

1 Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means

2 Date:

3 Subject: Executive Branch fees

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adjust certain
5 Executive Branch fees.

6 An act relating to Executive Branch fees

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

8 * * * Agriculture * * *

9 * * * General Powers of Agency; Secretary of Agriculture,

10 Food and Markets * * *

11 **Sec. 1.** 6 V.S.A. § 1 is amended to read:

12 § 1. GENERAL POWERS OF AGENCY; SECRETARY OF

13 AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

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15 (a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall be administered by
16 a Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets. The Secretary shall supervise
17 and be responsible for the execution and enforcement of all laws relating to
18 agriculture and standards of weight and measure. The Secretary may:

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1 (13) notwithstanding any law to the contrary in this title or Title 9 or 20,
2 issue all licenses, permits, registrations, or certificates under a program
3 administered by the Secretary for a term of up to three years; renew and issue
4 such licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates on any calendar cycle;
5 collect any annual fee set by law for such multiyear licensure, permit,
6 registration, or certificate on a pro-rated basis which shall not exceed
7 150 percent of the annual fee for an 18-month cycle, 200 percent of the annual
8 fee for a two-year cycle, or 300 percent of the annual fee for a three-year cycle;
9 and conduct inspections at regulated premises at least once every three years
10 when inspection is required by law. The authority to mandate licenses,
11 permits, registrations, or certificates for more than one year shall not extend to
12 any program administered by the Secretary where the annual fee is more than
13 \$125.00. The Secretary shall only provide refunds for overpayments of \$25.00
14 or more on a license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by the Secretary.
15 The Secretary may collect a fee of \$25.00 for all licenses, registrations, permits
16 and certifications issued by the Secretary for which there is no fee authority
17 otherwise prescribed by statute. The Secretary may assess a late fee of \$25.00
18 for any license, registration, permit or certification that is renewed after a
19 second renewal notice has been mailed by the Secretary to the applicant's last
20 known address of record unless a higher late renewal fee is otherwise
21 prescribed by statute;

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* * * Certificate of Free Sale * * *

Sec. 2. 6 V.S.A. § 18 is amended to read:

§ 18. CERTIFICATE OF FREE SALE

(a) The ~~secretary~~ Secretary is hereby authorized to make available certificates of free sale ~~or manufacturing~~ to applicants who manufacture or produce Vermont food ~~or personal care products~~ regulated by the Agency for the limited purpose of facilitating the shipment of such products for sale in foreign countries.

(b) The ~~agency~~ Agency may adopt rules for the issuance of such certificates.

(c) The ~~agency~~ Agency shall assess a fee of ~~\$15.00~~ \$30.00 per certificate to offset administrative costs.

* * * Commercial Feeds * * *

Sec. 3. 6 V.S.A. § 324(b) is amended to read:

(b) A person shall not distribute in this State a commercial feed that has not been registered pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Application shall be in a form and manner to be prescribed by rule of the Secretary. The application for registration of a commercial feed shall be accompanied by a registration fee of ~~\$85.00~~ \$105.00 per product. The registration fees, along with any surcharges collected under subsection (c) of this section, shall be

1 deposited in the special fund created by subsection 364(e) of this title. Funds
2 deposited in this account shall be restricted to implementing and administering
3 the provisions of this title and any other provisions of the law relating to
4 fertilizer, lime, or seeds. If the Secretary so requests, the application for
5 registration shall be accompanied by a label or other printed matter describing
6 the product.

7 * * * Fertilizer and Lime * * *

8 **Sec. 4.** 6 V.S.A. § 364(d) is amended to read:

9 (d) Each separately identified agricultural lime product shall be registered
10 before being distributed in this State. Registration shall be performed in the
11 same manner as fertilizer registration except that each application shall be
12 accompanied by a fee of ~~\$40.00~~ \$50.00 per product.

13 * * * Tonnage Fees * * *

14 **Sec. 5.** 6 V.S.A. § 366 is amended to read:

15 § 366. TONNAGE FEES

16 (a) ~~There shall be paid annually to the Secretary for all fertilizers~~
17 ~~distributed to a nonregistrant consumer in this State an annual fee at a rate of~~
18 ~~\$0.25 cents per ton. A person distributing fertilizer to a nonregistrant consumer~~
19 in the State annually shall pay the following fees to the Secretary:

20 (1) a \$150.00 base fee;

21 (2) \$0.50 per ton of agricultural fertilizer distributed; and

1 (3) \$30.00 per ton of nonagricultural fertilizer distributed.

2 (b) Persons distributing fertilizer shall report annually ~~by~~ on or before
3 January 15 for the previous year ending December 31 to the Secretary
4 revealing the amounts of each grade of fertilizer and the form in which the
5 fertilizer was distributed within this State. Each report shall be accompanied
6 with payment and written permission allowing the Secretary to examine the
7 person's books for the purpose of verifying tonnage reports.

8 (c) No information concerning tonnage sales furnished to the Secretary
9 under this section shall be disclosed in such a way as to divulge the details of
10 the business operation to any person unless it is necessary for the enforcement
11 of the provisions of this chapter.

12 (d) [Repealed.]

13 (e) Agricultural limes, including agricultural lime mixed with wood ash,
14 are exempt from the tonnage fees required in this section.

15 (f) Lime and wood ash mixtures may be registered as agricultural liming
16 materials and guaranteed for potassium or potash provided that the wood ash
17 totals less than 50 percent of the mixture.

18 (g)(1) All fees collected under ~~subsection (a)~~ subdivisions (a)(1) and (2)
19 of this section shall be deposited in the ~~revolving~~ special fund created by
20 subsection 364(e) of this title and used in accordance with its provisions.

1 (2) All fees collected under subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall be
2 deposited in the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under section
3 4803 of this title.

4 ~~(h) There shall be paid annually to the Secretary for all nonagricultural~~
5 ~~fertilizers distributed to a nonregistrant consumer in this State an annual fee at~~
6 ~~a rate of \$30.00 per ton of nonagricultural fertilizer for the purpose of~~
7 ~~supporting agricultural water quality programs in Vermont.~~

8 ~~(1) Persons distributing any fertilizer in the State shall report annually~~
9 ~~on or before January 15 for the previous year ending December 31 to the~~
10 ~~Secretary revealing the amounts of each grade of fertilizer and the form in~~
11 ~~which the fertilizer was distributed within this State. Each report shall be~~
12 ~~accompanied with payment of the fees under this section and written~~
13 ~~permission allowing the Secretary to examine the person's books for the~~
14 ~~purpose of verifying tonnage reports.~~

15 ~~(2) No information concerning tonnage sales furnished to the Secretary~~
16 ~~under this section shall be disclosed in such a way as to divulge the details of~~
17 ~~the business operation to any person unless it is necessary for the enforcement~~
18 ~~of the provisions of this chapter.~~

19 ~~(3) A \$150.00 minimum tonnage fee shall be assessed on all distributors~~
20 ~~who distribute nonagricultural fertilizers in this State.~~

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* * * Seeds * * *

Sec. 7. 6 V.S.A. § 616 is amended to read:

§ 616. FEES

(a) The ~~secretary~~ Secretary shall have authority to assess growers who apply for the certification privilege a fee per acre, to be paid in one or more installments.

(b) Growers shall be assessed ~~\$30.00~~ \$35.00 for the first five acres inclusive. Over five acres shall be assessed ~~\$30.00~~ \$35.00 plus ~~\$2.00~~ \$3.00 per acre over five acres.

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* * * Seeds Standards * * *

Sec. 8. 6 V.S.A. § 648(a) is amended to read:

(a) Inspection fees shall be paid to the ~~secretary~~ Secretary by a manufacturer or processor that distributes seed in the ~~state~~ State. Fees shall be established as follows:

(1) ~~thirty five cents per hundredweight~~ \$10.00 per ton for any seed sold in containers of more than ten pounds;

(2) a flat fee of ~~\$75.00~~ \$85.00 per company for any seed sold.

* * * Livestock Dealers * * *

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2 **Sec. 9.** 6 V.S.A. § 762(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) A person shall not carry on the business of a livestock dealer without
4 first obtaining a license from the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets.
5 Before the issuance of such license, such dealer shall file with the Secretary an
6 application for such license on forms provided by the Agency. Each
7 application shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$175.00 for persons who
8 buy and sell or auction livestock, and ~~\$75.00~~ \$100.00 for persons who only
9 transport livestock commercially.

10 * * * Public Warehouses that Store Farm Products * * *

11 **Sec. 10.** 6 V.S.A. § 893 is amended to read:

12 § 893. APPLICATION FORMS; FEE

13 The ~~secretary of agriculture, food and markets~~ Secretary of Agriculture,
14 Food and Markets shall furnish necessary application forms. The annual
15 license date shall be April 1. The annual license fee shall be ~~\$100.00~~ \$125.00.

16 * * * Insecticides, Fungicides, and Rodenticides * * *

17 **Sec. 11.** 6 V.S.A. § 918(b) is amended to read:

18 (b) The registrant shall pay an annual fee of ~~\$125.00~~ \$175.00 for each
19 product registered, and ~~\$110.00~~ \$160.00 of that amount shall be deposited in
20 the special fund created in section 929 of this title, of which \$5.00 from each
21 product registration shall be used for an educational program related to the

1 proper purchase, application, and disposal of household pesticides, and \$5.00
2 from each product registration shall be used to collect and dispose of obsolete
3 and unwanted pesticides. Of the registration fees collected under this
4 subsection, \$15.00 of the amount collected shall be deposited in the
5 Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund under section 4803 of this title. The
6 annual registration year shall be from December 1 to November 30 of the
7 following year.

8 * * * Pesticides * * *

9 **Sec. 12.** 6 V.S.A. § 1109 is amended to read:

10 § 1109. LICENSING RETAIL DEALERS

11 The ~~secretary~~ Secretary may adopt regulations requiring persons selling
12 Class C pesticides at retail to be licensed under this chapter, and may establish
13 reasonable requirements for obtaining licenses. The license fee for a retail
14 dealer shall be ~~\$20.00~~ \$25.00 for one year or any part thereof for each store or
15 place of business operated by the retail dealer. The license period shall be
16 January 1 to December 31.

17 **Sec. 13.** 6 V.S.A. § 1112 is amended to read:

18 § 1112. LICENSING PESTICIDE APPLICATORS; PESTICIDE
19 COMPANIES; DEALERS

20 (a) The ~~secretary~~ Secretary may adopt regulations requiring persons selling
21 Class A and B pesticides to be licensed under this chapter. In addition, the

1 ~~secretary~~ Secretary may adopt regulations requiring companies which hire
2 applicators or conduct pesticide applications to be licensed, and applicators
3 who use pesticides to be certified under this chapter. The ~~secretary~~ Secretary
4 may establish reasonable requirements for obtaining licenses and certificates.
5 The fees for dealers, licensed companies, and applicator certificates under this
6 chapter shall be as follows:

7 (1) Class A Dealer License—~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00;

8 (2) Class B Dealer License—~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00;

9 (3) Pesticide Company License—~~\$60.00~~ \$75.00;

10 (4) Commercial and Noncommercial Applicator Certification fee—~~\$25.00~~
11 \$30.00 per category or subcategory with a maximum of \$100.00;

12 (5) Second and third time examination fee for dealer licenses and
13 applicator certification—\$25.00.

