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2 An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to
3 laws related to transportation

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

5 * * * Transportation Program Adopted as Amended; Definitions;

6 Technical Correction * * *

7 Sec. 1. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM ADOPTED; DEFINITIONS;

8 TECHNICAL CORRECTION

9 (a) Adoption. The Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024
10 Transportation Program appended to the Agency of Transportation’s proposed
11 fiscal year 2024 budget (Revised January 27, 2023), as amended by this act, is
12 adopted to the extent federal, State, and local funds are available.

13 (b) Definitions. As used in this act, unless otherwise indicated:

14 (1) “Agency” means the Agency of Transportation.

15 (2) “Candidate project” means a project approved by the General
16 Assembly that is not anticipated to have significant expenditures for
17 preliminary engineering or right-of-way expenditures, or both, during the
18 budget year and funding for construction is not anticipated within a predictable
19 time frame.

20 (3) “Development and evaluation (D&E) project” means a project
21 approved by the General Assembly that is anticipated to have preliminary

1 engineering expenditures or right-of-way expenditures, or both, during the
2 budget year and that the Agency is committed to delivering to construction on
3 a timeline driven by priority and available funding.

4 (4) “Front-of-book project” means a project approved by the General
5 Assembly that is anticipated to have construction expenditures during the
6 budget year or the following three years, or both, with expected expenditures
7 shown over four years.

8 (5) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

9 (6) “TIB funds” means monies deposited in the Transportation
10 Infrastructure Bond Fund in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 11f.

11 (7) The table heading “As Proposed” means the Proposed
12 Transportation Program referenced in subsection (a) of this section; the table
13 heading “As Amended” means the amendments as made by this act; the table
14 heading “Change” means the difference obtained by subtracting the “As
15 Proposed” figure from the “As Amended” figure; the terms “change” or
16 “changes” in the text refer to the project- and program-specific amendments,
17 the aggregate sum of which equals the net “Change” in the applicable table
18 heading; and “State” in any tables amending authorizations indicates that the

1 source of funds is State monies in the Transportation Fund, unless otherwise
2 specified.

3 (c) Technical correction. In the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed
4 Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program for Municipal Mitigation, the value
5 “\$7,685,523” is struck and the value “\$10,113,523” is inserted in lieu thereof
6 to correct a typographic error; the value “\$3,355,523” is struck and the value
7 “\$4,783,523” is inserted in lieu thereof to correct a typographic error; the value
8 “\$4,000,000” is struck and the value “\$5,000,000” is inserted in lieu thereof to
9 correct a typographic error; and the value “\$8,060,523” is struck twice and the
10 value “\$10,488,523” is inserted in lieu thereof twice to correct two typographic
11 errors.

12 * * * Highway Maintenance * * *

13 Sec. 2. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

14 (a) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024
15 Transportation Program for Maintenance, authorized spending is amended as
16 follows:

17	<u>FY24</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
18	Person. Svcs.	42,637,277	42,637,277	0
19	Operat. Exp.	65,893,488	64,893,488	-1,000,000
20	Total	108,530,765	107,530,765	-1,000,000

1	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
2	State	107,784,950	106,784,950	-1,000,000
3	Federal	645,815	645,815	0
4	Inter Unit	100,000	100,000	0
5	Total	108,530,765	107,530,765	-1,000,000

6 (b) Restoring the fiscal year 2024 Maintenance Program appropriation and
7 authorization to the level included in the Agency of Transportation's Proposed
8 Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program shall be the Agency's top priority if
9 there are unexpended State fiscal year 2023 appropriations of Transportation
10 Fund monies. Accordingly:

11 (1) At the close of State fiscal year 2023, an amount up to \$1,000,00.00
12 of any unencumbered Transportation Fund monies appropriated in 2022 Acts
13 and Resolves No. 185, Secs. B.900–B.922, as amended by 2023 Acts and
14 Resolves No. 3, Secs. 43–44a, that would otherwise be authorized to carry
15 forward is reappropriated for the Agency of Transportation's Proposed Fiscal
16 Year 2024 Transportation Program for Maintenance 30 days after the Agency
17 sends written notification of the request for the unencumbered Transportation
18 Fund monies to be reappropriated to the Joint Transportation Oversight
19 Committee, provided that the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee does
20 not send written objection to the Agency.

1 (2) If any unencumbered Transportation Fund monies are reappropriated
2 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, then, within the Agency of
3 Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program for
4 Maintenance, authorized spending is further amended to increase operating
5 expenses by not more than \$1,000,000.00 in Transportation Fund monies.

6 (3) Notwithstanding subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, the
7 Agency may request further amendments to the Agency of Transportation’s
8 Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program for Maintenance through
9 the State fiscal year budget adjustment act.

10 * * * One-Time Appropriations * * *

11 Sec. 3. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

12 (a) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024
13 Transportation Program for One-Time Appropriations, authorized spending is
14 amended as follows:

<u>FY24</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Operating	3,500,000	0	-3,500,000
Grants	3,000,000	0	-3,000,000
Total	6,500,000	0	-6,500,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
General	3,000,000	0	-3,000,000
Capital	3,500,000	0	-3,500,000

1 Total 6,500,000 0 -6,500,000

2 (b) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024
3 Transportation Program for One-Time Appropriations, the following are
4 struck:

5 (1) “Rail Trail Community Connectivity Grants - \$3M General Fund
6 Grants”; and

7 (2) “St. Albans District Maintenance Facility - \$3.5M Capital Fund
8 Operating.”

9 * * * St. Albans District Maintenance Facility * * *

10 Sec. 4. ST. ALBANS DISTRICT MAINTENANCE FACILITY

11 The following project is added to the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed
12 Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program for Transportation Buildings: St.
13 Albans District Maintenance Facility.

14 * * * Project Cancellation; Project Addition * * *

15 Sec. 5. PROJECT CANCELLATION; PROJECT ADDITION

16 (a) Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 10g(h) (legislative approval for cancellation of
17 projects), the General Assembly approves cancellation of the following project
18 within the Town Highway Bridge Program: Sheldon BO 1448(47) – Scoping
19 for Bridge #20 on TH #22.

