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An act relating to transportation funding

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

* * * Taxation; Transportation * * *

* * * Fuel Shrinkage; Diesel Fuel Tax; Gasoline Tax * * *

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 3003(e) is amended to read:

(e) A distributor may use as the measure of the tax so levied and assessed the gross quantity of diesel fuel purchased, imported, produced, refined, manufactured, and compounded by the distributor, less ~~one~~ 0.5 percent for shrinkage, loss by evaporation, or otherwise, instead of the quantity sold, distributed, or used.

Sec. 1a. 23 V.S.A. § 3003(e) is amended to read:

(e) A distributor may use as the measure of the tax so levied and assessed the gross quantity of diesel fuel purchased, imported, produced, refined, manufactured, and compounded by the distributor, ~~less 0.5 percent for shrinkage, loss by evaporation, or otherwise,~~ instead of the quantity sold, distributed, or used.

Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 3015 is amended to read:

§ 3015. COMPUTATION AND PAYMENT OF TAX

Each report required under section 3014 of this title from licensed distributors, dealers, or users shall be accompanied by a remittance payable to

the Department of Motor Vehicles for the amount of tax due which shall be computed in the following manner:

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(2) Except as provided in subdivision 3002(9) of this title, the user's tax shall be determined by multiplying the number of gallons of fuels used in Vermont in motor vehicles operated by the user at the rate per gallon stated in section 3003 for vehicles weighing or registered for 26,001 pounds or more. The taxable gallonage shall be computed on the basis of miles travelled within the State as compared to total miles travelled within and without the State, with the actual method of computation prescribed by the Commissioner. A distributor may use as the measure of the tax so levied and assessed the gross quantity of fuel purchased, imported, produced, refined, manufactured, and compounded by the distributor, less ~~one~~ 0.5 percent for shrinkage, loss by evaporation, or otherwise, instead of the quantity sold, distributed, or used. From this amount of tax due, there shall be deducted the tax on fuel purchased in this State on which the tax has been previously paid by the user, provided the tax-paid purchases are supported by copies of the sales invoices showing the amount of tax paid. Such copies shall be retained by the taxpayer for a period of not less than three years and shall be available for inspection by the Commissioner or his or her designated agents. If the computation shows

additional tax to be due, it shall be remitted with the report filed under section 3014 of this title.

Sec. 2a. 23 V.S.A. § 3015(2) is amended to read:

(2) Except as provided in subdivision 3002(9) of this title, the user's tax shall be determined by multiplying the number of gallons of fuels used in Vermont in motor vehicles operated by the user at the rate per gallon stated in section 3003 for vehicles weighing or registered for 26,001 pounds or more. The taxable gallonage shall be computed on the basis of miles travelled within the State as compared to total miles travelled within and without the State, with the actual method of computation prescribed by the Commissioner. A distributor may use as the measure of the tax so levied and assessed the gross quantity of fuel purchased, imported, produced, refined, manufactured, and compounded by the distributor, ~~less 0.5 percent for shrinkage, loss by evaporation or otherwise,~~ instead of the quantity sold, distributed, or used. From this amount of tax due, there shall be deducted the tax on fuel purchased in this State on which the tax has been previously paid by the user, provided the tax-paid purchases are supported by copies of the sales invoices showing the amount of tax paid. Such copies shall be retained by the taxpayer for a period of not less than three years and shall be available for inspection by the Commissioner or his or her designated agents. If the computation shows

additional tax to be due, it shall be remitted with the report filed under section 3014 of this title.

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Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 3107 is amended to read:

§ 3107. ALTERNATIVE BASIS FOR COMPUTING TAX

A distributor may use as the measure of the tax so levied and assessed the gross quantity of motor fuel purchased, imported, produced, refined, manufactured, and compounded by the distributor, less ~~one~~ 0.5 percent for shrinkage, loss by evaporation, or otherwise, instead of the quantity sold, distributed, or used.

Sec. 3a. 23 V.S.A. § 3107 is amended to read:

§ 3107. ALTERNATIVE BASIS FOR COMPUTING TAX

A distributor may use as the measure of the tax so levied and assessed the gross quantity of motor fuel purchased, imported, produced, refined, manufactured, and compounded by the distributor, ~~less 0.5 percent for shrinkage, loss by evaporation, or otherwise,~~ instead of the quantity sold, distributed, or used.

* * * Motor Vehicle Purchase and Use Tax; Cap * * *

Sec. 4. 32 V.S.A. § 8903 is amended to read:

§ 8903. TAX IMPOSED

(a)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the purchase in Vermont of a motor vehicle by a resident a tax at the time of such purchase, payable as hereinafter provided. The amount of the tax shall be six percent of the taxable cost of a:

- (A) pleasure car as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
- (B) motorcycle as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
- (C) motor home as defined in subdivision 8902(11) of this title; or
- (D) vehicle weighing up to 10,099 pounds, registered pursuant to

23 V.S.A. § 367, other than a farm truck.

(2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable cost of the motor vehicle or ~~\$1,850.00~~ \$2,075.00 for each motor vehicle, whichever is smaller, except that pleasure cars ~~which~~ that are purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.

(b)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the use within this State a tax of six percent of the taxable cost of a:

- (A) pleasure car as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
- (B) motorcycle as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
- (C) motor home as defined in subdivision 8902(11) of this title; or

(D) vehicle weighing up to 10,099 pounds, registered pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 367, other than a farm truck.

(2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable cost of a the motor vehicle, or ~~\$1,850.00~~ \$2,075.00 for each motor vehicle, whichever is smaller, by a person at the time of first registering or transferring a registration to such motor vehicle payable as hereinafter provided, except no use tax shall be payable hereunder if the tax imposed by subsection (a) of this section has been paid, or the vehicle is a pleasure car ~~which~~ that was purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals, in which case the vehicle shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.

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* * * Fees; Transportation * * *

Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 7(d) is amended to read:

(d) The fee for an enhanced license shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00 in addition to the fees otherwise established by this title.

Sec. 6. 23 V.S.A. § 114 is amended to read:

§ 114. FEES

(a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees for miscellaneous transactions:

(1) Listings of 1 through 4 registrations ~~\$ 6.00~~ \$8.00

(2) Certified copy of registration application	6.00 \$8.00
(3) Sample plates	15.00 <u>\$18.00</u>
(4) Lists of registered dealers, transporters, periodic inspection stations, fuel dealers, and distributors including gallonage sold or delivered and rental vehicle companies	6.00 per page <u>\$8.00 per page</u>
(5) (Repealed)	
(6) Periodic inspection sticker record	6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
(7) Certified copy individual accident <u>crash</u> report	10.00 <u>\$12.00</u>
(8) Certified copy police accident <u>crash</u> report	15.00 <u>\$18.00</u>
(9) Certified copy suspension notice	6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
(10) Certified copy mail receipt	6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
(11) Certified copy proof of mailing	6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
(12) Certified copy reinstatement notice	6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
(13) Certified copy operator's license application	6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
(14) Certified copy three-year operating record	13.00 <u>\$14.00</u>
(15) Deleted <u>[Repealed.]</u>	
(16) Government official photo identification card	5.00 <u>\$6.00</u>
(17) Listing of operator's licenses of 1 through 4	6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
(18) Statistics and research	35.00 per hour <u>\$42.00 per hour</u>
(19) Insurance information on accident <u>crash</u>	6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>

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| (20) Certified copy complete operating record | 16.00 <u>\$20.00</u> |
| (21) Records not otherwise specified | 6.00 per page <u>\$8.00 per page</u> |
| (22) List of title records and related data elements
excluding any personally identifiable information | |
| — initial computer programming | 4,500.00 <u>\$5,331.00</u> |
| (23) List of title records and related data elements
excluding any personally identifiable information | |
| — record set on electronic media | 100.00 <u>\$119.00</u> |

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Sec. 7. 23 V.S.A. § 115 is amended to read:

§ 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

(a) Any Vermont resident may make application to the Commissioner and be issued an identification card which is attested by the Commissioner as to true name, correct age, residential address unless the listing of another address is requested by the applicant or is otherwise authorized by law, and any other identifying data as the Commissioner may require which shall include, in the case of minor applicants, the written consent of the applicant's parent, guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis. Every application for an identification card shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain such evidence of age and identity as the Commissioner may require, consistent with subsection (l) of this section. New and renewal application forms shall include

a space for the applicant to request that a “veteran” designation be placed on his or her identification card. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2), requests a veteran designation and provides a Department of Defense Form 214 or other proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner, and the Office of Veterans Affairs confirms his or her status as an honorably discharged veteran or a veteran discharged under honorable conditions, the identification card shall include the term “veteran” on its face. The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 at the time application for an identification card is made, except that an initial nondriver identification card shall be issued at no charge to a person who surrenders his or her license in connection with a suspension or revocation under subsection 636(b) of this title due to a physical or mental condition.