14 (6) Private Applicator—\$25.00

15 (b) All license and certification fees shall be for one year or any part
16 thereof for each dealer, licensed pesticide applicator company or certified
17 commercial and noncommercial applicator. The license and certification
18 period shall be January 1 to December 31. ~~The secretary shall exempt federal~~
19 ~~and state agencies and municipalities and public education institutions from~~
20 ~~certification and licensing fees.~~

1	Over 500 but less than 1,000 pounds	\$100.00
2	<u>Over 500 but less than 10,000 pounds</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
3	1,000 to 10,000 pounds per day	\$175.00
4	<u>10,000 to 50,000 pounds</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
5	Over 10,000 to 25,000 pounds per day	\$275.00
6	<u>Over 50,000 but less than 100,000 pounds</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>
7	Over 25,000 pounds	\$350.00
8	<u>100,000 to 500,000 pounds</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
9	<u>Over 500,000 pounds</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
10	Processor fee per pasteurizer	\$50.00 <u>\$75.00</u>

11 (c) ~~[Deleted.]~~ [Repealed.]

12 **Sec. 15.** 6 V.S.A § 2722 is amended to read:

13 § 2722. APPLICATION

14 Applications shall be completely filled out and sworn to by the applicant or
15 a partner or officer thereof and in case of renewal shall be filed

16 with the Secretary on or before July 15 of each year. New handlers may
17 apply for a license at any time. Renewal applications not received on or before
18 August 1 shall be assessed a late fee of ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00. The application for a
19 handler's license shall provide the following information and such other
20 information as the Secretary by regulation shall reasonably require:

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1 **Sec. 16.** 6 V.S.A. § 2724(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) Any commercial enterprise that sells, installs, or repairs milking, milk
3 cooling and storage, or dairy processing equipment shall register with the
4 Secretary. The company shall apply for registration on a form made available
5 by the Agency. The registration shall be valid for three years. Before
6 registering a company, the Secretary shall determine that the company is
7 qualified to sell, perform the installation, or repair milking and dairy
8 processing equipment. The registration form shall be accompanied by a fee of
9 ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00. The Secretary may suspend or revoke registration for cause
10 after giving the installer the opportunity to be heard. Registration shall
11 terminate on December 31 of each year. Electricians or plumbers licensed
12 pursuant to Title 26 doing only electrical or plumbing work within a farm or
13 plant shall be exempt from this registration provided any work directly related
14 to the processing of dairy products or milking of animals is performed under
15 the supervision of a person that is registered. Any company that fails to renew
16 on or before December 31 shall pay a \$25.00 late fee, and the registration shall
17 lapse if it is more than 30 days late.

* * * Frozen Desserts * * *

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2 **Sec. 17.** 6 V.S.A. § 2855 is amended to read:

3 § 2855. LICENSES

4 No person shall manufacture for sale frozen desserts unless that person first
5 secures a license from the ~~secretary of agriculture, food and markets~~ Secretary
6 of Agriculture, Food and Markets. Applications shall be made on forms
7 furnished by the ~~secretary~~ Secretary and be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$70.00~~
8 \$75.00. All licenses shall terminate December 31st of each year. Frozen
9 dessert licenses may be revoked or suspended for cause following due notice
10 and hearing.

11 * * * Dairy Promotion Council * * *

12 **Sec. 18.** 6 V.S.A. § 2981 is amended to read:

13 § 2981. RATE AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENT

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15 (b) ~~Each handler shall pay the council each month two cents per~~
16 ~~hundredweight on all fluid milk sold for consumption within the state of~~
17 ~~Vermont. Each handler shall file a report and pay the handler's hundredweight~~
18 ~~fee to the council on forms provided for that purpose, except that handlers who~~
19 ~~sell less than 100 quarts of fluid milk per day may file reports and pay the~~
20 ~~prescribed hundredweight fees at the end of each three-month period. In case~~
21 ~~the same fluid milk is handled by more than one handler, the first handler~~

1 ~~within the state dealing in or handling the fluid milk shall be the handler within~~
2 ~~the meaning of this chapter. [Repealed.]~~

3 * * * Livestock and Poultry Products * * *

4 **Sec. 19.** 6 V.S.A. § 3306(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) The annual fee for a license for a retail vendor is ~~\$15.00~~ \$25.00 for
6 vendors without meat cutting operations, ~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00 for vendors with meat
7 cutting space of less than 300 square feet or meat display space of less than
8 20 linear feet, and ~~\$60.00~~ \$100.00 for vendors with 300 or more square feet of
9 meat cutting space and 20 or more linear feet of meat display space. Fees
10 collected under this section shall be deposited in a special fund managed
11 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the
12 Agency to offset the cost of administering chapter 204 of this title. For all
13 other plants, establishments, and related businesses listed under subsection (a)
14 of this section, except for a public warehouse licensed under chapter 67 of this
15 title, the annual license fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$150.00.

16 * * * Nursery Inspection * * *

17 **Sec. 20.** 6 V.S.A. § 4024 is amended to read:

18 § 4024. NURSERY LICENSE

19 (a) No person shall operate as a nursery grower or nursery dealer in the
20 ~~state~~ State without first obtaining a nursery license from the ~~secretary~~
21 Secretary. A nursery grower or nursery dealer shall apply annually for a

1 nursery license on a form provided by the ~~secretary~~ Secretary. The ~~secretary~~
2 Secretary shall establish by rule the conditions for the issuance, suspension, or
3 revocation of a nursery license, and may place any restrictions or requirements
4 upon the license which he or she deems necessary.

5 (b) A nursery dealer licensed under this section ~~4024 of this title~~ shall pay
6 the following fee for a license:

7 (1) ~~\$50.00~~ \$60.00, if the nursery owns or controls:

8 (A) a nursery of one-half acre or more;

9 (B) greenhouse space of 25,000 square feet or more; or

10 (C) retail space of 25,000 square feet or more.

11 (2) ~~\$20.00~~ \$30.00 for all other nursery dealers.

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13 **Sec. 21.** 6 V.S.A. § 4031(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) The Secretary may collect a fee of ~~\$60.00~~ \$75.00 for a three-year
15 permit to engage in commerce with plants described in subsection (a) of this
16 section. The fee shall be credited to a special fund established and managed
17 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the
18 Agency to offset the costs of implementing this section.

1 * * * Small Farm Certification * * *

2 **Sec. 22.** 6 V.S.A § 4871(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) Small farm definition. As used in this section, “small farm” means a
4 parcel or parcels of land:

5 (1) on which 10 or more acres are used for farming;

6 (2) that house no more than the number of animals specified under
7 section 4857 of this title; and

8 (3)(A) that house at least the number of mature animals that the
9 Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets designates by rule under the
10 Required Agricultural Practices; or

11 (B) that are used for the preparation, tilling, fertilization, planting,
12 protection, irrigation, and harvesting of crops for sale.

13 (4) All farms that meet the definition and are designated under the
14 Required Agricultural Practices shall pay a certification fee yearly of \$250.00.

15 * * * Certification of Custom Applicators of Manure or Nutrients * * *

16 **Sec. 23.** 6 V.S.A. § 4987 is amended to read:

17 § 4987. DEFINITIONS

18 As used in this subchapter, “custom applicator” means a person who is
19 engaged in the business of applying manure or nutrients to land and who
20 charges or collects other consideration for the service. Custom applicator shall
21 include full-time employees of a person engaged in the business of applying

1 manure or nutrients to land, when the employees apply manure or nutrients to
2 land. A certification fee of \$30.00 will be charged yearly to all persons
3 meeting this definition.

4 * * * Weights and Measures * * *

5 **Sec. 24.** 9 V.S.A. § 2643 is amended to read:

6 § 2643. LICENSES; INSPECTIONS; PENALTIES

7 (a) No person shall operate a retail point-of-sale laser scanning check-out
8 system ~~with more than three point-of-sale scanning points~~ without first
9 obtaining a license from the Secretary.

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11 (2) The annual license fee shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$25.00 per individual
12 point-of-sale scanning point within a store. ~~All single retail units that have~~
13 ~~three or fewer scanning points shall be exempt from this fee.~~

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15 **Sec. 25.** 9 V.S.A. Sec. 2721 is amended to read:

16 § 2721. LICENSED PUBLIC WEIGHMASTER-LICENSE

17 Any person, who is 18 years of age or older, wishing to be a licensed public
18 weighmaster shall apply to the Secretary upon forms provided by the Agency,
19 and remit a fee of ~~\$15.00~~ \$25.00. Upon approval, the Secretary shall issue to
20 the applicant a license certificate which shall expire on June 30 unless sooner

1 suspended or revoked under section 2723 of this title. Renewal applications
2 shall be in such form as the Secretary shall prescribe.

3 **Sec. 26** 9 V.S.A. § 2725(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Any person wishing to be registered as a dealer or service person shall
5 apply to the Secretary upon forms provided by the Agency and each
6 application shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$50.00~~ \$60.00. Upon approval,
7 the Secretary shall issue to the applicant a registration certificate which shall
8 expire on June 30 unless sooner suspended or revoked under section 2726 of
9 this title. Any service person who applies for a registration certificate must
10 have obtained a hand seal which has a number registered with the Secretary.
11 Any service person who has been granted a registration certificate shall, with
12 the hand seal, seal all meters with a lead and wire seal at the time as he or she
13 installs, repairs, or adjusts the meters.

14 **Sec. 27.** 9 V.S.A. § 2730(f)(1) is amended to read:

15 (f)(1) The Secretary shall charge, per unit, the following annual license
16 fees:

17 (A) Retail motor fuel dispenser meter: ~~\$15.00~~ \$25.00.

18 (B) Vehicle tank meter: ~~\$100.00~~ \$125.00.

19 (C) Scales: ~~\$10.00~~ \$25.00.

20 (D) Vehicle and heavy duty scales: ~~\$150.00~~ \$175.00.

21 (E) ~~Taxi meter: \$10.00.~~ [Repealed.]

- 1 (F) Meter: ~~\$15.00~~ \$25.00.
- 2 (G) ~~Bulk plant meter: \$100.00. [Repealed.]~~
- 3 (H) Truck mounted propane meter: ~~\$150.00~~ \$175.00.
- 4 (I) Hopper scales: ~~\$100.00~~ \$125.00.
- 5 (J) Propane fill station: ~~\$50.00~~ \$60.00.
- 6 (K) Medium duty scales:
- 7 portable platform scales: ~~\$30.00~~ \$35.00.
- 8 all others: ~~\$30.00~~ \$35.00.

9 * * * Welfare of Animals * * *

10 **Sec. 28.** 20 V.S.A § 3903 is amended to read:

11 § 3903. REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL SHELTERS AND RESCUE
12 ORGANIZATIONS

13 (a) ~~No person may operate an animal shelter or rescue organization unless a~~
14 ~~certificate of registration for the animal shelter or rescue organization has been~~
15 ~~granted by the Secretary. Application for the certificate shall be made in the~~
16 ~~manner provided by the Secretary. No fee shall be required for the certificate.~~
17 ~~Certificates of registration shall be valid for a period of one year or until~~
18 ~~revoked and may be renewed for like periods upon application in the manner~~
19 ~~provided. [Repealed.]~~

20 (b) An animal shelter or rescue organization ~~registered~~ under this chapter
21 shall not accept an animal unless the person transferring the animal to the

1 shelter provides the following information: the name and address of the person
2 transferring the animal and, if known, the name of the animal, its vaccination
3 history, and other information concerning the background, temperament, and
4 health of the animal.

