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An act relating to secondary enforcement of minor traffic offenses

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

Sec. 1. REPEAL OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES; ANNUAL
REPORT

(a) The Executive Director of Racial Equity, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and the Commissioner of Public Safety jointly shall examine the motor vehicle violations for the purpose of making annual recommendations whether or not statutes should be repealed, modified, or limited to secondary enforcement. The following statutes shall be addressed in the first report:

(1) 23 V.S.A. § 307 (failure to carry a registration certificate);

(2) 23 V.S.A. § 511(c) (failure to display registration sticker or failure to display unobstructed license numbers);

(3) 23 V.S.A. § 512 (failure to display number plate on trailer or semi-trailer);

(4) 23 V.S.A. § 615 (operation by an individual with a learner's permit);

(5) 23 V.S.A. § 1023 (pedestrian-control signals);

(6) 23 V.S.A. §§ 1052 (crossing except at crosswalks), 1054 (pedestrians to use right half of crosswalks), 1055 (pedestrians on roadways), 1056 (highway solicitations), and 1058 (duties of pedestrians);

(7) 23 V.S.A. § 1125 (obstructing windshield or windows);

(8) 23 V.S.A. §§ 1134 (possession or consumption of alcohol or cannabis by operator), 1134a (possession of consumption of alcohol or cannabis by passenger) and 1134b(a) (using tobacco in a motor vehicle with child present);

(9) 23 V.S.A. § 1221 (condition of vehicle);

(10) 23 V.S.A. §§ 1243 (headlights), 1244 (illumination required), 1245 (illumination required on motorcycles), 1248 (taillights), and 1249 (directional signal lights); and

(11) 23 V.S.A. § 1259 (safety belts; persons 18 years of age or older).

(b) The Executive Director and Commissioners jointly shall report the recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations, on Judiciary, and on Transportation not later than October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter.

Sec. 2. SUNSET OF REPEAL OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE

OFFENSES; ANNUAL REPORT

Sec. 1 of this act shall be repealed on July 1, 2027.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.