(b) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, on the fourth birthday of the applicant following the date of original issue, and may be renewed every four years upon payment of a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee. At least 30 days before an identification card will expire, the Commissioner shall mail first class to the cardholder an application to renew the identification card.

(c) In the event an identification card is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or a new name is acquired, a replacement may be obtained upon furnishing satisfactory proof to the Commissioner and paying a ~~\$15.00~~ \$20.00 fee.

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Sec. 8. 23 V.S.A. § 304 is amended to read:

§ 304. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES; NUMBER PLATES; VANITY
AND OTHER SPECIAL PLATES

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(b) The authority to issue vanity motor vehicle number plates or special number plates for safety organizations and service organizations shall reside with the Commissioner. Determination of compliance with the criteria contained in this section shall be within the discretion of the Commissioner. Series of number plates for safety and service organizations which are authorized by the Commissioner shall be issued in order of approval, subject to the operating considerations in the Department as determined by the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall issue vanity and special organization number plates in the following manner:

(1) Vanity plates. Subject to the restrictions of this section, vanity plates shall be issued at the request of the registrant of a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is registered under the International Registration Plan, upon application and upon payment of an annual fee of ~~\$45.00~~ \$48.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. The Commissioner shall not issue two sets of plates bearing the same initials or letters unless the plates also contain a distinguishing number. Vanity plates are subject to reassignment if not renewed within 60 days of expiration of the registration.

(2) Special organization plates.

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(B) The officer of a safety organization or service organization may apply to the Commissioner to approve special plates indicating membership in a qualifying organization to be issued to organization members for a ~~\$15.00~~ \$17.00 special fee for each set of plates in addition to the annual fee for registration. The application shall include designation of an officer or member to serve as the principal contact with the Department and a distinctive name or emblem or both for use on the proposed special plate. The name and emblem shall not be objectively obscene or confusing to the general public and shall not promote, advertise, or endorse a product, brand, or service provided for sale. The organization's name and emblem must not infringe on or violate a trademark, trade name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or property right, and the organization must have the right to use the name and emblem. After consulting with the principal contact, the Commissioner shall determine the design of the special plate on the basis that the primary purpose of motor vehicle number plates is vehicle identification. An organization may have only one design, regardless of the number of individual organizational units, squads, or departments within the State that may conduct the same or substantially similar activities.

(C) After the plate design is finalized and an officer or the principal contact provides the Commissioner a written statement authorizing issuance of the plates, the organization shall deposit ~~\$2,000.00~~ \$2,200.00 with the Commissioner. Of this deposit, \$500.00 shall be retained by the Department to recover costs of developing the organization plate. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 502, the Commissioner may charge the actual costs of production of the plates against the fees collected and the balance shall be deposited in the Transportation Fund. Upon application, special plates shall be issued to a registrant of a vehicle registered at the pleasure car rate or of a truck registered for less than 26,001 pounds (but excluding trucks registered under the International Registration Plan) who furnishes the Commissioner satisfactory proof that he or she is a member of an organization that has satisfied the requirements of this subdivision (b)(2). For each of the first 100 applicants to whom sets of plates are issued, the ~~\$15.00~~ \$17.00 special plate fee shall not be collected and shall be subtracted from the balance of the deposit. When the ~~\$1,500.00~~ \$1,700.00 balance of the deposit is depleted, applicants shall be required to pay the ~~\$15.00~~ \$17.00 fee as provided for in subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection. No organization shall charge its members any additional fee or premium charge for the authorization, right, or privilege to display special number plates, but any organization may recover up to ~~\$1,500.00~~ \$1,700.00 from applicants for the special plates.

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(f) Upon the request of a registrant of a motor vehicle with the previous issue number plates, the Commissioner shall issue current issue number plates bearing the same number as shown on the previous issue plates that are being replaced. The initial one-time fee for the plates shall be ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 in addition to the regular registration fee. Official plates and plates with numbers of 9999 or lower are specifically exempted.

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Sec. 9. 23 V.S.A. § 304b is amended to read:

§ 304b. CONSERVATION MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES

(a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue conservation registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate, on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, and on vehicles registered to State agencies under section 376 of this title, but excluding vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall determine the graphic design of the special plates in a manner which serves to enhance the public awareness of the State's interest in restoring and protecting its wildlife and major watershed areas. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife may alter the graphic design of these special plates provided that

plates in use at the time of a design alteration shall remain valid subject to the operator's payment of the annual registration fee. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner and shall pay an initial fee of ~~\$23.00~~ \$26.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a conservation plate shall pay a renewal fee of ~~\$23.00~~ \$26.00. The Commissioner may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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

(1) ~~\$11.00~~ \$12.00 to the Transportation Fund.

(2) ~~\$6.00~~ \$7.00 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit into the Nongame Wildlife Account created in 10 V.S.A. § 4048.

(3) ~~\$6.00~~ \$7.00 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit into the Watershed Management Account created in 10 V.S.A. § 4050.

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

(1) ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit into the Nongame Wildlife Account created in 10 V.S.A. § 4048.

(2) ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit into the Watershed Management Account created in 10 V.S.A. § 4050.

(3) ~~\$3.00~~ \$4.00 to the Transportation Fund.

(d) The Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife is authorized to deposit fees collected by the Department of Fish and Wildlife under subsections (b) and (c) of this section into the Conservation Camp Fund when the fees collected exceed the annual funding needs of the Nongame Wildlife Account and the Watershed Management Account.

Sec. 10. 23 V.S.A. § 304c is amended to read:

§ 304c. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: BUILDING
BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

(a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue “Building Bright Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,” hereinafter referred to as “the Bright Futures Fund,” registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate, on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to State agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall utilize the graphic design recommended by the Commissioner for Children and Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of the State’s interest in supporting children’s services. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and shall pay an initial fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a

Bright Futures Fund plate shall pay a renewal fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00. The Commissioner shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

(b) Fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated as follows:

(1) ~~\$5.00~~ \$7.00 to the Transportation Fund.

(2) ~~\$15.00~~ \$17.00 to the Department for Children and Families for deposit in the Bright Futures Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

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

(1) ~~\$17.00~~ \$19.00 to the Department for Children and Families for deposit in the Bright Futures Fund in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

(2) ~~\$3.00~~ \$5.00 to the Transportation Fund.

(d) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall be charged by the Department of Corrections for the production of the Bright Futures Fund license plates.

Sec. 11. 23 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:

§ 307. CARRYING OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

A person shall not operate a motor vehicle nor draw a trailer or semi-trailer unless the registration certificate thereof is carried in some easily accessible place in such motor vehicle. In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of such certificate, the owner of the vehicle described therein shall forthwith

notify the Commissioner and remit a fee of ~~\$15.00~~ \$16.00 whereupon the Commissioner shall furnish such owner with a duplicate certificate. A corrected registration certificate shall be furnished by the Commissioner upon request and receipt of a fee of ~~\$15.00~~ \$16.00.