5 (c) A rescue organization ~~registered~~ under this chapter shall be recognized
6 and approved as a nonprofit organization under ~~Section 501(c)(3) of the~~
7 ~~Internal Revenue Code~~ 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

8 **Sec. 29.** 20 V.S.A. § 3906 is amended to read:

9 § 3906. LICENSING OF PET SHOPS

10 (a) No person may transact business as a pet shop, as defined in this
11 chapter, unless a license for that purpose has been granted by the Secretary to
12 that person. Application for the license shall be made in the manner provided
13 by the Secretary. The license period shall be April 1 to March 31 and the
14 license fee shall be ~~\$150.00~~ \$175.00 for each license period or part thereof.

15 * * * Financial Regulations * * *

16 * * * License requirements * * *

17 **Sec. 30.** 8 V.S.A. § 4791 is amended to read:

18 § 4791. DEFINITIONS

19 As used in this chapter:

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1 (8) “Business entity” means a corporation, association, partnership,
2 limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other legal entity.

3 (9) “Business entity limited lines producer” means a business entity, as
4 defined in subdivision (8) of this section, that is also a limited lines producer,
5 as defined in subdivision (7) of this section.

6 **Sec. 31.** 8 V.S.A. § 4800 is amended to read:

7 § 4800. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

8 The Commissioner shall not issue, continue, or permit to continue any
9 license of an insurance producer, surplus lines insurance broker, managing
10 general agent, reinsurance intermediary, insurance consultant, limited lines
11 producer, business entity limited lines producer, insurance adjuster, public
12 adjuster, and appraiser except in compliance with the following:

13 (1) Application shall be made to the Commissioner by the applicant on a
14 form prescribed by the Commissioner.

15 (2)(A) All license applications shall be accompanied by a \$30.00 fee
16 plus the applicable fees as follows:

17 (i) Initial licensing and biennial renewal licensing fee for
18 insurance producers and limited lines producers, \$30.00.

19 (ii) Initial licensing and biennial renewal licensing fee for a
20 business entity limited lines producer, \$150.00.

1 (iii) Except as provided in subdivisions (I) and (II) of this
2 subdivision, initial and biennial producer appointment fees for each
3 qualification set forth in section 4813g of subchapter 1A of this chapter for
4 resident and nonresident producers acting as agents of foreign insurers, \$60.00:

5 (I) the Commissioner may charge one fee for a qualification in
6 “property and casualty” insurance; and

7 (II) the Commissioner may charge one fee for a qualification in
8 “life and accident and health or sickness” insurance.

9 ~~(iii)~~(iv) Initial 24-month appointment and biennial renewal
10 appointment fee for limited lines producers, \$60.00.

11 ~~(iv)~~(v) Initial 24-month license and biennial renewal fee for
12 resident and nonresident adjusters, and appraisers licenses, \$60.00, and public
13 adjusters, \$200.00.

14 ~~(v)~~(vi) The initial 24-month license fee and biennial renewal fee
15 for surplus lines brokers, \$400.00.

16 ~~(vi)~~(vii) The initial 24-month license fee and biennial renewal fee
17 for consultants, \$200.00.

18 ~~(vii)~~(viii) The initial 24-month license fee and biennial renewal
19 fee for reinsurance intermediaries, \$200.00.

20 ~~(viii)~~(ix) The initial 24-month license fee and biennial renewal fee
21 for managing general agents, \$300.00.

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Sec. 32. 8 V.S.A. § 4813a is amended to read:

§ 4813a. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

(1) “Business entity” ~~means a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other legal entity~~
shall have the same meaning as in subdivision 4791(8) of this title.

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Sec. 33. 9 V.S.A. § 5302 is amended to read:

§ 5302. NOTICE FILING

(a) With respect to a federal covered security, as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 77r(b)(2), that is not otherwise exempt under sections 5201 through 5203 of this title, a rule adopted or an order issued under this chapter may require the filing of any or all of the following records:

(1) before the initial offer of a federal covered security in this State, all records that are part of a federal registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under 15 U.S.C. § 77a et seq. and a consent to service of process complying with section 5611 of this chapter signed by the issuer and the payment of a registration fee as set forth in subsection (e) or (f) of this section;

1 (2) after the initial offer of the federal covered security in this State, all
2 records that are part of an amendment to a federal registration statement filed
3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission under 15 U.S.C. § 77a et
4 seq.; and

5 (3) to the extent necessary or appropriate to compute fees, a report of the
6 value of the federal covered securities sold or offered to persons present in this
7 State in such form and at such time as the Commissioner may prescribe if the
8 State-specific sales data are not included and available in records filed with the
9 Securities and Exchange Commission.

10 (b) A notice filing under subsection (a) of this section is effective for one
11 year from the date the notice filing is accepted as complete by the Office of the
12 Commissioner. On or before expiration, the issuer may renew a notice filing
13 by filing a copy of those records filed by the issuer with the Securities and
14 Exchange Commission that are required by rule or order under this chapter to
15 be filed and by paying an annual renewal fee as set forth in subsection (e) or (f)
16 of this section. A previously filed consent to service of process complying
17 with section 5611 of this title may be incorporated by reference in a renewal.
18 A renewed notice filing becomes effective upon the expiration of the filing
19 being renewed.

20 (c) With respect to a security that is a federal covered security under
21 15 U.S.C. § 77r(b)(4)~~(D)~~(E), a rule under this chapter may require a notice

1 filing by or on behalf of an issuer to include a copy of Form D, including the
2 Appendix, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and a
3 consent to service of process complying with section 5611 of this chapter
4 signed by the issuer not later than 15 days after the first sale of the federal
5 covered security in this State and the payment of a fee as set forth in subsection
6 (e) of this section. The notice filing shall be effective for one year from the
7 date the notice filing is accepted as complete by the Office of the
8 Commissioner. On or before expiration, the issuer may annually renew a
9 notice filing by filing a copy of those records filed by the issuer with the
10 Securities and Exchange Commission that are required by rule or order under
11 this chapter to be filed and by paying an annual renewal fee as set forth in
12 subsection (e) of this section.

13 (d) Subject to the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 77r(c)(2) and any rules adopted
14 thereunder, with respect to any security that is a federal covered security under
15 15 U.S.C. § 77r(b)(3) or (4)(A)-(C) and that is not otherwise exempt under
16 sections 5201 through 5203 of this title, a rule adopted or order issued under
17 this chapter may require any or all of the following with respect to such federal
18 covered securities, at such time as the Commissioner may deem appropriate:

19 (1) The filing of documents as deemed appropriate by the
20 Commissioner.

1 (2) The filing of a consent to service of process complying with section
2 5611 of this chapter.

3 (3) The payment of fees as set forth in subsection (e) of this section,
4 including fees for renewal of a notice filing, as appropriate. The notice filing
5 shall be effective for one year from the date the notice filing is accepted as
6 complete by the office of the Commissioner.

7 (e) At the time of the filing of the information prescribed in subsections (a),
8 (b), (c), or (d) of this section, except investment companies subject to
9 15 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq., the issuer shall pay to the Commissioner a fee of
10 \$600.00. If the notice filing is withdrawn or otherwise terminated, the
11 Commissioner shall retain the fee paid. ~~Open end investment companies~~
12 ~~subject to 15 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq. shall pay an initial notice filing fee and~~
13 ~~annual renewal fee for each portfolio or class of investment company securities~~
14 ~~for which a notice filing is submitted.~~

15 (f) Investment companies subject to 15 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq. shall pay to
16 the Commissioner an initial notice filing fee and annual renewal fee of
17 \$1,200.00 for each portfolio or class of investment company securities for
18 which a notice filing is submitted.

19 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the notice filing or
20 payment of notice filing fees with respect to variable annuities or variable life
21 insurance products.

1 ~~(g)~~(h) Except with respect to a federal covered security under 15 U.S.C.
2 § 77r(b)(1), if the Commissioner finds that there is a failure to comply with a
3 notice or fee requirement of this section, the Commissioner may issue a stop
4 order suspending the offer and sale of a federal covered security in this State.
5 If the deficiency is corrected, the stop order is void as of the time of its
6 issuance and no penalty may be imposed by the Commissioner.

7 * * * VT Center for Crime Victims * * *

8 * * * Marriage License Fee * * *

9 **Sec. 34.** 32 V.S.A. §1712 is amended to read:

10 § 1712. TOWN CLERKS

11 Town clerks shall receive the following fees in the matter of vital
12 registration:

13 (1) For issuing and recording a civil marriage or civil union license,
14 ~~\$45.00~~ \$60.00 to be paid by the applicant, \$10.00 of which sum shall be
15 retained by the town clerk as a fee, ~~\$20.00~~ \$35.00 of which shall be deposited
16 in the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund created by 13 V.S.A.
17 § 5360, and \$15.00 of which sum shall be paid by the town clerk to the State
18 Treasurer in a return filed quarterly upon forms furnished by the State
19 Treasurer and specifying all fees received by him or her during the quarter.
20 Such quarterly period shall be as of the first day of January, April, July, and
21 October.

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* * * Public Safety * * *

* * * Emergency Management * * *

Sec. 35. 20 V.S.A. § 39(a) is amended to read:

(a) Every person required to report the use or storage of hazardous chemicals or substances pursuant to EPCRA shall pay the following annual fees for each hazardous chemical or substance, as defined by the ~~state~~ emergency response commission State Emergency Response Commission, that is present at the facility:

(1) ~~\$35.00~~ \$40.00 for quantities between 100 and 999 pounds.

(2) ~~\$55.00~~ \$60.00 for quantities between 1,000 and 9,999 pounds.

(3) ~~\$90.00~~ \$100.00 for quantities between 10,000 and 99,999 pounds.

(4) ~~\$265.00~~ \$290.00 for quantities between 100,000 and 999,999 pounds.

(5) ~~\$800.00~~ \$880.00 for quantities exceeding 999,999 pounds.

(6) An additional fee of ~~\$175.00~~ \$250.00 will be assessed for each extremely hazardous chemical or substance as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 11002.

* * * Fire Prevention/Building Inspection * * *

Sec. 36. 20 V.S.A. § 2731(c) is amended to read:

(c) The following fire prevention and building code fees are established:

1 (1) The permit application fee for a construction plan approval shall be
2 based on ~~\$5.50~~ \$8.00 per each \$1,000.00 of the total valuation of the
3 construction work proposed to be done for all buildings, but in no event shall
4 the permit application fee exceed \$185,000.00 nor be less than \$50.00.

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6 * * * Corporation Taxes * * *

7 * * * Vermont Fire Service Training Council * * *

8 Sec. 37. 32 V.S.A § 8557 is amended to read:

9 § 8557. VERMONT FIRE SERVICE TRAINING COUNCIL

10 (a) Sums for the expenses of the operation of training facilities and
11 curriculum of the Vermont Fire Service Training Council not to exceed
12 ~~\$950,000.00~~ \$1,200,000.00 per year shall be paid to the Fire Safety Special
13 Fund created by 20 V.S.A. § 3157 by insurance companies, including surplus
14 lines companies, writing fire, homeowners multiple peril, allied lines, farm
15 owners multiple peril, commercial multiple peril (fire and allied lines), private
16 passenger and commercial auto, and inland marine policies on property and
17 persons situated within the State of Vermont within 30 days after notice from
18 the Commissioner of Financial Regulation of such estimated expenses.
19 Captive companies shall be excluded from the effect of this section. The
20 Commissioner shall annually, on or before July 1, apportion such charges
21 among all such companies and shall assess them for the same on a fair and

1 reasonable basis as a percentage of their gross direct written premiums on such
2 insurance written during the second prior calendar year on property situated in
3 the State. An amount not less than \$100,000.00 shall be specifically allocated
4 to the provision of what are now or formerly referred to as Level I, units I, II,
5 and III (basic) courses for entry level firefighters. An amount not less than
6 \$150,000.00 shall be specifically allocated to the Emergency Medical Services
7 Special Fund established under 18 V.S.A. § 908 for the provision of training
8 programs for emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical
9 technicians, and paramedics. The Department of Health shall present a plan to
10 the Joint Fiscal Committee which shall review the plan prior to release of any
11 funds.

12 (b) [Repealed.]

13 * * * Liquor Control * * *

14 * * * Licensing * * *

15 **Sec. 38.** 7 V.S.A. § 231 is amended to read:

16 § 231. FEES FOR LICENSES AND PERMITS; DISPOSITION OF FEES

17 (a) The following fees shall be paid:

18 (1) For a manufacturer's or rectifier's license to manufacture or rectify
19 malt beverages and vinous beverages or to manufacture or rectify spirits and
20 fortified wines, ~~\$285.00~~ \$310.00 for either license.

21 (2) For a bottler's license, ~~\$1,705.00~~ \$1,865.00.

- 1 (3) For a wholesale dealer’s license, ~~\$1,140.00~~ \$1,245.00 for each
2 location.
- 3 (4) For a first-class license, ~~\$230.00~~ \$250.00.
- 4 (5) For a second-class license, ~~\$140.00~~ \$155.00.
- 5 (6) For a third-class license, ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$1,095.00 for an annual license
6 and ~~\$500.00~~ \$550.00 for a six-month license.
- 7 (7) For a shipping license for vinous beverages:
- 8 (A) In-state consumer shipping license, initial and renewal, ~~\$300.00~~
9 \$330.00.
- 10 (B) Out-of-state consumer shipping license, initial and renewal,
11 ~~\$300.00~~ \$330.00.
- 12 (C) Retail shipping license, ~~\$230.00~~ \$250.00.
- 13 (8)(A) For a caterer’s license, ~~\$230.00~~ \$250.00.
- 14 (B) For a commercial catering license, ~~\$200.00~~ \$220.00.
- 15 (C) For a request to cater permit, \$20.00.
- 16 (9) [Repealed.]
- 17 (10) [Repealed.]
- 18 (11) For up to ten fourth-class vinous licenses, ~~\$65.00~~ \$70.00.
- 19 (12) For an industrial alcohol distributors license, ~~\$200.00~~ \$220.00.
- 20 (13) For a special events permit, ~~\$35.00~~ \$40.00.
- 21 (14) For a festival permit, ~~\$115.00~~ \$125.00.

- 1 (15) For a wine tasting permit, \$25.00.
- 2 (16) For an educational sampling event permit, ~~\$230.00~~ \$250.00.
- 3 (17) For an outside consumption permit, \$20.00.
- 4 (18) For a certificate of approval:
- 5 (A) For malt beverages, ~~\$2,275.00~~ \$2,485.00.
- 6 (B) For vinous beverages, ~~\$900.00~~ \$985.00.
- 7 (19) For a solicitor’s license, ~~\$65.00~~ \$70.00.
- 8 (20) For a vinous beverages storage license, ~~\$215.00~~ \$235.00.
- 9 (21) For a promotional tasting permit for a railroad, \$20.00.
- 10 (22) For an art gallery or bookstore permit, \$20.00.
- 11 (23) For a fortified wine permit, \$100.00.
- 12 (24) For a public library or museum permit, \$20.00.

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14 * * * Liquor License * * *

15 **Sec. 39.** 7 V.S.A. § 239 is amended to read:

16 § 239. LICENSEE EDUCATION

17 (a) A new first-class, second-class, third-class, ~~fourth-class, or farmers’~~
18 fourth-class/farmers’ market license, or manufacturer’s license shall not be
19 granted until the applicant has ~~met with a liquor control investigator or training~~
20 specialist attended a Department of Liquor Control in-person seminar or
21 completed the appropriate Department of Liquor Control online training

1 program for the purpose of being informed of the Vermont liquor laws, rules,
2 and regulations pertaining to the purchase, storage, and sale of alcohol
3 beverages. A corporation, partnership, or association shall designate a
4 director, partner, or manager who shall comply with the terms of this
5 subsection.

6 (b) Every first-class, second-class, third-class, ~~fourth-class, or farmers'~~ or
7 fourth-class/farmers' market licensee and every holder of a manufacturer's
8 license shall complete the Department of Liquor Control in-person licensee
9 training seminar or the appropriate Department of Liquor Control online
10 training program at least once every two years. A corporation, partnership, or
11 association shall designate a director, partner, or manager who shall comply
12 with the terms of this subsection. A first-class, second-class, third-class,
13 ~~fourth-class, or farmers'~~ fourth-class/farmers' market license or manufacturer's
14 license shall not be renewed unless the records of the Department of Liquor
15 Control show that the licensee has complied with the terms of this subsection.

16 (c) Each licensee shall ensure that every employee who is involved in the
17 sale or serving of alcohol beverages completes a training program approved by
18 the Department of Liquor Control before the employee begins serving or
19 selling alcoholic beverages and at least once every 24 months thereafter. Each
20 licensee shall maintain written documentation, signed by each employee
21 trained, of each training program conducted. A licensee may comply with this

1 requirement by ~~conducting its own training program on its premises, using~~
2 information ~~and materials furnished or~~ approved by the Department of Liquor
3 Control. A licensee who fails to comply with the requirements of this
4 subsection shall be subject to a suspension of no less than one day of the
5 license issued under this title.

6 (d) The following fees for Department of Liquor Control in-person or
7 online seminars will be paid:

8 (1) For a first-class or first- and third-class licensee seminar either in
9 person or online, \$25.00 per person.

10 (2) For a second-class licensee seminar either in person or online,
11 \$25.00 per person.

12 (3) For a combination first-class, first- and third-class, and second-class
13 licensee seminar either in person or online, \$25.00 per person.

14 (4) For a manufacturer's or fourth-class/farmers' market licensee
15 seminar either in person or online, \$10.00 per person.

16 (5) For common carrier seminars either in person or online, \$10.00 per
17 person.

18 (6) For all special event, festival, educational sampling, art gallery,
19 bookstore, museum and library permit holders for either in-person or online
20 seminar, \$10.00 per person.

1 (e) Fees for all seminars listed in this section and under other sections of
2 this title with regards to in-person or online training shall be deposited directly
3 in the Liquor Control Enterprise Fund.

4 **Sec 40.** 7 V.S.A. § 1002 is amended to read:

5 § 1002. LICENSE REQUIRED; APPLICATION; FEE; ISSUANCE

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7 (d) A person applying simultaneously for a tobacco license and a liquor
8 license shall apply to the legislative body of the municipality and shall pay to
9 the Department only the fee required to obtain the liquor license. A person
10 applying for a tobacco license shall submit a fee of ~~\$100.00~~ \$110.00 to the
11 legislative body of the municipality for each tobacco license or renewal. The
12 municipal clerk shall forward the application to the Department, and the
13 Department shall issue the tobacco license. The tobacco license fee shall be
14 forwarded to the Commissioner for deposit in the Liquor Control Enterprise
15 Fund.

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17 **Sec. 41.** 7 V.S.A. § 1002a is amended to read:

18 § 1002a. LICENSEE EDUCATION

19 (a) An applicant for a tobacco license that does not hold a liquor license
20 issued under this title shall be granted a tobacco license pursuant to section
21 1002 of this title only after the applicant has ~~met with a liquor control~~

1 ~~investigator~~ attended a Department of Liquor Control in-person seminar or
2 completed the appropriate Department of Liquor Control online training
3 program for the purpose of being informed about the Vermont tobacco laws
4 pertaining to the purchase, storage, and sale of tobacco products. A
5 corporation, partnership or association shall designate a director, partner, or
6 manager to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

7 (b) The holder of a tobacco license that does not also hold a liquor license
8 issued pursuant to this title for the same premises shall:

9 (1) Complete the ~~department's~~ Department's in-person or online
10 enforcement seminar at least once every ~~three~~ two years. A corporation,
11 partnership, or association shall designate a director, partner, or manager to
12 comply with this subdivision.

13 (2) Ensure that every employee involved in the sale of tobacco products
14 completes a Department of Liquor Control in-person or online training
15 program or other training programs approved by the ~~department of liquor~~
16 ~~control~~ Department before the employee begins selling or providing tobacco
17 products, and at least once every 24 months thereafter. ~~A licensee may comply~~
18 ~~with this subdivision by conducting its own training program on its premises~~
19 ~~using information and materials furnished by the department of liquor control.~~

20 A licensee who fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection shall
21 be subject to suspension of the tobacco license for no less than one day.

1 (3) Fees for Department of Liquor Control in-person and online
2 seminars for tobacco only will be \$10.00 per person.

3 * * * Alcoholic Beverages * * *

4 * * * Prohibited Acts * * *

5 **Sec. 42.** 7 V.S.A. § 66(f) is amended to read:

6 (f) A common carrier shall not deliver vinous beverages or malt beverages
7 until it has complied with the training provisions in subsections 239(a) and (b)
8 and subdivision 239(d)(5) of this title and been certified by the Department of
9 Liquor Control. No employee of a certified common carrier may deliver
10 vinous beverages or malt beverages until that employee completes the training
11 provisions in subsection 239(c) of this title. A common carrier shall deliver
12 only vinous beverages or malt beverages that have been shipped by the holder
13 of a license issued under this section or a vinous beverage storage license
14 issued under section 68 of this title.

15 * * * General Provisions * * *

16 **Sec. 43.** 7 V.S.A. § 2(29) is amended to read:

17 (29) “Festival permit”: a permit granted by the Liquor Control Board
18 permitting a person to conduct an event at which malt or vinous beverages, or
19 both, are sold by the glass to the public, provided the event is approved by the
20 local licensing authority. A festival permit holder may purchase invoiced
21 volumes of malt or vinous beverages directly from a manufacturer or bottler,

1 provided the manufacturer or bottler either holds a federal Basic Permit or a
2 Brewers Notice or evidence of licensure in a foreign country, satisfactory to
3 the Board, whichever applies. The invoiced volumes of malt or vinous
4 beverages may be transported to the site and sold by the glass to the public by
5 the permit holder or its employees and volunteers only during the event. A
6 festival permit holder shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter,
7 including section ~~240~~ 239 of this title, and the rules of the Board regarding the
8 sale of the alcoholic beverages and shall pay the tax on the malt or vinous
9 beverages as required by section 421 of this title. A person shall not be
10 granted a festival permit more than four times in one year, and each permit
11 shall be valid for no more than four consecutive days. A request for a festival
12 permit shall be submitted to the Department in a form required by the
13 Department at least 15 days prior to the festival and shall be accompanied by a
14 permit fee as required by subdivision 231(14) of this title to be paid to the
15 Department.

16 * * * Fish and Wildlife * * *

17 **Sec. 44.** 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

18 § 4255. LICENSE FEES

19 (a) Vermont residents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the
20 Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

21 (1) Fishing license \$26.00

1	(2) Hunting license	\$26.00
2	(3) Combination hunting and fishing license	\$41.00 <u>\$42.00</u>
3	(4) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
4	(A) archery license	\$23.00
5	(B) muzzle loader license	\$23.00
6	(C) turkey license	\$23.00
7	(D) second muzzle loader license	\$17.00
8	<u>[Repealed.]</u>	
9	(E) second archery license	\$17.00
10	<u>[Repealed.]</u>	
11	(F) moose license	\$100.00
12	(G) season bear tag	\$5.00
13	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$23.00
14	(5) Trapping license	\$23.00
15	(6) Hunting license for persons 17 years of age or under	\$8.00
16	(7) Trapping license for persons 17 years of age or under	\$10.00
17	(8) Fishing license for persons 15 through 17 years of age	\$8.00
18	(9) Super sport license	\$150.00
19	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$11.00
20	(11) Combination hunting and fishing license for persons	
21	17 years of age or under	\$12.00

1	(12) Mentored hunting license	\$10.00
2	(b) Nonresidents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the	
3	Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:	
4	(1) Fishing license	\$51.00 <u>\$52.00</u>
5	(2) One-day fishing license	\$21.00
6	(3) [Repealed.]	
7	(4) Hunting license	\$100.00
8	(5) Combination hunting and fishing license	\$135.00 <u>\$138.00</u>
9	(6) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
10	(A) archery license	\$38.00
11	(B) muzzle loader license	\$40.00
12	(C) turkey license	\$38.00
13	(D) [Repealed.]	
14	(E) [Repealed.]	
15	(F) moose license	\$350.00
16	(G) early season bear tag	\$15.00
17	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$38.00
18	(7) Small game licenses	
19	(A) all season	\$50.00
20	(B) [Repealed.]	
21	(8) Trapping license	\$305.00

1	(9) Hunting licenses for persons 17 years of age or under	\$25.00
2	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$23.00
3	(11) Seven-day fishing license	\$31.00
4	(12) Archery-only license (does not require hunting license)	\$75.00
5	(13) Fishing license for persons aged 15 through 17 <u>years</u>	
6	<u>of age</u>	\$15.00
7	(14) Super sport license	\$250.00
8	(15) Combination hunting and fishing license for persons	
9	aged 17 <u>years of age</u> or under	\$30.00
10	(16) Mentored hunting license	\$10.00

11 (c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the
12 Department by a person qualifying as follows:

13 (1) ~~For \$50.00, a~~ A Vermont resident ~~65~~ 70 years of age or older may
14 ~~purchase~~ receive one or all of the following licenses at no cost:

15 (A) a permanent fishing license;

16 (B) if the person qualifies for a hunting license, a combination fishing
17 and hunting license, which shall include all big game licenses, except for a
18 moose license;

19 (C) if the person qualifies for a trapping license, a trapping
20 license; and

21 (D) if the person qualifies for an archery license, an archery license.

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* * * Vermont Web Portal * * *

Sec. 45. WEB PORTAL FEES; CREDIT CARD PROCESSING

In accordance with the provisions of 22 V.S.A. § 953(c), the General Assembly approves the fees proposed by the Web Portal Board for payment processing by VIC, as follows:

(1) New service costs will be three percent of the total amount paid by credit card for the service, or \$1.50 for each transaction paid for by ACH (electronic checks).

(2) This fee structure is intended for the use of any state or quasi-state entity that wishes to enter into a payment processing agreement with VIC.

* * * Labor * * *

* * * Workers' Compensation Fund * * *

Sec. 46. WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATE OF CONTRIBUTION

For fiscal year 2017, after consideration of the formula in 21 V.S.A. § 711(b) and historical rate trends, the General Assembly has established that the rate of contribution for the direct calendar year premium for workers' compensation insurance shall be set at the rate of 1.45 percent established in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 191, Sec. 7, notwithstanding 21 V.S.A. § 711(a). The contribution rate for self-insured workers' compensation losses and

1 workers' compensation losses of corporations approved under 21 V.S.A.
2 chapter 9 shall remain at one percent.

3 * * * Transportation * * *

4 **Sec. 47.** 23 V.S.A. § 7(d) is amended to read:

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

7 **Sec. 48.** 23 V.S.A. § 114 is amended to read:

8 § 114. FEES

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

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| 11 | (1) Listings of 1 through 4 registrations | \$ 6.00 <u>\$8.00</u> |
| 12 | (2) Certified copy of registration application | 6.00 <u>\$8.00</u> |
| 13 | (3) Sample plates | 15.00 <u>\$18.00</u> |
| 14 | (4) Lists of registered dealers, transporters, periodic | |
| 15 | inspection stations, fuel dealers, and distributors | |
| 16 | including gallonage sold or delivered | |
| 17 | and rental vehicle companies | 6.00 per page <u>\$8.00 per page</u> |
| 18 | (5) (Repealed) | |
| 19 | (6) Periodic inspection sticker record | 6.00 <u>\$8.00</u> |
| 20 | (7) Certified copy individual accident <u>crash</u> report | 10.00 <u>\$12.00</u> |
| 21 | (8) Certified copy police accident <u>crash</u> report | 15.00 <u>\$18.00</u> |

1 **Sec. 49.** 23 V.S.A. § 115 is amended to read:

2 § 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

3 (a) Any Vermont resident may make application to the Commissioner and
4 be issued an identification card which is attested by the Commissioner as to
5 true name, correct age, residential address unless the listing of another address
6 is requested by the applicant or is otherwise authorized by law, and any other
7 identifying data as the Commissioner may require which shall include, in the
8 case of minor applicants, the written consent of the applicant’s parent,
9 guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis. Every application for an
10 identification card shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain such
11 evidence of age and identity as the Commissioner may require, consistent with
12 subsection (l) of this section. New and renewal application forms shall include
13 a space for the applicant to request that a “veteran” designation be placed on
14 his or her identification card. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2),
15 requests a veteran designation and provides a Department of Defense Form
16 214 or other proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner, and the
17 Office of Veterans Affairs confirms his or her status as an honorably
18 discharged veteran or a veteran discharged under honorable conditions, the
19 identification card shall include the term “veteran” on its face. The
20 Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 at the time
21 application for an identification card is made, except that an initial nondriver

1 identification card shall be issued at no charge to a person who surrenders his
2 or her license in connection with a suspension or revocation under subsection
3 636(b) of this title due to a physical or mental condition.

4 (b) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, on the
5 fourth birthday of the applicant following the date of original issue, and may
6 be renewed every four years upon payment of a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee. At least
7 30 days before an identification card will expire, the Commissioner shall mail
8 first class to the cardholder an application to renew the identification card.

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

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13 **Sec. 50.** 23 V.S.A. § 304(b) is amended to read:

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

1 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall issue vanity and special organization
2 number plates in the following manner:

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

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12 (B) The officer of a safety organization or service organization may
13 apply to the Commissioner to approve special plates indicating membership in
14 a qualifying organization to be issued to organization members for a ~~\$15.00~~
15 \$17.00 special fee for each set of plates in addition to the annual fee for
16 registration. The application shall include designation of an officer or member
17 to serve as the principal contact with the Department and a distinctive name or
18 emblem or both for use on the proposed special plate. The name and emblem
19 shall not be objectively obscene or confusing to the general public and shall
20 not promote, advertise, or endorse a product, brand, or service provided for
21 sale. The organization's name and emblem must not infringe on or violate a

1 trademark, trade name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or
2 property right, and the organization must have the right to use the name and
3 emblem. After consulting with the principal contact, the Commissioner shall
4 determine the design of the special plate on the basis that the primary purpose
5 of motor vehicle number plates is vehicle identification. An organization may
6 have only one design, regardless of the number of individual organizational
7 units, squads, or departments within the State that may conduct the same or
8 substantially similar activities.

9 (C) After the plate design is finalized and an officer or the principal
10 contact provides the Commissioner a written statement authorizing issuance of
11 the plates, the organization shall deposit \$2,000.00 with the Commissioner. Of
12 this deposit, \$500.00 shall be retained by the Department to recover costs of
13 developing the organization plate. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 502, the
14 Commissioner may charge the actual costs of production of the plates against
15 the fees collected and the balance shall be deposited in the Transportation
16 Fund. Upon application, special plates shall be issued to a registrant of a
17 vehicle registered at the pleasure car rate or of a truck registered for less than
18 26,001 pounds (but excluding trucks registered under the International
19 Registration Plan) who furnishes the Commissioner satisfactory proof that he
20 or she is a member of an organization that has satisfied the requirements of this
21 subdivision (b)(2). For each of the first 100 applicants to whom sets of plates

1 are issued, the ~~\$15.00~~ \$17.00 special plate fee shall not be collected and shall
2 be subtracted from the balance of the deposit. When the ~~\$1,500.00~~ \$1,700.00
3 balance of the deposit is depleted, applicants shall be required to pay the
4 ~~\$15.00~~ \$17.00 fee as provided for in subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection. No
5 organization shall charge its members any additional fee or premium charge
6 for the authorization, right, or privilege to display special number plates, but
7 any organization may recover up to ~~\$1,500.00~~ \$1,700.00 from applicants for
8 the special plates.

9 (D) When an individual's membership in a qualifying organization
10 ceases or is terminated, the individual shall surrender any special registration
11 plates issued under this subsection to the Commissioner forthwith. However, a
12 retired member of the Vermont National Guard may renew or, upon payment
13 of a \$10.00 fee, acquire, the special guard plates after notification of eligibility
14 for retired pay has been received.

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16 **Sec. 51.** 23 V.S.A. § 304b is amended to read:

17 § 304b. CONSERVATION MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES

18 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue conservation
19 registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,
20 on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, and on vehicles registered to
21 State agencies under section 376 of this title, but excluding vehicles registered

1 under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted
2 on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and
3 the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall determine the graphic design of
4 the special plates in a manner which serves to enhance the public awareness of
5 the State's interest in restoring and protecting its wildlife and major watershed
6 areas. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of Fish
7 and Wildlife may alter the graphic design of these special plates provided that
8 plates in use at the time of a design alteration shall remain valid subject to the
9 operator's payment of the annual registration fee. Applicants shall apply on
10 forms prescribed by the Commissioner and shall pay an initial fee of ~~\$23.00~~
11 \$26.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In following years, in
12 addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a conservation plate shall
13 pay a renewal fee of ~~\$23.00~~ \$26.00. The Commissioner may adopt rules under
14 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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

17 (1) ~~\$11.00~~ \$12.00 to the Transportation Fund.

