATION PLATES

13 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application and payment of required
14 fees, issue Vermont National and State Parks registration plates at the request
15 of the registrant of a motor vehicle registered at the pleasure care rate, as a
16 truck unless the truck is registered under the International Registration Plan, or
17 to a State agency under section 376 of this title. Plates so acquired shall be
18 mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner, the
19 Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and the National Park Service
20 Northeast Regional Director shall determine the graphic design of the special

1 plates in a manner which serves to enhance the public awareness of the State's
2 interest in preserving and conserving park land, history, and culture in
3 Vermont and promoting outdoor recreational pursuits, and may alter the design
4 of these special plates without thereby affecting the validity of preexisting
5 plates. An applicant shall apply on a form prescribed by the Commissioner
6 and shall pay an initial fee of \$23.00 in addition to the annual fee for
7 registration. In subsequent years, in addition to the annual registration fee, a
8 registrant seeking to renew a National and State Parks registration plate shall
9 pay a renewal fee of \$23.00. The Commissioner may adopt rules under
10 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

11 (b) Initial fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be
12 allocated as follows:

13 (1) \$11.00 to the Transportation Fund.

14 (2) \$3.00 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for use in
15 preserving park land and educating park visitors.

16 (3) \$3.00 to Division of Historic Preservation for use in preserving State
17 historic sites and educating historic site visitors.

18 (4) \$6.00 to the National Park Foundation for deposit into an account to
19 be used for preserving Vermont's National Parks, National Historic
20 Landmarks, and National Natural Landmarks and educating visitors to these
21 parks and landmarks.

1 (c) Renewal fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be
2 allocated as follows:

3 (1) \$3.00 to the Transportation Fund.

4 (2) \$5.00 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for use in
5 preserving park land and educating park visitors.

6 (3) \$5.00 to the Division of Historic Preservation for use in preserving
7 State historic sites and educating historic site visitors.

8 (4) \$10.00 to the National Park Foundation for deposit into an account
9 to be used for preserving Vermont's National Parks, National Historic
10 Landmarks, and National Natural Landmarks and educating visitors to these
11 parks and landmarks.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on September 1, 2016.