Sec. 12. 23 V.S.A. § 308 is amended to read:

§ 308. SUSPENSION AND, REVOCATION, AND DENIAL OF
REGISTRATION; REINSTATEMENT FEE

(a) The Commissioner may suspend or revoke the registration of any motor vehicle, registered in this State, and repossess the number plates assigned to it, when he or she is satisfied that:

(1) the vehicle has been stolen and that the registrant does not have legal title;

(2) the vehicle is in such poor mechanical condition as to make its operation and use a menace or danger;

(3) the vehicle is operated without proper equipment after the owner has been notified to procure and use such equipment as is required by law or Department rules;

(4) the owner of the motor vehicle has perpetrated some fraud upon the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(5) the owner of the motor vehicle is an habitual user of intoxicating liquor to excess;

(6) the number plates were erroneously issued;

(7) suspension or revocation is authorized under any other provision of law; or

(8) the commercial motor carrier responsible for safety of the vehicle has been prohibited from operating by a federal agency.

(b) The Commissioner shall deny registration if the applicant fails to disclose material information required, or if the applicant has made a materially false statement on the application, or if the applicant's business is operated, managed, or otherwise controlled or affiliated with a person who is ineligible for registration, including the applicant entity, a relative, family member, corporate officer, or shareholder. A person whose privilege to operate has been suspended in accordance with subsection 3009(b) or 3103(b) of this title or section 110 of this title where the payments were due pursuant to section 3015 or 3106 of this title shall be ineligible for registration. The Department shall deny registration for a vehicle that has been assigned for safety to a commercial motor carrier who has been prohibited from operating by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or a carrier whose business is operated, managed, or otherwise controlled or affiliated with a person who is ineligible for registration, including the owner, a relative, family member, corporate officer, or shareholder.

(c) Prior to terminating the revocation of a registration or reinstating a registration following suspension, the Commissioner shall require payment of a fee equivalent to the fee prescribed in section 675 of this title, except that no such fee shall be imposed if the registration was suspended or revoked following its erroneous issuance by the Commissioner. This fee shall be in addition to any other fee that may be required by law.

Sec. 13. 23 V.S.A. § 323 is amended to read:

§ 323. TRANSFER FEES

A person who transfers the ownership of a registered motor vehicle to another, upon the filing of a new application, and upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$23.00~~ \$25.00 may have registered in his or her name another motor vehicle for the remainder of the registration period without payment of any additional registration fee, provided the proper registration fee of the motor vehicle sought to be registered is the same as the registration fee of the transferred motor vehicle. However, if the proper registration fee of the motor vehicle sought to be registered by such person is greater than the registration fee of the transferred motor vehicle, the applicant shall pay, in addition to such fee of ~~\$23.00~~ \$25.00, the difference between the registration fee of the motor vehicle previously registered and the proper fee for the registration of the motor vehicle sought to be registered.

Sec. 14. 23 V.S.A. § 361 is amended to read:

§ 361. PLEASURE CARS

The annual fee for registration of any motor vehicle of the pleasure car type, and all vehicles powered by electricity, shall be ~~\$69.00~~ \$74.00, and the biennial fee shall be ~~\$127.00~~ \$136.00.

Sec. 15. PLUG-IN HYBRID AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION
FEES; REPORT

On or before January 1, 2017, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit a report to the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the House and Senate Committees on Transportation recommending fees for the registration of plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles.

Sec. 16. 23 V.S.A. § 364 is amended to read:

§ 364. MOTORCYCLES

The annual fee for registration of a motorcycle, with or without sidecar, shall be ~~\$43.00~~ \$46.00.

Sec. 17. 23 V.S.A. § 364a is amended to read:

§ 364a. MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES: REGISTRATION; FINANCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY

(a) The annual fee for registration of a motor-driven cycle shall be ~~\$20.00~~ \$28.00.

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Sec. 18. 23 V.S.A. § 364b is amended to read:

§ 364b. ALL-SURFACE VEHICLES; REGISTRATION

(a) The annual fee for registration of an all-surface vehicle (ASV) shall be the sum of the fees established by sections 3305 and 3504 of this title, plus ~~\$25.00~~ \$26.00.

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Sec. 19. 23 V.S.A. § 367 is amended to read:

§ 367. TRUCKS

(a)(1) The annual fee for registration of tractors, truck-tractors, or motor trucks except truck cranes, truck shovels, road oilers, bituminous distributors, and farm trucks used as hereinafter specified shall be based on the total weight of the truck-tractor or motor truck including body and cab plus the heaviest load to be carried. In computing the fees for registration of tractors, truck-tractors, or motor trucks with trailers or semi-trailers attached, except trailers or semi-trailers with a gross weight of less than 6,000 pounds, the fee shall be based upon the weight of the tractor, truck-tractor or motor truck, the weight of the trailer or semi-trailer, and the weight of the heaviest load to be carried by the combined vehicles. In addition to the fee set out in the following schedule, the fee for vehicles weighing between 10,000 and 25,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$33.55~~ \$35.50, the fee for vehicles weighing between 26,000 and 39,999 pounds inclusive shall be an

additional ~~\$67.09~~ \$70.98, the fee for vehicles weighing between 40,000 and 59,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$234.86~~ \$248.48 and the fee for vehicles 60,000 pounds and over shall be an additional ~~\$369.07~~ \$390.48. The fee shall be computed at the following rates per 1,000 pounds of weight determined as above specified and rounded up to the nearest whole dollar, the minimum fee for registering a tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck to 6,000 pounds shall be the same as for the pleasure car type:

~~\$14.37~~ \$15.20 when the weight exceeds 6,000 pounds but does not exceed 8,000 pounds.

~~\$16.44~~ \$17.39 when the weight exceeds 8,000 pounds but does not exceed 12,000 pounds.

~~\$18.12~~ \$19.17 when the weight exceeds 12,000 pounds but does not exceed 16,000 pounds.

~~\$19.38~~ \$20.50 when the weight exceeds 16,000 pounds but does not exceed 20,000 pounds.

~~\$20.28~~ \$21.46 when the weight exceeds 20,000 pounds but does not exceed 30,000 pounds.

~~\$20.72~~ \$21.92 when the weight exceeds 30,000 pounds but does not exceed 40,000 pounds.

~~\$21.22~~ \$22.45 when the weight exceeds 40,000 pounds but does not exceed 50,000 pounds.

~~\$21.41~~ \$22.65 when the weight exceeds 50,000 pounds but does not exceed 60,000 pounds.

~~\$22.14~~ \$23.42 when the weight exceeds 60,000 pounds but does not exceed 70,000 pounds.

~~\$22.88~~ \$24.21 when the weight exceeds 70,000 pounds but does not exceed 80,000 pounds.

~~\$23.62~~ \$24.99 when the weight exceeds 80,000 pounds but does not exceed 90,000 pounds.

(2) Fractions of 1,000 pounds shall be computed at the next highest 1,000 pounds, excepting, however, fractions of hundredweight shall be disregarded.

(b) The annual fee for registration of a category I special purpose vehicle shall be ~~\$150.00~~ \$178.00 and the annual fee for a category II special purpose vehicle shall be ~~\$350.00~~ \$415.00.