20 (b) The following project is added to the Town Highway Bridge Program:
21 Sheldon BO 1448(48) – Scoping for Bridge #11 on Bridge Street, which will

1 replace the existing Sheldon BO TRUS(11) as a Development and Evaluation
2 project.

3 * * * Transportation Alternatives Grant Program * * *

4 Sec. 6. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT PROGRAM

5 AWARDS IN STATE FISCAL YEARS 2024 TO 2027

6 Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 38(c), Transportation Alternatives Grant
7 Program awards in State fiscal years 2024 to 2027 shall not exceed
8 \$600,000.00 per grant allocation.

9 * * * Central Garage Fund * * *

10 Sec. 7. 19 V.S.A. § 13 is amended to read:

11 § 13. CENTRAL GARAGE FUND

12 (a) There is created the Central Garage Fund, which shall be used to:

13 (1) ~~to~~ furnish equipment on a rental basis to the districts and other
14 sections of the Agency for construction, maintenance, and operation of
15 highways or other transportation activities; and

16 (2) ~~to~~ provide a general equipment repair and major overhaul service,
17 inclusive of any assets, supplies, labor, or use of contractors necessary to
18 provide that service, as well as to furnish necessary supplies for the operation
19 of the equipment.

20 (b) ~~To~~ In order to maintain a safe, and reliable equipment fleet, the Agency
21 shall use Central Garage Fund monies to acquire new or replacement highway

1 ~~maintenance equipment shall be acquired using Central Garage Fund monies.~~

2 The Agency is authorized to acquire replacement pieces for existing highway

3 equipment or new, additional equipment equivalent to equipment already

4 owned; however, the Agency shall not increase the total number of

5 permanently assigned or authorized motorized or self-propelled vehicles

6 without approval by the General Assembly.

7 (c)(1) For the purpose specified in subsection (b) of this section, the

8 following amount shall be transferred from the Transportation Fund to the

9 Central Garage Fund:

10 (A) in fiscal year 2021, \$1,355,358.00; and

11 (B) in subsequent fiscal years, at a minimum, the amount specified in

12 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (1) as adjusted annually by increasing the

13 previous fiscal year's amount by the percentage increase in the Bureau of

14 Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

15 during the two most recently closed State fiscal years.

16 (2) Each fiscal year, the sum of the following shall be appropriated from

17 the Central Garage Fund exclusively for the purpose specified in subsection (b)

18 of this section:

19 (A) the amount transferred pursuant to subdivision (1) of this

20 subsection;

1 (B) the amount of the equipment depreciation expense from the prior
2 fiscal year or, for equipment that is fully depreciated and still actively in
3 service, an amount equal to the depreciation on that piece of equipment from
4 the prior year; and

5 (C) the amount of the net equipment sales from the prior fiscal year.

6 (d) In each fiscal year, net income of the Fund earned during that fiscal
7 year shall be retained in the Fund.

8 (e) For the purposes of computing net worth and net income, the fiscal year
9 shall be the year ending June 30.

10 (f) As used in this section, “equipment” means registered motor vehicles
11 and ~~highway maintenance equipment assigned to~~ necessary assets required by
12 the Central Garage in order to fulfill the objectives established in subsection
13 (a) of this section.

14 (g) [Repealed.]

15 * * * Public Transit * * *

16 Sec. 8. ONE-TIME PUBLIC TRANSIT MONIES; REPORT

17 (a) Project addition. The following project is added to the Agency of
18 Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program:
19 Increased One-Time Monies for Public Transit for Fiscal Year 2024.

20 (b) Authorization. Spending authority for Increased One-Time Monies for
21 Public Transit for Fiscal Year 2024 is authorized as follows:

	<u>FY24</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
1				
2	Other	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
3	Total	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
4	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
5	State	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
6	Total	0	1,000,000	1,000,000

7 (c) Implementation. The Agency of Transportation shall distribute the
8 authorization in subsection (b) of this section to Green Mountain Transit for
9 the following during fiscal year 2024:

10 (1) to operate routes on a zero-fare basis, with a return to the collection
11 of fares from some passengers not later than January 1, 2024; and

12 (2) to prepare for the transition to tiered-fare service in accordance with
13 the plan prepared pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, which may include
14 the acquisition and maintenance of fare-collection systems.

15 (d) Plan for tiered-fare service.

16 (1) Green Mountain Transit shall, in consultation with community
17 action agencies and other relevant entities, such as those that represent the
18 migrant and refugee populations, develop and implement, not later than
19 January 1, 2024, a plan to establish tiered-fare service on Green Mountain
20 Transit routes.

1 (2) At a minimum, the plan to establish tiered-fare service shall
2 incorporate a low-income transit program to provide free or reduced-fare
3 transit options through digital methods, such as a handheld device, and
4 nondigital methods, such as an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card or a
5 transit card.

6 (3) An interim draft of the plan to establish tiered-fare service shall be
7 submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on or before
8 October 1, 2023 and a final version of the plan to establish tiered-fare service
9 shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation
10 Committees on or before December 1, 2023.

11 Sec. 9. RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUNDING SOURCE FOR LOCAL
12 MATCH; PUBLIC TRANSIT; REPORT

13 The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, in consultation
14 with the Vermont Public Transportation Association and the Vermont League
15 of Cities and Towns, shall provide the House and Senate Committees on
16 Transportation with a written recommendation on a dedicated funding source
17 for the local match required of public transit providers operating in the
18 statewide transit system not later than December 1, 2023. The report shall
19 consider recommendations developed in the Chittenden County Regional
20 Planning Commission's December 29, 2021 Transit Financing Study.

1 Sec. 10. SEPARATING THE MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION
2 INNOVATIONS (MTI) GRANT PROGRAM FROM GO!
3 VERMONT

4 (a) Go! Vermont. Within the Agency of Transportation's Proposed Fiscal
5 Year 2024 Transportation Program for Public Transit, authorized spending for
6 Go! Vermont STPG GOVT() is amended as follows:

7	<u>FY24</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
8	Other	905,000	405,000	-500,000
9	Total	905,000	405,000	-500,000
10	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
11	State	30,000	30,000	0
12	Federal	875,000	375,000	-500,000
13	Total	905,000	405,000	-500,000

14 (b) Mobility and Transportation Innovations (MTI) Grant Program.

15 (1) Project addition. The following project is added to the Agency of
16 Transportation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program for Public
17 Transit: Mobility and Transportation Innovations (MTI) Grant Program.

18 (2) Authorization. Spending authority for MTI Grant Program is
19 authorized as follows:

20	<u>FY24</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
21	Other	0	500,000	500,000

1	Total	0	500,000	500,000
2	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
3	Federal	0	500,000	500,000
4	Total	0	500,000	500,000

5 * * * Vehicle Incentive Programs * * *

6 * * * Repeal of Existing Vehicle Incentive Programs * * *

7 Sec. 11. REPEALS

8 (a) 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended by 2020 Acts and
9 Resolves No. 121, Sec. 14, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. G.112, 2021
10 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 56, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Secs. 18,
11 19, and 21–24, and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 6, is repealed.

12 (b) 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as amended by 2022 Acts and
13 Resolves No. 184, Sec. 22, is repealed.

14 * * * Codification of Vehicle Incentive Programs * * *

15 Sec. 12. 19 V.S.A. chapter 29 is added to read:

16 CHAPTER 29. VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

17 § 2901. DEFINITIONS

18 As used in this chapter:

19 (1) “Adaptive electric cycle” means an electric bicycle or an electric
20 cargo bicycle that has been modified to meet the physical needs or abilities of
21 the operator or a passenger.

1 (2) “Electric bicycle” has the same meaning as in 23 V.S.A. § 4(46)(A).

2 (3) “Electric cargo bicycle” means a motor-assisted bicycle, as defined
3 in 23 V.S.A. § 4(45)(B)(i), with an electric motor, as defined under 23 V.S.A.
4 § 4(45)(B)(i)(II), that is specifically designed and constructed for transporting
5 loads, including at least one or more of the following: goods; one or more
6 individuals in addition to the operator; or one or more animals. A motor-
7 assisted bicycle that is not specifically designed and constructed for
8 transporting loads, including a motor-assisted bicycle that is only capable of
9 transporting loads because an accessory rear or front bicycle rack has been
10 installed, is not an electric cargo bicycle.

11 (4) “Plug-in electric vehicle (PEV),” “battery electric vehicle (BEV),”
12 and “plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)” have the same meanings as in 23
13 V.S.A. § 4(85).

14 § 2902. INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NEW PLUG-IN ELECTRIC
15 VEHICLES

16 (a) Creation; administration.

17 (1) There is created the Incentive Program for New Plug-In Electric
18 Vehicles (PEVs), which shall be administered by the Agency of
19 Transportation.

1 (2) Subject to State procurement requirements, the Agency may retain a
2 contractor or contractors to assist with marketing, program development, and
3 administration of the Program.

4 (b) Program structure. The Incentive Program for New PEVs shall
5 structure PEV purchase and lease incentive payments by income to help all
6 Vermonters benefit from electric driving, including Vermont's most
7 vulnerable. Specifically, the Incentive Program for New PEVs:

8 (1) shall apply to both purchases and leases of new PEVs with an
9 emphasis on incentivizing the purchase and lease of battery electric vehicles
10 (BEVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) with an electric range of
11 20 miles or greater per complete charge as rated by the Environmental
12 Protection Agency when the vehicle was new;

13 (2) shall provide not more than one incentive of not more than
14 \$3,000.00 for a PEV, per individual per year, to:

15 (A) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
16 filing status is single with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the
17 United States greater than \$60,000.00 and at or below \$100,000.00;

18 (B) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
19 filing status is head of household with an adjusted gross income under the laws
20 of the United States greater than \$75,000.00 and at or below \$125,000.00;

1 (C) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
2 filing status is surviving spouse with an adjusted gross income under the laws
3 of the United States greater than \$90,000.00 and at or below \$150,000.00;

4 (D) an individual who is part of a married couple with at least one
5 spouse domiciled in the State whose federal income tax filing status is married
6 filing jointly with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the United States
7 greater than \$90,000.00 and at or below \$150,000.00; or

8 (E) an individual who is part of a married couple with at least one
9 spouse domiciled in the State and at least one spouse whose federal income tax
10 filing status is married filing separately with an adjusted gross income under
11 the laws of the United States greater than \$60,000.00 and at or below
12 \$100,000.00;

13 (3) shall provide not more than one incentive of not more than
14 \$6,000.00 for a PEV, per individual per year, to:

15 (A) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
16 filing status is single with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the
17 United States at or below \$60,000.00;

18 (B) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
19 filing status is head of household with an adjusted gross income under the laws
20 of the United States at or below \$75,000.00;

1 (C) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
2 filing status is surviving spouse with an adjusted gross income under the laws
3 of the United States at or below \$90,000.00;

4 (D) an individual who is part of a married couple with at least one
5 spouse domiciled in the State whose federal income tax filing status is married
6 filing jointly with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the United States
7 at or below \$90,000.00; or

8 (E) an individual who is part of a married couple with at least one
9 spouse domiciled in the State and at least one spouse whose federal income tax
10 filing status is married filing separately with an adjusted gross income under
11 the laws of the United States at or below \$60,000.00;

12 (4) shall, as technology progresses, establish a minimum electric range
13 in order for a PHEV to be eligible for an incentive;

14 (5) shall apply to:

15 (A) manufactured PEVs with any base Manufacturer's Suggested
16 Retail Price (MSRP) that will be issued a special registration plate by the
17 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 304a or will
18 predominately be used to provide accessible transportation for the incentive
19 recipient or a member of the incentive recipient's household, provided that the
20 incentive recipient or the member of the incentive recipient's household has a

1 removable windshield placard issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
2 pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 304a;

3 (B) manufactured PHEVs with a base MSRP as determined by the
4 Agency of Transportation and meeting the following requirements:

5 (i) shall not exceed a base MSRP of \$55,000.00;

6 (ii) shall phase out incentives for PHEVs with an electric range of
7 less than 20 miles as rated by the Environmental Protection Agency when the
8 vehicle was new; and

9 (iii) shall be benchmarked to a base MSRP of the equivalent of
10 approximately \$50,000.00 or less in model year 2023; and

11 (C) manufactured BEVs with a base MSRP as determined by the
12 Agency of Transportation and meeting the following requirements:

13 (i) shall not exceed a base MSRP of \$55,000.00; and

14 (ii) shall be benchmarked to a base MSRP of the equivalent of
15 approximately \$50,000.00 or less in model year 2023; and

16 (6) shall provide incentives that may be in addition to any other
17 available incentives, including through another program funded by the State,
18 provided that not more than one incentive under the Incentive Program for
19 New PEVs is used for the purchase or lease of any one PEV.

1 (c) Administrative costs. Up to 15 percent of any appropriations for the
2 Incentive Program for New PEVs can be used for any costs associated with
3 administering and promoting the Incentive Program for New PEVs.

4 (d) Outreach and marketing. The Agency, in consultation with any
5 retained contractors, shall ensure that there is sufficient outreach and
6 marketing, including the use of translation and interpretation services, of the
7 Incentive Program for New PEVs so that Vermonters who are eligible for an
8 incentive can easily learn how to secure as many different incentives as are
9 available, and such costs shall be considered administrative costs for purposes
10 of subsection (c) of this section.

11 § 2903. MILEAGESMART

12 (a) Creation; administration.

13 (1) There is created a used high fuel efficiency vehicle incentive
14 program, which shall be administered by the Agency of Transportation and
15 known as MileageSmart.

16 (2) Subject to State procurement requirements, the Agency may retain a
17 contractor or contractors to assist with marketing, program development, and
18 administration of MileageSmart.

19 (b) Program structure. MileageSmart shall structure high fuel efficiency
20 purchase incentive payments by income to help all Vermonters benefit from

1 more efficient driving and reduced greenhouse gas emissions, including

2 Vermont's most vulnerable. Specifically, MileageSmart shall:

3 (1) apply to purchases of used high fuel-efficient motor vehicles, which
4 for purposes of this program shall be pleasure cars with a combined
5 city/highway fuel efficiency of at least 40 miles per gallon or miles-per-gallon
6 equivalent as rated by the Environmental Protection Agency when the vehicle
7 was new; and

8 (2) provide not more than one point-of-sale voucher worth up to
9 \$5,000.00 to an individual who is a member of a household with an adjusted
10 gross income that is at or below 80 percent of the State median income.

11 (c) Administrative costs. Up to 15 percent of any appropriations for
12 MileageSmart can be used for any costs associated with administering and
13 promoting MileageSmart.

14 (d) Outreach and marketing. The Agency, in consultation with any
15 retained contractors, shall ensure that there is sufficient outreach and
16 marketing, including the use of translation and interpretation services, of
17 MileageSmart so that Vermonters who are eligible for an incentive can easily
18 learn how to secure as many different incentives as are available, and such
19 costs shall be considered administrative costs for purposes of subsection (c) of
20 this section.

1 § 2904. REPLACE YOUR RIDE PROGRAM

2 (a) Creation; administration.

3 (1) There is created the Replace Your Ride Program, which shall be
4 administered by the Agency of Transportation.

5 (2) Subject to State procurement requirements, the Agency may retain a
6 contractor or contractors to assist with marketing, program development, and
7 administration of the Program.

8 (b) Program structure. The Replace Your Ride Program shall structure
9 incentive payments by income to help all Vermonters benefit from replacing
10 lower efficient modes of transportation with modes of transportation that
11 reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Agency may apply a sliding scale
12 incentive based on electric range, with larger incentives being available for
13 PEVs with a longer electric range.

14 (c) Incentive amount. The Replace Your Ride Program shall provide up to
15 a \$2,500.00 incentive for those who qualify under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this
16 section and up to a \$5,000.00 incentive for those who qualify under
17 subdivision (d)(1)(B) of this section, either of which may be in addition to any
18 other available incentives, including through a program funded by the State, to
19 individuals who qualify based on both income and the removal of an internal
20 combustion vehicle. Only one incentive per individual is available under the
21 Replace Your Ride Program.

1 (d) Eligibility. Applicants must qualify through both income and the
2 removal of an eligible vehicle with an internal combustion engine.

3 (1) Income eligibility.

4 (A) The lower incentive amount of up to \$2,500.00 is available to the
5 following, provided that all other eligibility requirements are met:

6 (i) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
7 filing status is single with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the
8 United States greater than \$60,000.00 and at or below \$100,000.00;

9 (ii) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
10 filing status is head of household with an adjusted gross income under the laws
11 of the United States greater than \$75,000.00 and at or below \$125,000.00;

12 (iii) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
13 filing status is surviving spouse with an adjusted gross income under the laws
14 of the United States greater than \$90,000.00 and at or below \$150,000.00;

15 (iv) an individual who is part of a married couple with at least one
16 spouse domiciled in the State whose federal income tax filing status is married
17 filing jointly with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the United States
18 greater than \$90,000.00 and at or below \$150,000.00; or

19 (v) an individual who is part of a married couple with at least one
20 spouse domiciled in the State and at least one spouse whose federal income tax
21 filing status is married filing separately with an adjusted gross income under

1 the laws of the United States greater than \$60,000.00 and at or below
2 \$100,000.00.

3 (B) The higher incentive amount of up to \$5,000.00 is available to
4 the following, provided that all other eligibility requirements are met:

5 (i) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
6 filing status is single with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the
7 United States at or below \$60,000.00;

8 (ii) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
9 filing status is head of household with an adjusted gross income under the laws
10 of the United States at or below \$75,000.00;

11 (iii) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
12 filing status is surviving spouse with an adjusted gross income under the laws
13 of the United States at or below \$90,000.00;

14 (iv) an individual who is part of a married couple with at least one
15 spouse domiciled in the State whose federal income tax filing status is married
16 filing jointly with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the United States
17 at or below \$90,000.00;

18 (v) an individual who is part of a married couple with at least one
19 spouse domiciled in the State and at least one spouse whose federal income tax
20 filing status is married filing separately with an adjusted gross income under
21 the laws of the United States at or below \$60,000.00; or

1 (vi) an individual who is a member of a household with an
2 adjusted gross income that is at or below 80 percent of the State median
3 income.

4 (2) Vehicle removal.

5 (A) In order for an individual to qualify for an incentive under the
6 Replace Your Ride Program, the individual must remove an older low-
7 efficiency vehicle from operation and switch to a mode of transportation that
8 produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions. The entity that administers the
9 Replace Your Ride Program, in conjunction with the Agency of
10 Transportation, shall establish Program guidelines that specifically provide for
11 how someone can show that the vehicle removal eligibility requirement has
12 been, or will be, met.

13 (B) For purposes of the Replace Your Ride Program:

14 (i) An “older low-efficiency vehicle”:

15 (I) is currently registered, and has been for two years prior to
16 the date of application, with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles;

17 (II) is currently titled in the name of the applicant and has been
18 for at least one year prior to the date of application;

19 (III) has a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less;

20 (IV) is at least 10 model years old;

21 (V) has an internal combustion engine; and

1 (VI) passed the annual inspection required under 23 V.S.A.
2 § 1222 within the prior year.

3 (ii) Removing the older low-efficiency vehicle from operation
4 must be done by disabling the vehicle's engine from further use and fully
5 dismantling the vehicle for either donation to a nonprofit organization to be
6 used for parts or destruction.

7 (iii) The following qualify as a switch to a mode of transportation
8 that produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions:

9 (I) purchasing or leasing a new or used PEV;

10 (II) purchasing a new or used bicycle, electric bicycle, electric
11 cargo bicycle, adaptive electric cycle, or motorcycle that is fully electric, and
12 the necessary safety equipment; and

13 (III) utilizing shared-mobility services.

14 (e) Administrative costs. Up to 15 percent of any appropriations for the
15 Replace Your Ride Program can be used for any costs associated with
16 administering and promoting the Replace Your Ride Program.

17 (f) Outreach and marketing. The Agency, in consultation with any retained
18 contractors, shall ensure that there is sufficient outreach and marketing,
19 including the use of translation and interpretation services, of the Replace Your
20 Ride Program so that Vermonters who are eligible for an incentive can easily
21 learn how to secure as many different incentives as are available and such costs

1 shall be considered administrative costs for purposes of subsection (e) of this
2 section.

3 § 2905. ANNUAL REPORTING

4 (a) The Agency shall annually evaluate the programs established under this
5 chapter to gauge effectiveness and shall submit a written report on the
6 effectiveness of the programs to the House and Senate Committees on
7 Transportation, the House Committee on Environment and Energy, and the
8 Senate Committee on Finance on or before the 31st day of January in each year
9 following a year that an incentive was provided through one of the programs.

10 (b) The report shall also include:

11 (1) any intended modifications to program guidelines for the upcoming
12 fiscal year along with an explanation for the reasoning behind the
13 modifications and how the modifications will yield greater uptake of PEVs and
14 other means of transportation that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

15 (2) any recommendations on statutory modifications to the programs,
16 including to income and vehicle eligibility, along with an explanation for the
17 reasoning behind the statutory modification recommendations and how the
18 modifications will yield greater uptake of PEVs and other means of
19 transportation that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

20 (c) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the annual report required under this
21 section shall continue to be required if an incentive is provided through one of

1 the programs unless the General Assembly takes specific action to repeal the
2 report requirement.

3 * * * Vehicle Incentive Program; Fiscal Year 2023 Authorizations * * *

4 Sec. 13. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 5 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 5. VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

6 (a) Incentive Program for New PEVs. The Agency is authorized to spend
7 up to \$12,000,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on the
8 Incentive Program for New PEVs established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No.
9 59, Sec. 34, as amended, and subsequently codified in 19 V.S.A. chapter 29.

10 (b) MileageSmart. The Agency is authorized to spend up to \$3,000,000.00
11 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on MileageSmart as established
12 in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended, and subsequently
13 codified in 19 V.S.A. chapter 29.

14 (c) Replace Your Ride Program. The Agency is authorized to spend up to
15 \$3,000,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on the Replace
16 Your Ride Program established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as
17 amended, and subsequently codified in 19 V.S.A. chapter 29.

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1 * * * Electrify Your Fleet Program and eBike Incentive Program * * *

2 * * * Creation of Electrify Your Fleet Program and Authorization * * *

3 Sec. 14. ELECTRIFY YOUR FLEET PROGRAM; AUTHORIZATION

4 (a) Creation; administration.

5 (1) There is created the Electrify Your Fleet Program, which shall be
6 administered by the Agency of Transportation.

7 (2) Subject to State procurement requirements, the Agency may retain a
8 contractor or contractors to assist with marketing, program development, and
9 administration of the Program.

10 (b) Authorization. The Agency is authorized to spend up to \$500,000.00 in
11 one-time General Fund monies on the Electrify Your Fleet Program
12 established pursuant to subsection (a)(1) of this section.

13 (c) Definitions. The definitions in 19 V.S.A. § 2901, as added by Sec. 12
14 of this act, shall apply to this section.

15 (d) Program structure. The Electrify Your Fleet Program shall structure
16 purchase and lease incentive payments to replace vehicles other than a plug-in
17 electric vehicle cycled out of a motor vehicle fleet and reduce the greenhouse
18 gas emissions of persons operating a motor vehicle fleet in Vermont.

19 Specifically, the Electrify Your Fleet Program shall:

20 (1) provide incentives to Vermont municipalities and business entities
21 registered in Vermont that maintain a fleet of motor vehicles that are registered

1 in Vermont with no single applicant being eligible for more than 20 incentives
2 over the existence of the Program;

3 (2) provide \$2,500.00 purchase and lease incentives for:

4 (A) BEVs with a base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price
5 (MSRP) of \$60,000.00 or less;

6 (B) PHEVs with an electric range of 20 miles or greater per complete
7 charge as rated by the Environmental Protection Agency when the vehicle was
8 new and a base MSRP of \$60,000.00 or less;

9 (C) electric bicycles and electric cargo bicycles with a base MSRP of
10 \$6,000.00 or less;

11 (D) adaptive electric cycles with any base MSRP;

12 (E) electric motorcycles with a base MSRP of \$30,000.00 or less; and

13 (F) electric snowmobiles with a base MSRP of \$20,000.00 or less;

14 and

15 (3) require a showing that the incentive will be used to electrify the
16 applicant's motor vehicle fleet.

17 (e) Administrative costs. Up to 15 percent of any appropriations for the
18 Electrify Your Fleet Program can be used for any costs associated with
19 administering and promoting the Electrify Your Fleet Program.

20 (f) Outreach and marketing. The Agency, in consultation with any retained
21 contractors, shall ensure that there is sufficient outreach and marketing,

1 including the use of translation and interpretation services, of the Electrify
2 Your Fleet Program so that persons who are eligible for an incentive can easily
3 learn how to secure an incentive and such costs shall be considered
4 administrative costs for purposes of subsection (e) of this section.

5 (g) Reporting. The reporting requirements of 19 V.S.A. § 2905, as added
6 by Sec. 12 of this act, shall, notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), apply to the
7 Electrify Your Fleet Program if an incentive is provided through the Electrify
8 Your Fleet Program unless the General Assembly takes specific action to
9 repeal the report requirement.

10 * * * eBike Incentive Program; Authorization * * *

11 Sec. 15. MODIFICATIONS TO EBIKE INCENTIVE PROGRAM;

12 REPORT

13 (a) Definitions. The definitions in 19 V.S.A. § 2901, as added by Sec. 12
14 of this act, shall apply to this section.

15 (b) Authorization and modifications. The Agency is authorized to spend up
16 to \$50,000.00 in one-time General Fund monies on the continuation of the
17 eBike Incentive Program established pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No.
18 55, Sec. 28, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 23, with the
19 following modifications:

20 (1) incentives shall be provided in the form of a voucher redeemable as
21 a point-of-sale rebate at participating retail shops;

1 (2) vouchers shall be provided to applicants that self-certify as to both:

2 (A) meeting income eligibility requirements under 19 V.S.A.

3 § 2902(b)(3) (the lower-income tier for the Incentive Program for New PEVs),
4 as added by Sec. 12 of this act; and

5 (B) that the incentivized electric bicycle, electric cargo bicycle, or
6 adaptive electric cycle shall be used in a way that reduces greenhouse gas
7 emissions, such as a substitute for trips that would have been taken in a vehicle
8 other than a plug-in electric vehicle;

9 (3) only electric bicycles with a base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail
10 Price (MSRP) between \$800.00 and \$4,000.00 shall be eligible for an
11 incentive;

12 (4) only electric cargo bicycles with a base MSRP of \$5,000.00 or less
13 shall be eligible for an incentive; and

14 (5) an adaptive electric cycle with any base MSRP shall be eligible for
15 an incentive.

16 (c) Administrative costs. Up to 15 percent of the authorization in
17 subsection (a) of this section may be used for any costs associated with
18 administering and promoting the eBike Incentive Program.

19 (d) Reporting. The Agency of Transportation shall address incentives for
20 electric bicycles, electric cargo bicycles, and adaptive electric cycles provided

1 pursuant to this section in the January 31, 2024 report required under 19

2 V.S.A. § 2905, as added by Sec. 12 of this act, including a:

3 (1) breakdown of who received an incentive under the eBike Incentive
4 Program;

5 (2) breakdown of where vouchers were redeemed;

6 (3) breakdown, by manufacturer and type, of electric bicycles, electric
7 cargo bicycles, and adaptive electric cycles incentivized;

8 (4) detailed summary of information provided in the self-certification
9 forms; and

10 (5) detailed summary information collected through participant surveys.

11 Sec. 16. AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO MODIFY
12 INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EBIKE
13 INCENTIVE PROGRAM ON PASSAGE

14 Notwithstanding 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 28(a)(3), the Agency
15 of Transportation may choose to only provide incentives to individuals who
16 self-certify as to meeting income eligibility requirements under 19 V.S.A.
17 § 2902(b)(3) (the lower-income tier for the Incentive Program for New PEVs),
18 as added by Sec. 12 of this act.

1 * * * Reallocation of Funding * * *

2 Sec. 17. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 2(8)(C), as amended by 2023
3 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 83, is further amended to read:

4 (C) Replace Your Ride Program. Sec. 5(c) of this act authorizes
5 ~~\$2,900,000.00~~ \$2,350,000.00 for incentives under Replace Your Ride, which
6 will be the State’s program to incentivize Vermonters to remove older low-
7 efficiency vehicles from operation and switch to modes of transportation that
8 produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and capped administrative costs.

9 Sec. 18. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 5(c), as amended by 2023 Acts
10 and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 84, is further amended to read:

11 (c) Replace Your Ride Program. The Agency is authorized to spend up to
12 ~~\$2,900,000.00~~ \$2,350,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on
13 the Replace Your Ride Program established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55,
14 Sec. 27, as amended.

15 Sec. 19. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b)(5), as amended by
16 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 85, is further amended to read:

17 (5) ~~\$2,900,000.00~~ \$2,350,000.00 to the Agency of Transportation for the
18 Replace Your Ride Program, established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55,
19 Sec. 27, as amended.

1 * * * Mileage-Based User Fee (MBUF) * * *

2 Sec. 20. MILEAGE-BASED USER FEE LEGISLATIVE INTENT

3 It is the intent of the General Assembly for the State:

4 (1) to start collecting a mileage-based user fee from all battery-electric
5 vehicles registered in Vermont starting on July 1, 2025, which is expected to
6 be the first day of the first fiscal year where more than 15 percent of new
7 pleasure car registrations in the State are plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs);

8 (2) to start subjecting plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) that are a
9 pleasure car to an annual or a biennial registration fee that is one and three-
10 quarters times the amount of the annual or biennial fee for a pleasure car
11 pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 361 starting on July 1, 2025, and that PHEVs shall not
12 be subject to a mileage-based user fee;

13 (3) to work towards collecting a fee on kWhs that are dispensed through
14 certain electric vehicle supply equipment available to the public so as to
15 supplant lost gas tax revenue from PEVs that are not registered in Vermont but
16 utilize highways in Vermont; and

17 (4) to not commence collecting a mileage-based user fee until such
18 authorizing language is codified in statute and becomes effective.

19 Sec. 21. MILEAGE-BASED USER FEE AUTHORIZATION

20 (a) Within the Agency of Transportation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2024
21 Transportation Program for Environmental Policy and Sustainability, the

1 Agency of Transportation, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, is
2 authorized to apply for and accept a competitive federal Strategic Innovation
3 for Revenue Collection grant established pursuant to the Infrastructure
4 Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (IIJA), Sec. 13001 in an amount
5 not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 in federal monies, with up to \$350,000.00 in
6 Transportation Fund monies authorized for the nonfederal match in fiscal year
7 2024.

8 (b) As permitted under federal regulations and grant terms, the Agency
9 shall utilize grant monies to design a mileage-based user fee that is consistent
10 with Secs. 20 and 22 of this act.

11 (c) Subject to State procurement requirements, the Agency may retain one
12 or more contractors or consultants, or both, to assist with the design of a
13 process to commence collecting a mileage-based user fee on July 1, 2025.

14 Sec. 22. MILEAGE-BASED USER FEE DESIGN

15 (a) Definitions. As used in this section and Secs. 21 and 23 of this act:

16 (1) “Account manager” means a person under contract with the Agency
17 of Transportation or Department of Motor Vehicles to administer and manage
18 the mileage-based user fee.

19 (2) “Annual vehicle miles traveled” means the total number of miles that
20 a BEV is driven between annual inspections as reported by an inspection
21 mechanic to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

1 (3) “Mileage-based user fee” means the total amount that an owner or
2 lessee of a BEV registered in Vermont owes the State and is calculated by
3 multiplying the mileage-based user fee rate by the annual vehicle miles
4 traveled or, in the case of a terminating event, by multiplying the mileage-
5 based user fee rate by the vehicle miles traveled between the last Vermont
6 annual inspection and the terminating event.

7 (4) “Mileage-based user fee rate” means the per-mile usage fee charged
8 to the owner or lessee of a BEV registered in Vermont.

9 (5) “Mileage reporting period” means the time between annual
10 inspections or the time between an annual inspection and a terminating event.

11 (6) “Pleasure car” has the same meaning as in 23 V.S.A. § 4(28).

12 (7) “Plug-in electric vehicle (PEV)” has the same meaning as in
13 23 V.S.A. § 4(85) and includes battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and plug-in
14 hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs), which have the same meaning as in
15 23 V.S.A. § 4(85)(A) and (B).

16 (8) “Terminating event” means either the registering of a BEV that had
17 been registered in Vermont in a different state or a change in ownership or
18 lesseeship of the BEV, or both.

19 (b) Commencement date. The Agency shall design a process to collect a
20 mileage-based user fee for miles driven by a BEV registered in Vermont to
21 commence collecting revenue on July 1, 2025.

1 (c) Covered vehicles. The Agency shall design a process to collect a
2 mileage-based user fee based on the annual vehicle miles traveled by BEVs
3 registered in the State.

4 (d) Imposition of a mileage-based user fee. The Agency shall design a
5 process to collect a mileage-based user fee from the owner or lessee of a BEV
6 registered in Vermont for each mileage reporting period within 60 days after
7 the Vermont annual inspection or terminating event that closes the mileage
8 reporting period.

9 Sec. 23. REPORTS

10 The Secretary of Transportation and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
11 shall file a written report not later than January 31, 2024 with the House and
12 Senate Committees on Transportation, the House Committee on Ways and
13 Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance that provides the following:

14 (1) a comprehensive implementation plan to commence collecting, on
15 July 1, 2025, a mileage-based user fee for miles driven by a BEV registered in
16 Vermont;

17 (2) a recommendation on what language should be codified in statute to
18 enable the State to commence collecting, on July 1, 2025, a mileage-based user
19 fee for miles driven by a BEV registered in Vermont, which shall include a
20 recommendation for the mileage-based user fee rate and that includes, for that
21 recommendation:

1 (A) an explanation for how the recommended mileage-based user fee
2 rate was calculated;

3 (B) what the recommended mileage-based user fee rate is estimated
4 to yield in revenue for the State in total per year; and

5 (C) how the anticipated mileage-based user fee for a pleasure car is
6 expected to compare to the amount collected by the State in gas tax revenue
7 from the use of a non-PEV pleasure car registered in Vermont and the amount
8 collected by the State in gas tax revenue and increased registration fee from the
9 use of a non-PHEV pleasure car registered in Vermont based on estimates of
10 low, medium, and high annual vehicle miles traveled;

11 (3) a recommendation on what should be required in annual reporting on
12 the mileage-based user fee starting in 2026 for fiscal year 2025, which shall, at
13 a minimum, address whether the following should be reported on:

14 (A) the total amount of revenue collected in mileage-based user fees
15 for the prior fiscal year and an estimate of the total amount of revenue
16 anticipated to be collected in mileage-based user fees during the subsequent
17 fiscal year;

18 (B) the average mileage-based user fee collected for a BEV with low,
19 medium, and high annual vehicle miles traveled in the prior fiscal year;

