

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House  
3 Bill No. 458 entitled “An act relating to automatic voter registration through  
4 motor vehicle driver’s license applications” respectfully reports that it has  
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out  
6 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2145a is amended to read:

8 § 2145a. REGISTRATIONS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR  
9 VEHICLES

10 (a) An application for, or renewal of, a motor vehicle driver’s license or  
11 nondriver identification card shall serve as a simultaneous application to  
12 register to vote unless the applicant ~~declines to sign the voter registration~~  
13 ~~portion of the application~~ checks the box on the application designating that he  
14 or she declines to use the application as a voter registration application.

15 (b)(1) ~~The voter registration portion of the~~ A motor vehicle driver’s license  
16 or nondriver identification card application shall provide and request the  
17 following information ~~required to be provided under section 2145 of this~~  
18 ~~chapter and shall be in the form approved by the Secretary of State.;~~

19 (A) The applicant’s citizenship.

20 (B) The applicant’s place and date of birth.

21 (C) The applicant’s town of legal residence.

1           (D) The applicant’s street address or a description of the physical  
2           location of the applicant’s residence. The description must contain sufficient  
3           information so that the town clerk can determine whether the applicant is a  
4           resident of the town.

5           (E) The voter’s oath.

6           (F) The applicant’s e-mail address, which shall be optional to  
7           provide.

8           (2) A motor vehicle driver’s license or nondriver identification card  
9           application shall provide the following statements:

10           (A) “By signing and submitting this application, you are authorizing  
11           the Department of Motor Vehicles to transmit this application to the Secretary  
12           of State for voter registration purposes. The office through which you  
13           submitted this application will remain confidential and will be used only for  
14           voter registration purposes.”

15           (B) “YOU MAY DECLINE TO REGISTER. If you decline to  
16           register, your failure to register will remain confidential and will be used only  
17           for voter registration purposes.”

18           (C) “In order to be registered to vote, you must: (1) be a U.S. citizen;  
19           (2) be a resident of Vermont; (3) have taken the voter’s oath; and (4) be  
20           18 years of age or older. Failure to decline to register is an attestation that you  
21           meet the requirements to vote.”







1       Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 603(a)(4) is added to read:

2               (4) Any new or renewal application form shall provide for and request  
3       the information required in 17 V.S.A. § 2145a.

4       Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

5               This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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9               (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE