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\* \* \* Transportation \* \* \*

\* \* \* Motorboat Registration Fees \* \* \*

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

§ 3305. FEES

- (a) A person shall not operate a motorboat on the public waters of this State unless the motorboat is registered in accordance with this chapter.
- (b) Annually or biennially, the owner of each motorboat required to be registered by this State shall file an application for a number with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on forms approved by him or her. The application shall be signed by the owner of the motorboat and shall be accompanied by an annual fee of \$22.00 and a surcharge of \$5.00 \$31.00, or a biennial fee of \$39.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00 \$57.00, for a motorboat in class A; by an annual fee of \$33.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00 \$49.00, or a biennial fee of \$61.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$93.00, for a motorboat in class 1; by an annual fee of \$60.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00 \$80.00, or a biennial fee of \$115.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$155.00, for a motorboat in class 2; by an annual fee of \$126.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$10.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$247.00 and a surcharge of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$20.00 \$153.00, or a bie

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to the motorboat and the name and address of the owner. The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of the motorboat the identification number in such manner as may be prescribed by rules of the Commissioner in order that it may be clearly visible. The registration shall be void one year from the first day of the month following the month of issue in the case of annual registrations, or void two years from the first day of the month following the month of issue in the case of biennial registrations. A vessel of less than 10 horsepower used as a tender to a registered vessel shall be deemed registered, at no additional cost, and shall have painted or attached to both sides of the bow, the same registration number as the registered vessel with the number "1" after the number. The number shall be maintained in legible condition. The registration certificate shall be pocket size and shall be available at all times for inspection on the motorboat for which issued, whenever the motorboat is in operation. A duplicate registration may be obtained upon payment of a fee of \$2.00 \$3.00 to the Commissioner. Notwithstanding section 3319 of this chapter, \$5.00 of each registration fee shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund. The remainder of the fee Registration fees shall be allocated in accordance with section 3319 of this title.

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

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- (3) An application for a dealer motorboat registration and registration number shall be accompanied by the following fees:
- (A) for the registration and first number applied for, \$25.00 and a surcharge of \$5.00 \$42.00;

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

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- (d)(1) Registration of a motorboat ends when the owner transfers title to another. The former owner shall immediately return directly to the Commissioner the registration certificate previously assigned to the transferred motorboat with the date of sale and the name and residence of the new owner endorsed on the back of the certificate.
- (2) When a person transfers the ownership of a registered motorboat to another, files a new application, and pays a fee of \$5.00 \$6.00, he or she may have registered in his or her name another motorboat of the same class for the remainder of the registration period without payment of any additional registration fee. However, if the fee for the registration of the motorboat sought to be registered is greater than the registration fee for the transferred motorboat, the applicant shall pay the difference between the fee first paid and the fee for the class motorboat sought to be registered.

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Sec. 91. 23 V.S.A. § 3319 is amended to read:

## § 3319. FEES COLLECTED; SPECIAL FUND

- (a) There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the Motorboat Registration Fund for the purposes of ensuring that the fees and penalties collected under this subchapter are utilized in the protection and maintenance of the State's water resources. Any interest earned on the monies in this Fund will be deposited in the General Fund.
- (b) The fees and penalties collected under the provisions of this subchapter, excluding surcharges collected under subsection 3305(b) and subdivisions 3305(c)(3)(A) and (B) of this title, shall be deposited in the Motorboat Registration Fund and shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) <u>45</u> <u>10</u> percent to the Department of Public Safety, to be used for enforcement of this subchapter and implementation of a boating safety education program.
- (2) <u>50</u> <u>34</u> percent to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to be used: to match federal funds; for upgrading and expanding boating access areas and facilities located at those areas; for developing and constructing new boating access areas; and for facilitating or establishing and maintaining pump out stations, which may be, in the discretion of the Commissioner, constructed or operated either by the Department or on a contractual basis by a private person or entity.