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Sec. 20. 23 V.S.A. § 371 is amended to read:

§ 371. TRAILER AND SEMI-TRAILER

(a)(1) The one-year and two-year fees for registration of a trailer or semi-trailer, except a contractor's trailer or farm trailer, shall be as follows:

(A) ~~\$25.00~~ \$27.00 and ~~\$48.00~~ \$51.00, respectively, when such trailer or semi-trailer has a gross weight of trailer and load of 1,500 pounds or less;

(B) ~~\$49.00~~ \$52.00 and ~~\$96.00~~ \$102.00, respectively, when such trailer or semi-trailer has a gross weight of trailer and load of more than 1,500 pounds and is drawn by a vehicle of the pleasure car type;

(C) ~~\$49.00~~ \$52.00 and ~~\$96.00~~ \$102.00, respectively, when such trailer or semi-trailer is drawn by a motor truck or tractor, when such trailer or semi-trailer has a gross weight of more than 1,500 pounds but less than 3,000 pounds;

(D) ~~\$49.00~~ \$52.00 and ~~\$96.00~~ \$102.00, respectively, when such trailer or semi-trailer is used in combination with a truck-tractor or motor truck registered at the fee provided for combined vehicles under section 367 of this title. Excepting for the fees, the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to trailer coaches as defined in section 4 of this title nor to modular homes being transported by trailer or semi-trailer.

(2) The one-year and two-year fees for registration of a contractor's trailer shall be ~~\$145.00~~ \$197.00 and ~~\$290.00~~ \$394.00, respectively.

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Sec. 21. 23 V.S.A. § 372 is amended to read:

§ 372. MOTOR BUS

The annual fee for registration of a motor bus shall be based on the actual weight of such bus, plus passenger carrying capacity at 150 pounds per person, and shall be ~~\$1.40~~ \$2.00 per 100 pounds of such weight, except for motor

buses registered under section 372a or 376 of this title. Fractions of a hundred-weight shall be disregarded. The minimum fee for the registration of any motor bus shall be \$43.00.

Sec. 22. 23 V.S.A. § 372a is amended to read:

§ 372a. LOCAL TRANSIT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

(a) The annual registration fee for any motor bus used in local transit or public transportation service shall be ~~\$45.00~~ \$62.00, except for those vehicles owned by a municipality for such service that are subject to the provisions of section 376 of this title. In the event a bus registered for local transit or public transportation service is thereafter registered for general use during the same registration year, such fee shall be applied towards the fee for general registration.

(b) ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this section, a public transportation service bus is a bus used by a nonprofit public transit system as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 5088(3), and a local transit bus is a motor bus used entirely within or not more than 10 miles beyond the boundaries of a city or town.

Sec. 23. 23 V.S.A. § 373 is amended to read:

§ 373. EXHIBITION VEHICLES; YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATES

(a) The annual fee for the registration of a motor vehicle which is maintained solely for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest and which is not used for the transportation of

passengers or property on any highway, except to attend such functions, shall be ~~\$15.00~~ \$21.00, in lieu of fees otherwise provided by law.

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Sec. 24. 23 V.S.A. § 376 is amended to read:

§ 376. STATE, MUNICIPAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND RESCUE
ORGANIZATION MOTOR VEHICLES

(a) A fee shall not be charged for registration of motor vehicles owned by the State.

(b) The fee for registration of a motor vehicle owned by any municipality in this State and used entirely by it or any other municipality for municipal purposes shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$12.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this chapter. ~~For purposes of~~ As used in this subsection, the term municipality shall include ~~county-owned~~ county-owned vehicles. The Commissioner shall issue specially designed registration plates for county-owned sheriffs' departments' vehicles.

(c) The registration fee for registration of a motor truck, trailer, ambulance, or other motor vehicle, owned by a volunteer fire department or other volunteer fire-fighting organization or other organization conducting rescue operations and used solely for fire-fighting or rescue purposes, shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$12.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this chapter. A motor vehicle or

trailer registered under this section shall be plainly marked on both sides of the body or cab to indicate its ownership.

(d) The use of a school bus owned by a municipality in this State, whether or not that use is compensated shall be considered a municipal purpose within the meaning of this section.

(e) [Repealed.]

(f) A replacement registration plate shall be provided by the Commissioner upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$7.00~~ \$9.00.

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Sec. 25. 23 V.S.A. § 382 is amended to read:

§ 382. DIESEL-POWERED PLEASURE CARS

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual registration fee for a pleasure car or tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck up to 6,000 pounds powered by fuel as defined in section 3002 of this title shall be ~~\$26.00~~ \$74.00 and the biennial fee shall be ~~\$48.00~~ \$136.00.

Sec. 26. 23 V.S.A. § 453 is amended to read:

§ 453. FEES AND NUMBER PLATES

(a)(1) An application for registration as a dealer in new or used cars or motor trucks shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$370.00~~ \$503.00 for each certificate issued in such dealer's name. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with each dealer's registration certificate three number plates

showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer. The Commissioner may furnish additional plates according to the volume of the dealer's sales in the prior year or, in the case of an initial registration, according to the dealer's reasonable estimate of expected sales, as follows:

- (A) under 20 sales: 0 additional plates;
- (B) 20-49 sales: 1 additional plate;
- (C) 50-99 sales: up to 5 additional plates;
- (D) 100-249 sales: up to 12 additional plates;
- (E) 250-499 sales: up to 17 additional plates;
- (F) 500-749 sales: up to 27 additional plates;
- (G) 750-999 sales: up to 37 additional plates;
- (H) 1,000-1,499 sales: up to 47 additional plates;
- (I) 1,500 or more: up to 57 additional plates.

(2) If the issuance of additional plates is authorized under subdivision (1) of this subsection, up to two plates shall be provided free of charge, and the Commissioner shall collect ~~\$40.00~~ \$55.00 for each additional plate thereafter.

(b) Application by a "dealer in farm tractors or other self-propelled farm implements," which shall mean a person actively engaged in the business of selling or exchanging new or used farm tractors or other self-propelled farm implements, for such dealer registration shall annually be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$40.00~~ \$78.00. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with each

such dealer registration certificate two sets of number plates showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer and in his or her discretion may furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$12.00 per set; such number plates may, however, only be displayed upon a farm tractor or other self-propelled farm implement.

(c) Application by a “dealer in motorized highway building equipment and road making appliances,” which shall mean a person actively engaged in the business of selling or exchanging new or used motorized highway building equipment or road making appliances, for such dealer registration shall annually be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$90.00~~ \$123.00. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with each such dealer registration certificate two sets of number plates showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer and in his or her discretion may furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$30.00 per set; such number plates may, however, only be displayed upon motorized highway building equipment or road making appliances.

(d) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging motorcycles or motor-driven cycles, the registration fee shall be ~~\$45.00~~ \$62.00, which shall include three number plates. The Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$10.00 for each set.

(e) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging trailers, semi-trailers, or trailer coaches, the registration fee shall be ~~\$90.00~~ \$123.00 which shall include three number plates; such number plates may, however, only be displayed upon a trailer, semi-trailer, or trailer coach. The Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, furnish further plates at a fee of \$10.00 for each such plate.

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Sec. 27. 23 V.S.A. § 457 is amended to read:

§ 457. TEMPORARY PLATES

At the time of the issuance of a registration certificate to a dealer as provided in this chapter, the Commissioner shall furnish the dealer with a sufficient number of number plates and temporary validation stickers, temporary number plates, or temporary decals for use during the 60-day period immediately following sale of a vehicle or motorboat by the dealer. The plates and decals shall have the same general design as the plates or decals furnished individual owners, but the plates and decals may be of a material and color as the Commissioner may determine. The Commissioner shall collect a fee of ~~\$3.00~~ \$5.00 for each temporary plate issued.

Sec. 28. 23 V.S.A. § 463 is amended to read:

§ 463. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE

A registered motor vehicle dealer is authorized to issue an in-transit registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when these vehicles are sold in this State to be transported to and registered in another state or province. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon request, provide registered motor vehicle dealers with such numbers of applications and special in-transit number plates for vehicles sold in this State to be transported to and registered in another state or province as shall be necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge a fee of ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for the processing of the plate application and the issuance of the plate. The dealer, upon the sale of a motor vehicle to be transported to and registered in another state or province shall cause the application to be filled out and transmitted to the Commissioner and shall attach to the vehicle the in-transit number plate corresponding to the application. No registered motor vehicle dealer shall sell, exchange, give, or transfer any application or in-transit plate to any person other than the person to whom the dealer sells or exchanges a motor vehicle to be registered in another state or province. The application shall be in a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner. The special in-transit number plate to be attached to the vehicle will be issued in the form and design as prescribed by

the Commissioner and shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the date of issue.

Sec. 29. 23 V.S.A. § 476 is amended to read:

§ 476. MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY FEE

A motor vehicle warranty fee of ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 is imposed on the registration of each new motor vehicle in this State not including trailers, tractors, motorized highway building equipment, road-making appliances, snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or trucks with a gross vehicle weight over 12,000 pounds.

Sec. 30. 23 V.S.A. § 494 is amended to read:

§ 494. FEES

The annual fee for a transporter's registration certificate, number plate, or validation sticker is ~~\$90.00~~ \$123.00.

Sec. 31. 23 V.S.A. § 514 is amended to read:

§ 514. REPLACEMENT NUMBER PLATES

(a) In case of the loss of a number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle to which it was assigned shall forthwith notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such loss, and he or she shall furnish such owner with a new plate. The fees charged shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$12.00 for each plate. The owner of a motor vehicle who has lost one number plate may operate his or her vehicle with one number plate attached thereto, until a new plate is furnished him or her,

provided he or she has notified the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles as required in this section.

(b) Any replacement number plate shall be issued at a fee of ~~\$10.00~~ \$12.00. However, if the Commissioner, in his or her discretion, determines that a plate has become illegible as a result of deficiencies in the manufacturing process or by use of faulty materials, the replacement fee shall be waived.

Sec. 32. 23 VSA § 516 is amended to read:

§ 516. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE BY A PERSON
OTHER THAN DEALER

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue an in-transit registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when the vehicles are sold in this State by a person, other than a registered motor vehicle dealer, to be transported to and registered in another state or province. The registration may be obtained by submitting an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner is authorized to charge a fee of ~~\$3.00~~ \$6.00 for the processing of the application and the issuance of the plate. The in-transit registration plate pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of 30 days from issuance and shall be in the form and design prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Issuance of an in-transit plate for vehicles sold by a registered motor vehicle dealer to a

person to be transported to and registered in another state or province shall be governed by the provisions of section 463 of this title.

Sec. 33. 23 V.S.A. § 517 is added to read:

§ 517. INTRASTATE IN-TRANSIT PERMIT

The Commissioner may issue an intrastate in-transit registration permit to authorize the movement within Vermont of a motor vehicle otherwise required to be registered, if the vehicle is sold in this State by a person other than a registered motor vehicle dealer. The permit may be obtained after submission of an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner and payment of a \$6.00 fee. The permit shall be valid for a period of 10 days from the date of issuance and shall be in the form and design prescribed by the Commissioner.

Sec. 34. 23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:

§ 608. FEES

(a) The four-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$48.00~~ \$51.00. The two-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an operator or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$30.00~~ \$32.00 and the two-year fee for licensing a junior operator or for issuing a junior operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$30.00~~ \$32.00.

(b) An additional fee of ~~\$2.00~~ \$3.00 per year shall be paid for a motorcycle endorsement. The endorsement may be obtained for either a two-year or four-year period, to be coincidental with the length of the operator's license.

Sec. 35. 23 V.S.A. § 613 is amended to read:

§ 613. DUPLICATE LICENSE

(a) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license, the licensee shall forthwith notify the Commissioner who shall furnish such licensee with a duplicate on receipt of ~~\$15.00~~ \$20.00. A corrected license shall be furnished by the Commissioner upon request and receipt of a fee of ~~\$15.00~~ \$20.00.

(b) A duplicate license shall not be issued to any person who has surrendered his or her license to another jurisdiction in connection with obtaining a license in that jurisdiction.

Sec. 36. 23 V.S.A. § 617 is amended to read:

§ 617. LEARNER'S PERMIT

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any licensed person may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a learner's permit for the operation of a motorcycle in the form prescribed by the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of ~~\$17.00~~ \$20.00 at the time application is made. After the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the motorcycle endorsement examination, other than a skill

test, the Commissioner may issue to the applicant a learner's permit which entitles the applicant, subject to subsection 615(a) of this title, to operate a motorcycle upon the public highways for a period of 120 days from the date of issuance. A motorcycle learner's permit may be renewed only twice upon payment of a ~~\$17.00~~ \$20.00 fee. If during the original permit period and two renewals, the permittee has not successfully passed the skill test or the motorcycle rider training course, he or she may not obtain another motorcycle learner's permit for a period of 12 months from the expiration of the permit unless he or she has successfully completed the motorcycle rider training course. This section shall not affect section 602 of this title. The fee for the examination shall be ~~\$7.00~~ \$9.00.

(c) No learner's permit may be issued to any person under ~~the age of~~ 18 years of age unless the parent or guardian of, or a person standing in loco parentis to, the applicant files his or her written consent to the issuance with the Commissioner.

(d) An applicant shall pay ~~\$17.00~~ \$20.00 to the Commissioner for each learner's permit ~~that is not a motorcycle learner's permit~~ or a duplicate or renewal thereof.

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Sec. 37. 23 V.S.A. § 634 is amended to read:

§ 634. FEE FOR EXAMINATION

(a) The fee for an examination for a learner's permit shall be ~~\$30.00~~ \$32.00. The fee for an examination to obtain an operator's license when the applicant is required to pass an examination pursuant to section 632 of this title shall be ~~\$18.00~~ \$19.00. The fee for a motorcycle skill test to obtain a motorcycle endorsement shall be ~~\$18.00~~ \$19.00.

(b) A scheduling fee of \$24.00 shall be paid by the applicant before he or she may schedule the road test required under section 632 of this title. Unless an applicant gives the Department at least 48 hours' notice of cancellation, if the applicant does not appear as scheduled, the \$24.00 scheduling fee is forfeited. If the applicant appears for the scheduled road test, the fee shall be applied toward the license examination fee. The Commissioner may waive the scheduling fee until the Department is capable of administering the fee electronically.

(c) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not implement any procedures or processes for identifying applicants for licenses, learner permits, or nondriver identification cards that involve the use of biometric identifiers. Pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 31308, this subsection shall not apply to applicants for commercial driver licenses or endorsements on these licenses.

Sec. 38. 23 V.S.A. § 675 is amended to read:

§ 675. FEE PRIOR TO TERMINATION OR REINSTATEMENT OF
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

(a) Before a suspension or revocation issued by the Commissioner of a person's operator's license or privilege of operating a motor vehicle may be terminated or before a person's operator's license or privilege of operating a motor vehicle may be reinstated, there shall be paid to the Commissioner a fee of ~~\$71.00~~ \$80.00 in addition to any other fee required by statute. This section shall not apply to suspensions issued under the provisions of chapter 11 of this title nor suspensions issued for physical disabilities or failing to pass reexamination. The Commissioner shall not reinstate the license of a driver whose license was suspended pursuant to section 1205 of this title until the Commissioner receives certification from the court that the costs due the State have been paid.

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Sec. 39. 23 V.S.A. § 702 is amended to read:

§ 702. TRAINING SCHOOL AND INSTRUCTOR'S LICENSES

No person shall operate a driver training school or act as an instructor unless a license therefor has been secured from the Commissioner. Applications for such licenses may be filed with the Commissioner and shall contain such information and shall be on such forms as the Commissioner may

prescribe. Each application for a driver's training school license shall be accompanied by an application fee of ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00, which shall not be refunded. If such application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of an additional fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$225.00 shall be granted a license which shall become void two years from the first day of the month of issue unless sooner revoked as herein provided. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$150.00~~ \$225.00. Each application for an instructor's license shall be accompanied by an application fee of ~~\$70.00~~ \$105.00, which shall not be refunded. If such application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of an additional fee of ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00 shall be granted a license which shall become void two years from the first day of the month of issue unless sooner revoked as herein provided. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00.