18 (2) ~~\$6.00~~ \$7.00 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit into
19 the Nongame Wildlife Account created in 10 V.S.A. § 4048.

20 (3) ~~\$6.00~~ \$7.00 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit into
21 the Watershed Management Account created in 10 V.S.A. § 4050.

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

3 (1) ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit
4 into the Nongame Wildlife Account created in 10 V.S.A. § 4048.

5 (2) ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit
6 into the Watershed Management Account created in 10 V.S.A. § 4050.

7 (3) ~~\$3.00~~ \$4.00 to the Transportation Fund.

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

13 **Sec. 52.** 23 V.S.A. § 304c is amended to read:

14 § 304c. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: BUILDING
15 BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

16 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue “Building Bright
17 Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,” hereinafter referred to as “the Bright Futures
18 Fund,” registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car
19 rate, on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to
20 State agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered
21 under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted

1 on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
2 shall utilize the graphic design recommended by the Commissioner for
3 Children and Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of
4 the State’s interest in supporting children’s services. Applicants shall apply on
5 forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and shall pay an
6 initial fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In
7 following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a
8 Bright Futures Fund plate shall pay a renewal fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00. The
9 Commissioner shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the
10 provisions of this subsection.

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

13 (1) ~~\$5.00~~ \$7.00 to the Transportation Fund.

14 (2) ~~\$15.00~~ \$17.00 to the Department for Children and Families for
15 deposit in the Bright Futures Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

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

18 (1) ~~\$17.00~~ \$19.00 to the Department for Children and Families for
19 deposit in the Bright Futures Fund in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

20 (2) ~~\$3.00~~ \$5.00 to the Transportation Fund.

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

3 **Sec. 53.** 23 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:

4 § 307. CARRYING OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

5 A person shall not operate a motor vehicle nor draw a trailer or semi-trailer
6 unless the registration certificate thereof is carried in some easily accessible
7 place in such motor vehicle. In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of
8 such certificate, the owner of the vehicle described therein shall forthwith
9 notify the Commissioner and remit a fee of ~~\$15.00~~ \$16.00 whereupon the
10 Commissioner shall furnish such owner with a duplicate certificate. A
11 corrected registration certificate shall be furnished by the Commissioner upon
12 request and receipt of a fee of ~~\$15.00~~ \$16.00.

13 **Sec. 54.** 23 V.S.A. § 308 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (6) the number plates were erroneously issued;

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

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

15 (b) The Commissioner shall deny registration if the applicant fails to
16 disclose material information required, or if the applicant has made a
17 materially false statement on the application, or if the applicant's business is
18 operated, managed, or otherwise controlled or affiliated with a person who is
19 ineligible for registration, including the applicant entity, a relative, family
20 member, corporate officer, or shareholder. A person whose privilege to
21 operate has been suspended in accordance with subsection 3009(b) or 3103(b)

1 of this title or section 110 of this title where the payments were due pursuant to
2 section 3015 or 3106 of this title shall be ineligible for registration. The
3 Department shall deny registration for a vehicle that has been assigned for
4 safety to a commercial motor carrier who has been prohibited from operating
5 by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or a carrier whose business
6 is operated, managed, or otherwise controlled or affiliated with a person who is
7 ineligible for registration, including the owner, a relative, family member,
8 corporate officer, or shareholder.

9 (c) Prior to terminating the revocation of a registration or reinstating a
10 registration following suspension, the Commissioner shall require payment of
11 a fee equivalent to the fee prescribed in section 671/675 of this title, except that
12 no such fee shall be imposed if the registration was suspended or revoked
13 following its erroneous issuance by the Commissioner. This fee shall be in
14 addition to any other fee that may be required by law.

15 **Sec. 55.** 23 V.S.A. § 323 is amended to read:

16 § 323. TRANSFER FEES

17 A person who transfers the ownership of a registered motor vehicle to
18 another, upon the filing of a new application, and upon the payment of a fee of
19 ~~\$23.00~~ \$25.00 may have registered in his or her name another motor vehicle
20 for the remainder of the registration period without payment of any additional
21 registration fee, provided the proper registration fee of the motor vehicle

1 sought to be registered is the same as the registration fee of the transferred
2 motor vehicle. However, if the proper registration fee of the motor vehicle
3 sought to be registered by such person is greater than the registration fee of the
4 transferred motor vehicle, the applicant shall pay, in addition to such fee of
5 ~~\$23.00~~ \$25.00, the difference between the registration fee of the motor vehicle
6 previously registered and the proper fee for the registration of the motor
7 vehicle sought to be registered.

8 **Sec. 56.** 23 V.S.A. § 361 is amended to read:

9 § 361. PLEASURE CARS

10 The annual fee for registration of any motor vehicle of the pleasure car type,
11 and all vehicles powered by electricity, shall be ~~\$69.00~~ \$73.00, and the
12 biennial fee shall be ~~\$127.00~~ \$134.00.

13 **Sec. 57.** 23 V.S.A. § 364 is amended to read:

14 § 364. MOTORCYCLES

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

17 **Sec. 58.** 23 V.S.A. § 364a is amended to read:

18 § 364a. MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES: REGISTRATION; FINANCIAL
19 RESPONSIBILITY

20 (a) The annual fee for registration of a motor-driven cycle shall be ~~\$20.00~~
21 \$28.00.

1 (b) Motor-driven cycle operators shall be subject to the provisions of
2 section 801 of this title, which requires, in certain cases, that proof of financial
3 responsibility be filed with the Commissioner after an accident.

4 **Sec. 59.** 23 V.S.A. § 364b is amended to read:

5 § 364b. ALL-SURFACE VEHICLES; REGISTRATION

6 (a) The annual fee for registration of an all-surface vehicle (ASV) shall be
7 the sum of the fees established by sections 3305 and 3504 of this title, plus
8 ~~\$25.00~~ \$26.00.

9 (b) Evidence of the registration shall be a sticker, as determined by the
10 Commissioner, affixed to the plate issued pursuant to chapter 31 of this title.

11 **Sec. 60.** 23 V.S.A. § 367 is amended to read:

12 § 367. TRUCKS

13 (a)(1) The annual fee for registration of tractors, truck-tractors, or motor
14 trucks except truck cranes, truck shovels, road oilers, bituminous distributors,
15 and farm trucks used as hereinafter specified shall be based on the total weight
16 of the truck-tractor or motor truck including body and cab plus the heaviest
17 load to be carried. In computing the fees for registration of tractors,
18 truck-tractors, or motor trucks with trailers or semi-trailers attached, except
19 trailers or semi-trailers with a gross weight of less than 6,000 pounds, the fee
20 shall be based upon the weight of the tractor, truck-tractor or motor truck, the
21 weight of the trailer or semi-trailer, and the weight of the heaviest load to be

1 carried by the combined vehicles. In addition to the fee set out in the
2 following schedule, the fee for vehicles weighing between 10,000 and 25,999
3 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$33.55~~ \$35.50, the fee for vehicles
4 weighing between 26,000 and 39,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional
5 ~~\$67.09~~ \$70.98, the fee for vehicles weighing between 40,000 and 59,999
6 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$234.86~~ \$248.48 and the fee for
7 vehicles 60,000 pounds and over shall be an additional ~~\$369.07~~ \$390.48. The
8 fee shall be computed at the following rates per 1,000 pounds of weight
9 determined as above specified and rounded up to the nearest whole dollar, the
10 minimum fee for registering a tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck to 6,000
11 pounds shall be the same as for the pleasure car type:
12 \$14.37 \$15.20 when the weight exceeds 6,000 pounds but does not
13 exceed 8,000 pounds.
14 \$16.44 \$17.39 when the weight exceeds 8,000 pounds but does not
15 exceed 12,000 pounds.
16 \$18.12 \$19.17 when the weight exceeds 12,000 pounds but does not
17 exceed 16,000 pounds.
18 \$19.38 \$20.50 when the weight exceeds 16,000 pounds but does not
19 exceed 20,000 pounds.
20 \$20.28 \$21.46 when the weight exceeds 20,000 pounds but does not
21 exceed 30,000 pounds.

1 **Sec. 61.** 23 V.S.A. § 371 is amended to read:

2 § 371. TRAILER AND SEMI-TRAILER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sec. 62. 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. 63. 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

1 24 V.S.A. § 5088(3), and a local transit bus is a motor bus used entirely within
2 or not more than 10 miles beyond the boundaries of a city or town.

3 **Sec. 64.** 23 V.S.A. § 373 is amended to read:

4 § 373. EXHIBITION VEHICLES; YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATES

5 (a) The annual fee for the registration of a motor vehicle which is
6 maintained solely for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other
7 functions of public interest and which is not used for the transportation of
8 passengers or property on any highway, except to attend such functions, shall
9 be ~~\$15.00~~ \$21.00, in lieu of fees otherwise provided by law.

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11 **Sec. 65.** 23 V.S.A. § 376 is amended to read:

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

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

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

1 issue specially designed registration plates for county-owned sheriffs’
2 departments’ vehicles.

3 (c) The registration fee for registration of a motor truck, trailer, ambulance,
4 or other motor vehicle, owned by a volunteer fire department or other
5 volunteer fire-fighting organization or other organization conducting rescue
6 operations and used solely for fire-fighting or rescue purposes, shall be ~~\$10.00~~
7 \$12.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this chapter. A motor vehicle or
8 trailer registered under this section shall be plainly marked on both sides of the
9 body or cab to indicate its ownership.

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

13 (e) [Repealed.]

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

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17 **Sec. 66.** 23 V.S.A. § 382 is amended to read:

18 § 382. DIESEL-POWERED PLEASURE CARS

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual registration fee for a
20 pleasure car or tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck up to 6,000 pounds

1 powered by fuel as defined in section 3002 of this title shall be ~~\$26.00~~ \$38.00
2 and the biennial fee shall be ~~\$48.00~~ \$70.00.

3 **Sec. 67.** 23 V.S.A. § 453 is amended to read:

4 **§ 453. FEES AND NUMBER PLATES**

5 (a)(1) An application for registration as a dealer in new or used cars or
6 motor trucks shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$370.00~~ \$503.00 for each
7 certificate issued in such dealer's name. The Commissioner shall furnish free
8 of charge with each dealer's registration certificate three number plates
9 showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer. The Commissioner
10 may furnish additional plates according to the volume of the dealer's sales in
11 the prior year or, in the case of an initial registration, according to the dealer's
12 reasonable estimate of expected sales, as follows:

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

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

4 (b) Application by a “dealer in farm tractors or other self-propelled farm
5 implements,” which shall mean a person actively engaged in the business of
6 selling or exchanging new or used farm tractors or other self-propelled farm
7 implements, for such dealer registration shall annually be accompanied by a
8 fee of ~~\$40.00~~ \$78.00. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with each
9 such dealer registration certificate two sets of number plates showing the
10 distinguishing number assigned such dealer and in his or her discretion may
11 furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$12.00 per set; such number plates may,
12 however, only be displayed upon a farm tractor or other self-propelled farm
13 implement.

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

1 such number plates may, however, only be displayed upon motorized highway
2 building equipment or road making appliances.