  Users shall be charged reasonable and appropriate fees.
- (3) <u>25</u> <u>17</u> percent to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the purpose of aquatic nuisance control pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 50.
- (4) <u>10 Seven</u> percent to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the purpose of mosquito control pursuant to 6 V.S.A. chapter 85.
- (5) 18 percent to the special fund established under subdivision (b)(3) of this section for the purpose of an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 50
  - (6) 14 percent to the Transportation Fund.
- (c) The surcharges collected under subsection 3305(b) and subdivisions 3305(c)(3)(A) and (B) of this title shall be credited to the special fund established under subdivision (b)(3) of this section for the purpose of an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 50.

\* \* \* Snowmobile Registration Fees \* \* \*

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

#### § 3203. TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION

The registration of a snowmobile ends when the owner transfers title to another. The former owner shall immediately return to the Commissioner the registration certificate previously assigned to the transferred snowmobile with the date of sale, name, and residence of the new

owner endorsed on the back thereof. When a person transfers the ownership of a registered snowmobile to another, files a new application, and pays a fee of \$2.00 \( \frac{\frac{5}}{2.00} \), he or she may have registered in his or her name another snowmobile for the remainder of the registration year without payment of any additional registration fee.

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

### § 3204. REGISTRATION FEES AND DEALER PLATES

- (a) Fees. Annual registration fees for snowmobiles other than as provided for in subsection (b) of this section are \$25.00 \$28.00 for residents and \$32.00 \$36.00 for nonresidents. Duplicate registration certificates may be obtained upon payment of \$5.00 \$6.00.
- (b)(1) Dealer registration and plates; manufacturer plates; fees. A person engaged in the business of selling or exchanging snowmobiles as defined in subdivision 4(8) of this title shall register as a dealer and obtain registration certificates and identifying number plates, subject to such rules as may be adopted by the Commissioner and to the requirements of chapter 7 this title. A manufacturer of snowmobiles may register and obtain registration certificates and identifying number plates under this section. Plates shall be valid for the following purposes only: testing; adjusting; demonstrating; temporary use of customers for a period not to exceed 14 days; private business or pleasure use of such person or members of his or her immediate family; and use at fairs, shows, or races when no charge is made for such use.
- (2) Fees. Fees for dealer registration certificates shall be \$40.00 for the first certificate issued to any person and \$5.00 \$6.00 for any additional certificate issued to the same person within the current registration period. Fees for temporary number plates shall be \$3.00 for each plate issued.
- (c) Temporary registration pending issuance of permanent registration. The Commissioner, by rules adopted pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, shall provide for the issuance of temporary registrations of snowmobiles pending issuance of the permanent registration. VAST shall be an

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

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

### § 3204a. ANTIQUE SNOWMOBILES

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

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\* \* \* All-Terrain Vehicle Registration Fees \* \* \*

Sec. 92. 23 V.S.A. § 3503 is amended to read:

#### § 3503. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION

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

Sec. 93. 23 V.S.A. § 3504 is amended to read:

# § 3504. REGISTRATION FEES AND PLATES

- (a) The registration fee for all-terrain vehicles other than as provided for in subsection (b) of this section is \$35.00. Duplicate registration certificates may be obtained upon payment of \$5.00 to the Department.
- (b) Any person engaged in the business of selling or exchanging all-terrain vehicles, as defined in subdivision 4(8) of this title, shall register and obtain registration certificates and identifying number plates subject to rules which may be adopted by the Commissioner and to the requirements of chapter 7 of this title. A manufacturer of all-terrain vehicles may register and obtain registration certificates and identifying number plates under this section. Plates shall be valid for the following purposes only: testing; adjusting; demonstrating; temporary use of customers for a period not to exceed seven days; private business or pleasure use of the person or members of his or her immediate family; and use at fairs, shows, or races when no charge is made. Fees for registration and registration certificates shall be \$45.00 \$62.00 for the first certificate issued to any person and \$5.00 for any additional certificate issued to the same person within the current registration period. Fees for temporary number plates shall be \$3.00 for each plate issued.