

1 **[PROPOSED CHANGES TO S.339, APBS HIGHLIGHTED (LC)]**

2 * * * Online Permitting System; Report * * *

3 Sec. 26. ONLINE PERMITTING SYSTEM; REPORT

4 (a) **Centralized online permitting system.**

5 **(1)** The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized to initiate the
6 design and development of a centralized online permitting system. The online
7 system shall provide 24-hour-a-day access to a system where a person can
8 apply for, obtain, and pay for required weight and length permits issued by the
9 Agency of Transportation.

10 **(2)** The Commissioner shall design the online system so that in a future
11 phase municipally issued weight and length permits may be purchased and
12 issued through the same system. The Commissioner shall consult with
13 stakeholders to establish conditions for municipally issued permits prior to
14 engaging in design and development for the future phase.

15 **(b) Permit study and report.**

16 **(1)** The Agency of Transportation shall facilitate a study to:
17 **(A)** identify any safety or financial implications to infrastructure,
18 including bridges, culverts, pavement, and roadways, or jurisdictional issues
19 for class 2 town highways if municipal permits currently required by
20 **municipalities are not required** for vehicles that are allowed on State highways
21 without a permit;

1 (B) identify any safety or financial implications to infrastructure,
2 including bridges, culverts, pavement, and roadways if an additional permit or
3 permits are not required when a wrecker, as defined under 23 V.S.A. § 4(76),
4 is towing one or more disabled vehicles and the wrecker and disabled vehicle
5 or vehicles individually do not exceed the limitations imposed by 23 V.S.A.
6 chapter 13, subchapter 15, article 1 or are lawfully operating under a blanket
7 permit; and

8 (C) make recommendations on any limitations, including distance
9 towed, or conditions that should be imposed if an additional permit or permits
10 are not required in the situation identified in subdivision (B) of this subdivision
11 (b)(1).

12 (2) The Agency shall file a written report on this study with the House
13 and Senate Committees on Transportation on or before January 15, 2021.