

1 S.196

2 Introduced by Senator Branagan

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; bicycles; registration

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require a  
7 resident 18 years of age or older who operates a bicycle on the highways of  
8 this State to register his or her bicycle.

9 An act relating to registration of bicycles

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

11 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 364a is amended to read:

12 § 364a. MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES: REGISTRATION; FINANCIAL  
13 RESPONSIBILITY; BICYCLE REGISTRATION

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

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

18 (c) A resident 18 years of age or older who operates a bicycle on the  
19 highways of this State shall register his or her bicycle and shall be subject to an  
20 annual registration fee of \$28.00. A resident who has moved into the State

1 from another jurisdiction shall register his or her bicycle within 60 days  
2 following moving into the State. The Commissioner shall issue each registrant  
3 a registration certificate as well as a plate or decal with a unique combination  
4 of identifying letters and numbers, and the plate or decal shall be affixed to the  
5 bicycle as prescribed by the Commissioner. Upon initial registration by an  
6 owner or transferee, the Commissioner shall require proof of ownership.  
7 Bicycle registrants shall be subject to the requirements and prohibitions of  
8 sections 307–310 of this title and be subject to the rights and requirements of  
9 sections 321–324 of this title regarding transfer of ownership, except that the  
10 Commissioner may charge a fee upon transfer of not more than \$15.00.

11 (d) A person who violates a requirement of subsection (c) of this section  
12 shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$100.00.

13 (e) Owners of bicycles not required to be registered under this section may  
14 elect to register their bicycles in order to facilitate the return of recovered  
15 stolen bicycles.

16 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 381 is amended to read:

17 § 381. FEES TURNED OVER TO STATE TREASURER

18 (a) Except as otherwise provided, all fees for registering ~~motor~~ vehicles,  
19 licensing operators, and all other ~~motor~~ vehicle fees shall be collected by the  
20 Commissioner and forthwith paid into the State Treasury or deposited to such  
21 bank to the credit of the State Treasurer as he or she may direct.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.