3 (d) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging
4 motorcycles or motor-driven cycles, the registration fee shall be ~~\$45.00~~
5 \$62.00, which shall include three number plates. The Commissioner may, in
6 his or her discretion, furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$10.00 for
7 each set.

8 (e) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging
9 trailers, semi-trailers, or trailer coaches, the registration fee shall be ~~\$90.00~~
10 \$123.00 which shall include three number plates; such number plates may,
11 however, only be displayed upon a trailer, semi-trailer, or trailer coach. The
12 Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, furnish further plates at a fee of
13 \$10.00 for each such plate.

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15 **Sec. 68.** 23 V.S.A. § 457 is amended to read:

16 § 457. TEMPORARY PLATES

17 At the time of the issuance of a registration certificate to a dealer as
18 provided in this chapter, the Commissioner shall furnish the dealer with a
19 sufficient number of number plates and temporary validation stickers,
20 temporary number plates, or temporary decals for use during the 60-day period
21 immediately following sale of a vehicle or motorboat by the dealer. The plates

1 and decals shall have the same general design as the plates or decals furnished
2 individual owners, but the plates and decals may be of a material and color as
3 the Commissioner may determine. The Commissioner shall collect a fee of
4 ~~\$3.00~~ \$5.00 for each temporary plate issued.

5 **Sec. 69.** 23 V.S.A. § 463 is amended to read:

6 § 463. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE

7 A registered motor vehicle dealer is authorized to issue an in-transit
8 registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain
9 motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when these vehicles are sold
10 in this State to be transported to and registered in another state or province.

11 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon request, provide registered
12 motor vehicle dealers with such numbers of applications and special in-transit
13 number plates for vehicles sold in this State to be transported to and registered
14 in another state or province as shall be necessary. The Commissioner is
15 authorized to charge a fee of ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for the processing of the plate
16 application and the issuance of the plate. The dealer, upon the sale of a motor
17 vehicle to be transported to and registered in another state or province shall
18 cause the application to be filled out and transmitted to the Commissioner and
19 shall attach to the vehicle the in-transit number plate corresponding to the
20 application. No registered motor vehicle dealer shall sell, exchange, give, or
21 transfer any application or in-transit plate to any person other than the person

1 to whom the dealer sells or exchanges a motor vehicle to be registered in
2 another state or province. The application shall be in a form prescribed and
3 furnished by the Commissioner. The special in-transit number plate to be
4 attached to the vehicle will be issued in the form and design as prescribed by
5 the Commissioner and shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the date of
6 issue.

7 **Sec. 70.** 23 V.S.A. § 476 is amended to read:

8 § 476. MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY FEE

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

14 **Sec. 71.** 23 V.S.A. § 494 is amended to read:

15 § 494. FEES

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

18 **Sec. 72.** 23 V.S.A. § 514 is amended to read:

19 § 514. REPLACEMENT NUMBER PLATES

20 (a) In case of the loss of a number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle to
21 which it was assigned shall forthwith notify the Commissioner of Motor

1 Vehicles of such loss, and he or she shall furnish such owner with a new plate.
2 The fees charged shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$12.00 for each plate. The owner of a motor
3 vehicle who has lost one number plate may operate his or her vehicle with one
4 number plate attached thereto, until a new plate is furnished him or her,
5 provided he or she has notified the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles as
6 required in this section.

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

11 **Sec. 73.** 23 VSA § 516 is amended to read:

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

14 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue an in-transit
15 registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain
16 motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when the vehicles are sold
17 in this State by a person, other than a registered motor vehicle dealer, to be
18 transported to and registered in another state or province. The registration may
19 be obtained by submitting an application on a form prescribed and furnished
20 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner is authorized to
21 charge a fee of ~~\$3.00~~ \$6.00 for the processing of the application and the

1 issuance of the plate. The in-transit registration plate pursuant to this section
2 shall be valid for a period of 30 days from issuance and shall be in the form
3 and design prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Issuance of an
4 in-transit plate for vehicles sold by a registered motor vehicle dealer to a
5 person to be transported to and registered in another state or province shall be
6 governed by the provisions of section 463 of this title.

7 **Sec. 74.** 23 V.S.A. § 517 is added to read:

8 § 517. INTRASTATE IN-TRANSIT PERMIT

9 The Commissioner may issue an intrastate in-transit registration permit to
10 authorize the movement within Vermont of a motor vehicle otherwise required
11 to be registered, if the vehicle is sold in this State by a person other than a
12 registered motor vehicle dealer. The permit may be obtained after submission
13 of an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner and
14 payment of a \$25.00 fee. The permit shall be valid for a period of 10 days
15 from the date of issuance and shall be in the form and design prescribed by the
16 Commissioner.

17 **Sec. 75.** 23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:

18 § 608. FEES

19 (a) The four-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an
20 operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be
21 ~~\$48.00~~ \$51.00. The two-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for

1 licensing an operator or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$30.00~~
2 \$32.00 and the two-year fee for licensing a junior operator or for issuing a
3 junior operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$30.00~~ \$32.00.

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

7 **Sec. 76.** 23 V.S.A. § 613 is amended to read:

8 § 613. DUPLICATE LICENSE

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

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

16 **Sec. 77.** 23 V.S.A. § 617 is amended to read:

17 § 617. LEARNER'S PERMIT

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19 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any
20 licensed person may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a
21 learner's permit for the operation of a motorcycle in the form prescribed by the

1 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of ~~\$17.00~~
2 \$20.00 at the time application is made. After the applicant has successfully
3 passed all parts of the motorcycle endorsement examination, other than a skill
4 test, the Commissioner may issue to the applicant a learner's permit which
5 entitles the applicant, subject to subsection 615(a) of this title, to operate a
6 motorcycle upon the public highways for a period of 120 days from the date of
7 issuance. A motorcycle learner's permit may be renewed only twice upon
8 payment of a ~~\$17.00~~ \$20.00 fee. If during the original permit period and two
9 renewals, the permittee has not successfully passed the skill test or the
10 motorcycle rider training course, he or she may not obtain another motorcycle
11 learner's permit for a period of 12 months from the expiration of the permit
12 unless he or she has successfully completed the motorcycle rider training
13 course. This section shall not affect section 602 of this title. The fee for the
14 examination shall be ~~\$7.00~~ \$9.00.

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

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

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Sec. 78. 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.

~~(b)~~(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.

1 **Sec. 79.** 23 V.S.A. § 675 is amended to read:

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

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

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16 **Sec. 80.** 23 V.S.A. § 702 is amended to read:

17 § 702. TRAINING SCHOOL AND INSTRUCTOR'S LICENSES

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

1 prescribe. Each application for a driver’s training school license shall be
2 accompanied by an application fee of ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00, which shall not be
3 refunded. If such application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant
4 upon payment of an additional fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$225.00 shall be granted a
5 license which shall become void two years from the first day of the month of
6 issue unless sooner revoked as herein provided. The renewal fee shall be
7 ~~\$150.00~~ \$225.00. Each application for an instructor’s license shall be
8 accompanied by an application fee of ~~\$70.00~~ \$105.00, which shall not be
9 refunded. If such application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant
10 upon payment of an additional fee of ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00 shall be granted a license
11 which shall become void two years from the first day of the month of issue
12 unless sooner revoked as herein provided. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~
13 \$75.00.

14 **Sec. 81.** 23 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read:

15 § 703. POSSESSION OF LICENSE

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

1 **Sec. 82.** 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

2 § 1230. CHARGE

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

9 **Sec. 83.** 23 V.S.A. § 1392 is amended to read:

10 § 1392. GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS

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

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15 (13) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the
16 maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a special annual permit,
17 which shall expire coincidentally with the vehicle's registration, except for
18 vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void
19 on January 1 following date of issue, may be issued to a person or corporation
20 operating on designated routes on the State Highway System for a fee of
21 ~~\$310.00~~ \$415.00 for each vehicle which must be registered for a weight of

1 80,000 pounds. This special permit shall be issued only for a combination of
2 vehicle and semi-trailer or trailer equipped with five or more axles, with a
3 distance between axles which meets the minimum requirements of registering
4 the vehicle to 80,000 pounds as allowed under subdivision (4) of this section.
5 The maximum gross load under this special permit shall be 90,000 pounds.
6 Unless authorized by federal law, this subdivision shall not apply to operation
7 on the Interstate and Defense Highway System.

8 (14) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the
9 axle spacing and the maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a
10 special annual permit, which shall expire coincidentally with the vehicle's
11 registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the
12 permit shall become void on January 1 following date of issue, may be issued
13 to a person or corporation transporting loads on vehicles on designated routes
14 on the State Highway System for the following fees for each vehicle unit.

15 Unless authorized by federal law, the provisions of this subdivision regarding
16 weight limits, tolerances, or both shall not apply to operation on the Interstate
17 and Defense Highway System. This special permit shall be issued for the
18 following vehicles and conditions:

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

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

3 (B) 4-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tri-axle unit
4 which have a maximum gross weight of not more than 69,000 pounds when
5 registered for a minimum weight of 60,000 pounds, the permit fee shall be
6 ~~\$260.00~~ \$352.00.

7 (C) 4-axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination with a
8 maximum gross weight of not more than 72,000 pounds, provided the distance
9 between the second axle of the tractor and the rear axle of the trailer is at least
10 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction of a foot less
11 than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000 pounds in the
12 maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$13.00.

13 (D) 5- or more axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination
14 with a maximum gross weight of not more than 76,000 pounds, provided that
15 the distance between the first and last axle of two consecutive sets of tandem
16 axles is at least 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction
17 of a foot less than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000
18 pounds in the maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be
19 ~~\$10.00~~ \$13.00.

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

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4 (F) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision shall
5 be ~~\$310.00~~ \$415.00 for vehicles bearing up to 90,000 pounds and ~~\$500.00~~
6 \$560.00 for vehicles bearing up to 99,000 pounds.

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8 **Sec. 84.** 23 V.S.A. § 1402 is amended to read:

9 § 1402. OVERWEIGHT, WIDTH, HEIGHT, AND LENGTH PERMITS;

10 FEES

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

1 for a fleet blanket permit shall be ~~\$100.00~~ \$112.00 for the first unit and ~~\$5.00~~
2 \$6.00 for each unit thereafter. At the option of a carrier, an annual permit for
3 the entire fleet, to operate over any approved route, may be obtained for
4 ~~\$100.00~~ \$112.00 for the first tractor and ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for each additional
5 tractor, up to a maximum fee of \$1,000.00. The fee for a fleet permit shall be
6 based on the entire number of tractors owned by the applicant. An applicant
7 for a fleet permit may apply for any number of specific routes, each of which
8 shall be reviewed with regard to the characteristics of the route and the type of
9 equipment operated by the applicant. When the weight or size of the vehicle-
10 load are considered sufficiently excessive for the routing requested, the
11 Agency of Transportation shall, on request of the Commissioner, conduct an
12 engineering inspection of the vehicle-load and route, for which a fee of
13 \$300.00 will be added to the cost of the permit if the load is a manufactured
14 home. For all other loads of any size or with gross weight limits less than
15 150,000 pounds, the fee shall be \$800.00 for any engineering inspection that
16 requires up to eight hours to conduct. If the inspection requires more than
17 eight hours to conduct, the fee shall be \$800.00 plus \$60.00 per hour for each
18 additional hour required. If the vehicle and load weigh 150,000 pounds or
19 more but not more than 200,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall
20 be \$2,000.00. If the vehicle and load weigh more than 200,000 pounds but not
21 more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$5,000.00.

1 If the vehicle and load weigh more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering
2 inspection fee shall be \$10,000.00. The study must be completed prior to the
3 permit being issued. Prior to the issuance of a permit, an applicant whose
4 vehicle weighs 150,000 pounds or more, or is 15 or more feet in width or
5 height, shall file with the Commissioner a special certificate of insurance
6 showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person,
7 \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons, and \$250,000.00 for
8 property damage, all arising out of any one crash.

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

11 (1) For vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer longer than 75 feet,
12 anywhere in the State on highways approved by the Agency of Transportation.
13 In such cases, the vehicle may be operated with a single trip overlength permit
14 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$28.00. If the
15 vehicle is 100 feet or more in length, the permit applicant shall file with the
16 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a special certificate of insurance showing
17 minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person,
18 \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons, and \$250,000.00 for
19 property damage, all arising out of any one crash.

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21 **Sec. 85.** 23 V.S.A. § 2002(a) is amended to read:

- 1 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:
- 2 (1) for any certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, or
3 an exempt vehicle title, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;
- 4 (2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, including a
5 salvage certificate of title, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;
- 6 (3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;
- 7 (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of
8 title, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;
- 9 (5) for a duplicate certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of
10 title, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;
- 11 (6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a
12 distinctive certificate, ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;
- 13 (7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;
- 14 (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor
15 Vehicles, for each motor vehicle searched against, ~~\$20.00~~ \$22.00;
- 16 (9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$10.00~~ \$11.00;
- 17 (10) for a certificate of title after a security interest has been released,
18 ~~\$33.00~~ \$35.00;
- 19 (11) for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle granted a veteran by the
20 Veterans' Administration and exempt from registration fees pursuant to section
21 378 of this title, no fee;

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

2 **Sec. 86.** 23 V.S.A. § 2023(e) is amended to read:

3 (e) Notwithstanding other provisions of the law, whenever the estate of an
4 individual who dies intestate consists principally of an automobile, the
5 surviving spouse shall be deemed to be the owner of the motor vehicle and title
6 to the same shall automatically and by virtue hereof pass to the surviving
7 spouse. Registration and titling of the vehicle in the name of the surviving
8 spouse shall be effected by payment of a transfer fee of ~~\$7.00~~ \$8.00. This
9 transaction is exempt from the provisions of the purchase and use tax on motor
10 vehicles.

11 (1) Notwithstanding other provisions of the law, and except as provided
12 in subdivision (2) of this subsection, whenever the estate of an individual
13 consists in whole or in part of a motor vehicle, and the person's will or other
14 testamentary document does not specifically address disposition of motor
15 vehicles, the surviving spouse shall be deemed to be the owner of the motor
16 vehicle and title to the motor vehicle shall automatically pass to the surviving
17 spouse. Registration and titling of the motor vehicle in the name of the
18 surviving spouse shall be effected by payment of a transfer fee of ~~\$7.00~~ \$8.00.
19 This transaction is exempt from the provisions of the purchase and use tax on
20 motor vehicles.

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

4 **Sec. 87.** 23 V.S.A. § 3203 is amended to read:

5 § 3203. TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION

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

14 **Sec. 88.** 23 V.S.A. § 3204 is amended to read:

15 § 3204. REGISTRATION FEES AND DEALER PLATES

16 (a) Fees. Annual registration fees for snowmobiles other than as provided
17 for in subsection (b) of this section are ~~\$25.00~~ \$28.00 for residents and ~~\$32.00~~
18 \$36.00 for nonresidents. Duplicate registration certificates may be obtained
19 upon payment of ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00.

20 (b)(1) Dealer registration and plates; manufacturer plates; fees. A person
21 engaged in the business of selling or exchanging snowmobiles as defined in

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

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

14 (c) Temporary registration pending issuance of permanent registration.
15 The Commissioner, by rules adopted pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, shall
16 provide for the issuance of temporary registrations of snowmobiles pending
17 issuance of the permanent registration. VAST shall be an agent of the
18 Commissioner for the issuance of such temporary registrations. The fees for
19 the temporary registrations shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$28.00 for residents and ~~\$32.00~~
20 \$36.00 for nonresidents and shall also constitute payment of the registration
21 fee required by subsection (a) of this section. VAST shall promptly remit any

1 fees collected to the Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted under this
2 subsection. Temporary registrations shall be kept with the snowmobile while
3 being operated and shall authorize operation without the registration decal
4 being affixed for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of issue.

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6 **Sec. 89.** 23 V.S.A. § 3204a is amended to read:

7 § 3204a. ANTIQUE SNOWMOBILES

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

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13 **Sec. 90.** 23 V.S.A. § 3305 is amended to read:

14 **§ 3305. FEES**

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

17 (b) **Annually or biennially, the owner of each motorboat required to be**
18 **registered by this State shall file an application for a number with the**
19 **Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on forms approved by him or her. The**
20 **application shall be signed by the owner of the motorboat and shall be**
21 **accompanied by an annual fee of ~~\$22.00~~ and a surcharge of ~~\$5.00~~ \$31.00, or a**

1 ~~biennial fee of \$39.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00~~ \$57.00, for a motorboat in
2 ~~class A; by an annual fee of \$33.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00~~ \$49.00, or a
3 ~~biennial fee of \$61.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00~~ \$93.00, for a motorboat in
4 ~~class 1; by an annual fee of \$60.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00~~ \$79.00, or a
5 ~~biennial fee of \$115.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00~~ \$155.00, for a motorboat in
6 ~~class 2; by an annual fee of \$126.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00~~ \$153.00, or a
7 ~~biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00~~ \$303.00, for a motorboat in
8 ~~class 3~~. Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the Commissioner
9 shall enter the application upon the records of the Department of Motor
10 Vehicles and issue to the applicant a registration certificate stating the number
11 awarded to the motorboat and the name and address of the owner. The owner
12 shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of the motorboat the
13 identification number in such manner as may be prescribed by rules of the
14 Commissioner in order that it may be clearly visible. The registration shall be
15 void one year from the first day of the month following the month of issue in
16 the case of annual registrations, or void two years from the first day of the
17 month following the month of issue in the case of biennial registrations. A
18 vessel of less than 10 horsepower used as a tender to a registered vessel shall
19 be deemed registered, at no additional cost, and shall have painted or attached
20 to both sides of the bow, the same registration number as the registered vessel
21 with the number “1” after the number. The number shall be maintained in

1 legible condition. The registration certificate shall be pocket size and shall be
2 available at all times for inspection on the motorboat for which issued,
3 whenever the motorboat is in operation. A duplicate registration may be
4 obtained upon payment of a fee of ~~\$2.00~~ \$3.00 to the Commissioner.
5 Notwithstanding section 3319 of this chapter, ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 of each registration
6 fee shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund. The remainder of the fee
7 shall be allocated in accordance with section 3319 of this title.

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

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

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

20 (B) for each additional number applied for in the current
21 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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Sec. 91. 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

1 new owner endorsed on the back of the certificate. When a person transfers
2 the ownership of a registered all-terrain vehicle to another person, files a new
3 application and pays a fee of ~~\$10.00~~ \$12.00, he or she may have registered in
4 his or her name another all-terrain vehicle for the remainder of the registration
5 year without payment of any additional registration fee.

6 **Sec. 92.** 23 V.S.A. § 3504 is amended to read:

7 § 3504. REGISTRATION FEES AND PLATES

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

11 (b) Any person engaged in the business of selling or exchanging all-terrain
12 vehicles, as defined in subdivision 4(8) of this title, shall register and obtain
13 registration certificates and identifying number plates subject to rules which
14 may be adopted by the Commissioner and to the requirements of chapter 7 of
15 this title. A manufacturer of all-terrain vehicles may register and obtain
16 registration certificates and identifying number plates under this section.

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

21 Fees for registration and registration certificates shall be ~~\$45.00~~ \$62.00 for the

1 first certificate issued to any person and \$5.00 for any additional certificate
2 issued to the same person within the current registration period. Fees for
3 temporary number plates shall be \$3.00 for each plate issued.

4 **Sec. 93.** 23 V.S.A. § 3802 is amended to read:

5 § 3802. FEES

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

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

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

9 \$11.00;

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

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

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

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

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

17 (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor
18 Vehicles for each vessel, snowmobile, or all-terrain vehicle searched against,
19 \$20.00;

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

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

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

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5 **Sec. 94.** 23 V.S.A. § 4108 is amended to read:

6 § 4108. COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE, COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S
7 PERMIT QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

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

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

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

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17 (f) The fee for a knowledge test and ~~accompanying the fee for a skill test~~
18 shall each be ~~\$35.00 for the first test and \$30.00 for each subsequent test~~
19 \$32.00. The fee for an endorsement test shall be ~~\$13.00~~ \$14.00. In the event
20 that an applicant fails a test three times, he or she may not take the test again
21 for at least six months. A fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 shall be paid by the applicant

1 before he or she may schedule a skill test. If an applicant does not appear for
2 the scheduled skill test, the ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 scheduling fee is forfeited ~~and~~
3 ~~another \$20.00 scheduling fee must be paid before another skill test will be~~
4 ~~scheduled~~, unless the applicant has given the Department at least 48 hours’
5 notice of cancellation of the test. If the applicant ~~passes~~ appears for the skill
6 test, the ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 scheduling fee for that test will be used as part of the
7 license test fee. ~~If the applicant appears for the scheduled skill test and fails~~
8 ~~the skill test, a subsequent skill test will be scheduled without an additional~~
9 ~~\$20.00 fee.~~ Use of an interpreter is prohibited during the administration of the
10 knowledge or skills tests.

11 **Sec. 95.** 23 V.S.A. § 4110 is amended to read:

12 § 4110. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE OR
13 COMMERCIAL LEARNER’S PERMIT

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

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17 (8) The proper fee.

18 (A) The four-year fee for a commercial driver license shall be ~~\$75.00~~
19 \$90.00. The two-year fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$60.00. In those instances where the
20 applicant surrenders a valid Vermont Class D license, the total fees due shall
21 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. 96. 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. 97. 19 V.S.A. § 1112 is added to read:

§ 1112. DEFINITIONS; FEES

(a) As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

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

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

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

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

13 (1) Residential or agricultural purposes: \$0.00

14 (2) Utility installations, including each direct connection to the State
15 highway stormwater system: \$100.00

16 (3) Minor commercial development: \$250.00

17 (4) Major commercial development: \$2,500.00

18 (5) Annual blanket permits for routine inspection and maintenance of
19 existing utility installations within State highways: \$500.00

20 * * * Effective Dates * * *

21 Sec. 98. EFFECTIVE DATES

- 1 (a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, **Sec. 5 (fertilizer tonnage fee)** shall
- 2 take effect retroactively on January 1, 2016.
- 3 (b) This section shall take effect on passage.
- 4 (c) The remaining sections of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.