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2           Sec. 26. ONLINE PERMITTING SYSTEM; REPORT

3                   (a) Centralized online permitting system.

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

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

14                  (b) Permit study and report.

15                  (1) The Agency of Transportation shall facilitate a study to:

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

21                   (B) identify any safety or financial implications to infrastructure,  
22                   including bridges, culverts, pavement, and roadways, if an additional permit or

1 permits are not required when a wrecker, as defined under 23 V.S.A. § 4(76),  
2 is towing one or more disabled vehicles and the wrecker and disabled vehicle  
3 or vehicles individually do not exceed the limitations imposed by 23 V.S.A.  
4 chapter 13, subchapter 15, article 1 or are lawfully operating under a blanket  
5 permit;

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

10 (D) identify any safety or financial implications to infrastructure,  
11 including bridges, culverts, pavement, and roadways, if 23 V.S.A. § 1432(c) is  
12 repealed.

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