Sec. 40. 23 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read:

§ 703. POSSESSION OF LICENSE

Each person granted a driver's training school license shall display the same conspicuously on the school premises. Each person granted an instructor's license shall carry the same in his or her possession while engaged in giving driver training. In case of loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license certificate, the Commissioner shall issue a duplicate certificate upon payment of a fee of ~~\$5.00~~ \$8.00.

Sec. 41. 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

§ 1230. CHARGE

For each inspection certificate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Commissioner shall be paid ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00, provided that State and municipal inspection stations that inspect only State or municipally owned and registered vehicles shall not be required to pay a fee. All vehicle inspection certificate charge revenue shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund with one-half reserved for bridge maintenance activities.

Sec. 42. 23 V.S.A. § 1392 is amended to read:

§ 1392. GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS

Except as provided in section 1400 of this title, a person or corporation shall not operate or cause to be operated a motor vehicle in excess of the total weight, including vehicle, object, or contrivance and load, of:

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(13) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a special annual permit, which shall expire coincidentally with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on January 1 following date of issue, may be issued to a person or corporation operating on designated routes on the State Highway System for a fee of ~~\$310.00~~ \$415.00 for each vehicle which must be registered for a weight of

80,000 pounds. This special permit shall be issued only for a combination of vehicle and semi-trailer or trailer equipped with five or more axles, with a distance between axles which meets the minimum requirements of registering the vehicle to 80,000 pounds as allowed under subdivision (4) of this section. The maximum gross load under this special permit shall be 90,000 pounds. Unless authorized by federal law, this subdivision shall not apply to operation on the Interstate and Defense Highway System.

(14) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the axle spacing and the maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a special annual permit, which shall expire coincidentally with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on January 1 following date of issue, may be issued to a person or corporation transporting loads on vehicles on designated routes on the State Highway System for the following fees for each vehicle unit. Unless authorized by federal law, the provisions of this subdivision regarding weight limits, tolerances, or both shall not apply to operation on the Interstate and Defense Highway System. This special permit shall be issued for the following vehicles and conditions:

(A) 3-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tandem axle which have a maximum gross weight of not more than 60,000 pounds when

registered for a minimum gross weight of not more than 55,000 pounds, the permit fee shall be ~~\$115.00~~ \$156.00.

(B) 4-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tri-axle unit which have a maximum gross weight of not more than 69,000 pounds when registered for a minimum weight of 60,000 pounds, the permit fee shall be ~~\$260.00~~ \$352.00

(C) 4-axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination with a maximum gross weight of not more than 72,000 pounds, provided the distance between the second axle of the tractor and the rear axle of the trailer is at least 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction of a foot less than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000 pounds in the maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$15.00.

(D) 5- or more axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination with a maximum gross weight of not more than 76,000 pounds, provided that the distance between the first and last axle of two consecutive sets of tandem axles is at least 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction of a foot less than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000 pounds in the maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$15.00.

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(16) Notwithstanding the axle load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a five or more axle truck tractor, semi-trailer combination, or truck trailer combination, when the load consists solely of unprocessed milk products as defined in subdivision 4(55) of this title, may be registered for and operated with a maximum gross weight of 90,000 pounds on State highways without permit, and upon posted State and town highways and on those highways designated as the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways when the vehicle has been issued a permit in compliance with the provisions of section 1400 of this title; however:

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(C) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision shall be ~~\$7.00~~ \$10.00 when the fee has been paid to register the vehicle for 90,000 pounds or ~~\$285.00~~ \$382.00 when the vehicle is registered for 80,000 pounds.

(17) Notwithstanding the gross vehicle weight provisions of subdivision (4) of this section, a truck trailer combination or truck tractor, semi-trailer combination with six or more load-bearing axles shall be allowed to bear a maximum of 99,000 pounds by special annual permit, which shall expire coincidentally with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on January 1 following

the date of issue, for operating on designated routes on State and town highways, subject to the following:

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(F) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision shall be ~~\$310.00~~ \$415.00 for vehicles bearing up to 90,000 pounds and ~~\$500.00~~ \$560.00 for vehicles bearing up to 99,000 pounds.

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Sec. 43. 23 V.S.A. § 1402 is amended to read:

§ 1402. OVERWEIGHT, WIDTH, HEIGHT, AND LENGTH PERMITS;

FEES

(a) Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits. Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits shall be signed by the Commissioner or by his or her agent and a copy shall be kept in the office of the Commissioner or in a location approved by the Commissioner. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a copy shall also be available in the towing vehicle and must be available for inspection on demand of a law enforcement officer. Before operating a traction engine, tractor, trailer, motor truck, or other motor vehicle, the person to whom a permit to operate in excess of the weight, width, indivisible overlength, and height limits established by this title is granted shall pay a fee of ~~\$35.00~~ \$40.00 for each single trip permit or ~~\$100.00~~ \$112.00 for a blanket permit, except that the fee

for a fleet blanket permit shall be ~~\$100.00~~ \$112.00 for the first unit and ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for each unit thereafter. At the option of a carrier, an annual permit for the entire fleet, to operate over any approved route, may be obtained for ~~\$100.00~~ \$112.00 for the first tractor and ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for each additional tractor, up to a maximum fee of \$1,000.00. The fee for a fleet permit shall be based on the entire number of tractors owned by the applicant. An applicant for a fleet permit may apply for any number of specific routes, each of which shall be reviewed with regard to the characteristics of the route and the type of equipment operated by the applicant. When the weight or size of the vehicle-load are considered sufficiently excessive for the routing requested, the Agency of Transportation shall, on request of the Commissioner, conduct an engineering inspection of the vehicle-load and route, for which a fee of \$300.00 will be added to the cost of the permit if the load is a manufactured home. For all other loads of any size or with gross weight limits less than 150,000 pounds, the fee shall be \$800.00 for any engineering inspection that requires up to eight hours to conduct. If the inspection requires more than eight hours to conduct, the fee shall be \$800.00 plus \$60.00 per hour for each additional hour required. If the vehicle and load weigh 150,000 pounds or more but not more than 200,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$2,000.00. If the vehicle and load weigh more than 200,000 pounds but not more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$5,000.00.

If the vehicle and load weigh more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$10,000.00. The study must be completed prior to the permit being issued. Prior to the issuance of a permit, an applicant whose vehicle weighs 150,000 pounds or more, or is 15 or more feet in width or height, shall file with the Commissioner a special certificate of insurance showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person, \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons, and \$250,000.00 for property damage, all arising out of any one crash.

(b) Overlength permits. Except as provided in subsections 1432(c) and (e) of this title, it shall be necessary to obtain an overlength permit as follows:

(1) For vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer longer than 75 feet, anywhere in the State on highways approved by the Agency of Transportation. In such cases, the vehicle may be operated with a single trip overlength permit issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$28.00. If the vehicle is 100 feet or more in length, the permit applicant shall file with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a special certificate of insurance showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person, \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons, and \$250,000.00 for property damage, all arising out of any one crash.

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Sec. 44. 23 V.S.A. § 2002(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

(1) for any certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, or an exempt vehicle title, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;

(2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;

(3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;

(4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of title, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;

(5) for a duplicate certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;

(6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive certificate, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;

(7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;

(8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for each motor vehicle searched against, ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00;

(9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;

(10) for a certificate of title after a security interest has been released, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;

(11) for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle granted a veteran by the Veterans' Administration and exempt from registration fees pursuant to section 378 of this title, no fee;

(12) for a corrected certificate of title, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00.

Sec. 45. 23 V.S.A. § 2023(e) is amended to read:

(e) Notwithstanding other provisions of the law, whenever the estate of an individual who dies intestate consists principally of an automobile, the surviving spouse shall be deemed to be the owner of the motor vehicle and title to the same shall automatically and by virtue hereof pass to the surviving spouse. ~~Registration and titling of~~ Upon request, the Department shall register and title the vehicle in the name of the surviving spouse ~~shall be effected by payment of a transfer fee of \$7.00, and no fee shall be assessed.~~ This transaction is exempt from the provisions of the purchase and use tax on motor vehicles.

(1) Notwithstanding other provisions of the law, and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, whenever the estate of an individual consists in whole or in part of a motor vehicle, and the person's will or other testamentary document does not specifically address disposition of motor vehicles, the surviving spouse shall be deemed to be the owner of the motor vehicle and title to the motor vehicle shall automatically pass to the surviving spouse. ~~Registration and titling of~~ Upon request, the Department shall register

and title the vehicle in the name of the surviving spouse, ~~shall be effected by~~
~~payment of a transfer fee of \$7.00, and no fee shall be assessed.~~ This
transaction is exempt from the provisions of the purchase and use tax on motor
vehicles.

(2) This subsection shall apply to no more than two motor vehicles, and
shall not apply if the motor vehicle is titled in the name of one or more persons
other than the decedent and the surviving spouse.

Sec. 46. 23 V.S.A. § 3203 is amended to read:

§ 3203. TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION

The registration of a snowmobile ends when the owner transfers title to
another. The former owner shall immediately return to the Commissioner the
registration certificate previously assigned to the transferred snowmobile with
the date of sale, name, and residence of the new owner endorsed on the back
thereof. When a person transfers the ownership of a registered snowmobile to
another, files a new application, and pays a fee of ~~\$2.00~~ \$3.00, he or she may
have registered in his or her name another snowmobile for the remainder of the
registration year without payment of any additional registration fee.

Sec. 47. 23 V.S.A. § 3204 is amended to read:

§ 3204. REGISTRATION FEES AND DEALER PLATES

(a) Fees. Annual registration fees for snowmobiles other than as provided
for in subsection (b) of this section are ~~\$25.00~~ \$28.00 for residents and ~~\$32.00~~

\$36.00 for nonresidents. Duplicate registration certificates may be obtained upon payment of ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00.

(b)(1) Dealer registration and plates; manufacturer plates; fees. A person engaged in the business of selling or exchanging snowmobiles as defined in subdivision 4(8) of this title shall register as a dealer and obtain registration certificates and identifying number plates, subject to such rules as may be adopted by the Commissioner and to the requirements of chapter 7 this title. A manufacturer of snowmobiles may register and obtain registration certificates and identifying number plates under this section. Plates shall be valid for the following purposes only: testing; adjusting; demonstrating; temporary use of customers for a period not to exceed 14 days; private business or pleasure use of such person or members of his or her immediate family; and use at fairs, shows, or races when no charge is made for such use.

(2) Fees. Fees for dealer registration certificates shall be ~~\$40.00~~ \$55.00 for the first certificate issued to any person and ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for any additional certificate issued to the same person within the current registration period. Fees for temporary number plates shall be \$3.00 for each plate issued.

(c) Temporary registration pending issuance of permanent registration. The Commissioner, by rules adopted pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, shall provide for the issuance of temporary registrations of snowmobiles pending issuance of the permanent registration. VAST shall be an agent of the

Commissioner for the issuance of such temporary registrations. The fees for the temporary registrations shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$28.00 for residents and ~~\$32.00~~ \$36.00 for nonresidents and shall also constitute payment of the registration fee required by subsection (a) of this section. VAST shall promptly remit any fees collected to the Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted under this subsection. Temporary registrations shall be kept with the snowmobile while being operated and shall authorize operation without the registration decal being affixed for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of issue.

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Sec. 48. 23 V.S.A. § 3204a is amended to read:

§ 3204a. ANTIQUE SNOWMOBILES

(a) The one-time registration fee for a snowmobile that is at least 25 years old and is used exclusively in exhibitions, parades, and public functions shall be ~~\$42.00~~ \$50.00. The registration process for snowmobiles registered under this section shall be the same as provided in section 3204 of this title.

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Sec. 49. 23 V.S.A. § 3305 is amended to read:

§ 3305. FEES

(a) A person shall not operate a motorboat on the public waters of this State unless the motorboat is registered in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Annually or biennially, the owner of each motorboat required to be registered by this State shall file an application for a number with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on forms approved by him or her. The application shall be signed by the owner of the motorboat and shall be accompanied by an annual fee of ~~\$22.00 and a surcharge of \$5.00~~ \$31.00, or a biennial fee of ~~\$39.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00~~ \$57.00, for a motorboat in class A; by an annual fee of ~~\$33.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00~~ \$49.00, or a biennial fee of ~~\$61.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00~~ \$93.00, for a motorboat in class 1; by an annual fee of ~~\$60.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00~~ \$80.00, or a biennial fee of ~~\$115.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00~~ \$155.00, for a motorboat in class 2; by an annual fee of ~~\$126.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00~~ \$153.00, or a biennial fee of ~~\$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00~~ \$303.00, for a motorboat in class 3. Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the Commissioner shall enter the application upon the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles and issue to the applicant a registration certificate stating the number awarded to the motorboat and the name and address of the owner. The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of the motorboat the identification number in such manner as may be prescribed by rules of the Commissioner in order that it may be clearly visible. The registration shall be void one year from the first day of the month following the month of issue in the case of annual registrations, or void two years from the first day of the

month following the month of issue in the case of biennial registrations. A vessel of less than 10 horsepower used as a tender to a registered vessel shall be deemed registered, at no additional cost, and shall have painted or attached to both sides of the bow, the same registration number as the registered vessel with the number "1" after the number. The number shall be maintained in legible condition. The registration certificate shall be pocket size and shall be available at all times for inspection on the motorboat for which issued, whenever the motorboat is in operation. A duplicate registration may be obtained upon payment of a fee of ~~\$2.00~~ \$3.00 to the Commissioner. ~~Notwithstanding section 3319 of this chapter, \$5.00 of each registration fee shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund. The remainder of the fee~~ Registration fees shall be allocated in accordance with section 3319 of this title.

(c) A person engaged in the business of selling or exchanging motorboats as defined in subdivision 4(8) of this title, of a type otherwise required to be registered by this subchapter shall register and obtain registration certificates for use as described under subdivision (1) of this subsection, subject to the requirements of chapter 7 of this title. A manufacturer of motorboats may register and obtain registration certificates under this section.

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(3) An application for a dealer motorboat registration and registration number shall be accompanied by the following fees:

(A) for the registration and first number applied for, ~~\$25.00 and a surcharge of \$5.00~~ \$42.00;

(B) for each additional number applied for in the current registration period, ~~\$5.00 and a surcharge of \$5.00~~ \$12.00.

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(d)(1) Registration of a motorboat ends when the owner transfers title to another. The former owner shall immediately return directly to the Commissioner the registration certificate previously assigned to the transferred motorboat with the date of sale and the name and residence of the new owner endorsed on the back of the certificate.

(2) When a person transfers the ownership of a registered motorboat to another, files a new application, and pays a fee of ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00, he or she may have registered in his or her name another motorboat of the same class for the remainder of the registration period without payment of any additional registration fee. However, if the fee for the registration of the motorboat sought to be registered is greater than the registration fee for the transferred motorboat, the applicant shall pay the difference between the fee first paid and the fee for the class motorboat sought to be registered.

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(j) The Commissioner, by rules adopted pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, may provide for the issuance of temporary registrations of motorboats pending issuance of the permanent registration. Motorboat dealers may issue temporary motorboat registrations. The dealer's fee for the temporary registrations shall be ~~\$3.00~~ \$6.00 for each registration purchased from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Temporary registrations shall be kept with the motorboat while being operated and shall authorize operation without the registration number being affixed for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of issue.

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Sec. 50. 23 V.S.A. § 3319 is amended to read:

§ 3319. FEES COLLECTED; SPECIAL FUND

(a) There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the Motorboat Registration Fund for the purposes of ensuring that the fees and penalties collected under this subchapter are utilized in the protection and maintenance of the State's water resources. Any interest earned on the monies in this Fund will be deposited in the General Fund.

(b) The fees and penalties collected under the provisions of this subchapter, ~~excluding surcharges collected under subsection 3305(b) and subdivisions 3305(c)(3)(A) and (B) of this title,~~ shall be deposited in the Motorboat Registration Fund and shall be allocated as follows:

(1) ~~45~~ 10 percent to the Department of Public Safety, to be used for enforcement of this subchapter and implementation of a boating safety education program.

(2) ~~50~~ 34 percent to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to be used: to match federal funds; for upgrading and expanding boating access areas and facilities located at those areas; for developing and constructing new boating access areas; and for facilitating or establishing and maintaining pump out stations, which may be, in the discretion of the Commissioner, constructed or operated either by the Department or on a contractual basis by a private person or entity. Users shall be charged reasonable and appropriate fees.

(3) ~~25~~ 17 percent to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the purpose of aquatic nuisance control pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 50.

(4) ~~40~~ Seven percent to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the purpose of mosquito control pursuant to 6 V.S.A. chapter 85.

(5) 20 percent to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the purpose of an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 50.

(6) 12 percent to the Transportation Fund.

~~(e) The surcharges collected under subsection 3305(b) and subdivisions 3305(e)(3)(A) and (B) of this title shall be credited to the special fund~~

~~established under subdivision (b)(3) of this section for the purpose of an
Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 50.~~

Sec. 51. 23 V.S.A. § 3503 is amended to read:

§ 3503. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION

The registration of an all-terrain vehicle ends when the owner transfers title to another person. The former owner shall immediately return to the Commissioner the registration certificate and plate previously assigned to the transferred all-terrain vehicle with the date of sale, name, and residence of the new owner endorsed on the back of the certificate. When a person transfers the ownership of a registered all-terrain vehicle to another person, files a new application and pays a fee of ~~\$10.00~~ \$12.00, he or she may have registered in his or her name another all-terrain vehicle for the remainder of the registration year without payment of any additional registration fee.

Sec. 52. 23 V.S.A. § 3504 is amended to read:

§ 3504. REGISTRATION FEES AND PLATES

(a) The registration fee for all-terrain vehicles other than as provided for in subsection (b) of this section is \$35.00. Duplicate registration certificates may be obtained upon payment of ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 to the Department.

(b) Any person engaged in the business of selling or exchanging all-terrain vehicles, as defined in subdivision 4(8) of this title, shall register and obtain registration certificates and identifying number plates subject to rules which

may be adopted by the Commissioner and to the requirements of chapter 7 of this title. A manufacturer of all-terrain vehicles may register and obtain registration certificates and identifying number plates under this section.

Plates shall be valid for the following purposes only: testing; adjusting; demonstrating; temporary use of customers for a period not to exceed seven days; private business or pleasure use of the person or members of his or her immediate family; and use at fairs, shows, or races when no charge is made.

Fees for registration and registration certificates shall be ~~\$45.00~~ \$62.00 for the first certificate issued to any person and ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for any additional certificate issued to the same person within the current registration period.

Fees for temporary number plates shall be ~~\$3.00~~ \$5.00 for each plate issued.

Sec. 53. 23 V.S.A. § 3802 is amended to read:

§ 3802. FEES

(a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

(1) for filing an application for a first certificate of title, ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00;

(2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, ~~\$10.00~~

\$11.00;

(3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00;

(4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of title, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;

(5) for a duplicate certificate of title, ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00;

(6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive certificate, ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00;

(7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;

(8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles for each vessel, snowmobile, or all-terrain vehicle searched against, ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00;

(9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;

(10) for a certificate of clear title after the security interest or interests have been released, ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00;

(11) for a corrected certificate of title, ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00.

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Sec. 54. 23 V.S.A. § 4108 is amended to read:

§ 4108. COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE, COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S
PERMIT QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

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(b) The Commissioner shall not issue a commercial driver license or commercial learner's permit to any person:

(1)(A) Under ~~the age of~~ 21 years of age in the case of commercial driver licenses, except that persons 18 years of age or older may obtain a commercial driver license that restricts the driver to operation solely within this State.

(B) Under ~~the age of 18 years~~ of age in the case of commercial learner's permits.

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(f) The fee for a knowledge test and ~~accompanying the fee for~~ a skill test shall each be ~~\$35.00 for the first test and \$30.00 for each subsequent test~~ \$32.00. The fee for an endorsement test shall be ~~\$13.00~~ \$14.00. In the event that an applicant fails a test three times, he or she may not take the test again for at least six months. A fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 shall be paid by the applicant before he or she may schedule a skill test. If an applicant does not appear for the scheduled skill test, the ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 scheduling fee is forfeited ~~and another \$20.00 scheduling fee must be paid before another skill test will be scheduled,~~ unless the applicant has given the Department at least 48 hours' notice of cancellation of the test. If the applicant ~~passes~~ appears for the skill test, the ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 scheduling fee for that test will be used as part of the license test fee. ~~If the applicant appears for the scheduled skill test and fails the skill test, a subsequent skill test will be scheduled without an additional \$20.00 fee.~~ Use of an interpreter is prohibited during the administration of the knowledge or skills tests.

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Sec. 55. 23 V.S.A. § 4110 is amended to read:

§ 4110. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE OR
COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT

(a) The application for a commercial driver license or commercial learner's permit shall include the following:

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(8) The proper fee.

(A) The four-year fee for a commercial driver license shall be ~~\$75.00~~ \$90.00. The two-year fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$60.00. In those instances where the applicant surrenders a valid Vermont Class D license, the total fees due shall be reduced by:

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(B) The fee for a commercial learner's permit is ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00.

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(b) When a licensee or permittee changes his or her name, mailing address, or residence or in the case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license or permit, the licensee or permittee shall forthwith notify the Commissioner and apply in person for a duplicate license or permit in the same manner as set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The fee for a duplicate license or permit shall be ~~\$13.00~~ \$15.00.

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Sec. 56. 3 V.S.A. § 2822(m)(1) is amended to read:

(m)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, in addition to any other requirement or fee required for registration, on and after January 1, 1994, a motor vehicle registered under 23 V.S.A. chapter 7 shall be assessed an annual emission fee of ~~\$1.00~~ \$2.00 at time of first registration and annually thereafter.

* * * State Highway Access Permits; Fees * * *

Sec. 57. 19 V.S.A. § 1112 is added to read:

§ 1112. DEFINITIONS; FEES

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Major commercial development” means a commercial development for which the Agency requires the applicant to submit a traffic impact study in support of its application under section 1111 of this title.

(2) “Minor commercial development” means a commercial development for which the Agency does not require the applicant to submit a traffic impact study in support of its application under section 1111 of this title.

(3) “Residential or agricultural purposes” means accesses serving a single-family home, a duplex residence, or logging or field accesses for agricultural uses only.

(b) The Secretary shall collect the following fees for each application for the following types of permits or permit amendments issued pursuant to section 1111 of this title:

<u>(1) residential or agricultural purposes:</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>(2) utility installations, including each direct connection to the State highway stormwater system:</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>(3) minor commercial development:</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<u>(4) major commercial development:</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
<u>(5) annual blanket permits for routine inspection and maintenance of existing utility installations within State highways:</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 58. EFFECTIVE DATES

- (a) This section shall take effect on passage.
- (b) Secs. 1, 2, and 3 (0.5 percent diesel fuel and gas shrinkage allowance) shall take effect on June 1, 2016.
- (c) Secs. 1a, 2a, and 3a (elimination of diesel fuel and gas shrinkage allowance) shall take effect on June 1, 2017.
- (d) The remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2016.