1 (C) an estimate of the average amount in motor fuel revenue that was
2 collected for a pleasure car that is not a plug-in electric vehicle with low,
3 medium, and high annual vehicle miles traveled in the prior fiscal year;

4 (D) an estimate of the average amount in motor fuel revenue and
5 increased registration fee that was collected for a pleasure car that is a plug-in
6 hybrid electric vehicle with low, medium, and high annual vehicle miles
7 traveled in the prior fiscal year;

8 (E) the total number of delinquent mileage-based user fees in the
9 prior fiscal year;

10 (F) the total number of outstanding payment plans for delinquent
11 mileage-based user fees; and

12 (G) the cost to collect the mileage-based user fees in the prior fiscal
13 year;

14 (4) an outline of what the Agency intends to adopt, if authorized, as rule
15 in order to commence collecting, on July 1, 2025, a mileage-based user fee for
16 miles driven by a BEV registered in Vermont, which shall, at a minimum,
17 establish;

18 (A) a process to calculate and report the annual vehicle miles traveled
19 by a BEV registered in Vermont;

20 (B) payment periods and other payment methods and procedures for
21 the payment of the mileage-based user fee, which shall include the option to

1 prepay the anticipated mileage-based user fee in installments on a monthly,
2 quarterly, or annual basis;

3 (C) standards for mileage reporting mechanisms for an owner or
4 lessee of a BEV to report vehicle miles traveled throughout the year;

5 (D) procedures to provide security and protection of personal
6 information and data connected to a mileage-based user fee;

7 (E) penalty and appeal procedures necessary for the collection of a
8 mileage-based user fee, which, to the extent practicable, shall duplicate and
9 build upon existing Department of Motor Vehicles processes; and

10 (F) Agency oversight of any account manager, including privacy
11 protection of personal information and access and auditing capability of
12 financial and other records related to administration of the process to collect a
13 mileage-based user fee; and

14 (5) an update on what other states and the federal government are doing
15 to address lost gas tax revenue from the adoption of PEVs along with any
16 applicable suggestions for opportunities for regional collaboration and an
17 explanation of the source of the information provided under this subdivision.

1 * * * Transportation Programs; Federal Carbon Reduction Program;
2 PROTECT Formula Program; Prioritization; Equity * * *

3 Sec. 24. AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT
4 THE FEDERAL CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM AND
5 PROTECT FORMULA PROGRAM; PRIORITIZATION; EQUITY

6 (a) The Agency of Transportation, through its development of the State's
7 Carbon Reduction Strategy, shall:

8 (1) develop a methodology to:

9 (A) quantify the emissions reductions the Agency will achieve from
10 the State's Transportation Program;

11 (B) measure the gap between the emissions reductions calculated
12 under subdivision (A) of this subdivision (a)(1) and the emissions reductions
13 required under the Global Warming Solutions Act, as codified in 10 V.S.A.
14 § 578; and

15 (C) evaluate what additional emissions reductions are possible
16 through the implementation of additional policies and programs within the
17 State's Transportation Program;

18 (2) articulate the ongoing investments, particularly under the Carbon
19 Reduction Program, established through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
20 Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (IIJA) and codified as 23 U.S.C. § 175, that the
21 Agency intends to implement through the State's annual Transportation

1 Program in order to reduce emissions from activities within the control of the

2 Agency;

3 (3) identify and evaluate the effectiveness of other policies and
4 programs to reduce transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions as required
5 by the Global Warming Solutions Act, as codified in 10 V.S.A. § 578, and as
6 identified in the Vermont Climate Action Plan, as amended, which shall
7 include:

8 (A) an analysis of the potential to generate revenue sources sufficient
9 for ongoing greenhouse gas emissions reduction implementation; and

10 (B) recommendations regarding additional policy or revenue sources
11 to close any implementation gaps identified in subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this
12 section;

13 (4) engage in public outreach through the following:

14 (A) establishing an advisory committee with a broad group of
15 stakeholders, including representatives of the Vermont Climate Council, to
16 help guide the identification and evaluation of policies and programs to reduce
17 transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions;

18 (B) working with stakeholders, including environmental groups;
19 community-based organizations that represent equity and environmental
20 justice interests; business community groups, including chambers of
21 commerce; transportation industry associations, including those representing

1 rail and trucking; municipalities; regional planning commissions; and elected
2 officials on ways to reduce transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions;
3 and

4 (C) hosting not less than two public meetings, with at least one to
5 gather input on proposed policies and programs to reduce transportation sector
6 greenhouse gas emissions and at least one to address the evaluation of the
7 anticipated outcomes of the draft of the State's Carbon Reduction Strategy;
8 and

9 (5) coordinate with the Climate Action Office within the Agency of
10 Natural Resources to track and report progress towards achieving the State's
11 greenhouse gas emissions as required by the Global Warming Solutions Act
12 and codified in 10 V.S.A. § 578.

13 (b) The Agency shall develop the State's Resilience Improvement Plan to
14 establish how it will use federal monies available under the Promoting
15 Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving
16 Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program, established through the IIJA
17 and codified as 23 U.S.C. § 176, and existing tools and processes to address
18 transportation resilience, specifically for:

19 (1) resilience planning, predesign, design, or the development of data
20 tools to simulate transportation disruption scenarios, including vulnerability

1 assessments, community response strategies, or evacuation planning and
2 preparation;

3 (2) resilience projects to improve the ability of an existing surface
4 transportation asset to withstand one or more elements of a weather event or
5 natural disaster; and

6 (3) community resilience and evacuation route activities that strengthen
7 and protect routes that are essential for providing and supporting evacuations
8 caused by emergency events.

9 (c) The Agency shall develop recommendations for the integration of
10 carbon reduction, resilience, and equity factors into its project prioritization
11 system through the Agency's existing prioritization process and the
12 development of the Equity Framework Project.

13 Sec. 25. REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STATUTES

14 The Agency of Transportation shall provide written reports summarizing
15 the work completed pursuant to Sec. 24 of this act and written
16 recommendations on how to amend statute, including 19 V.S.A. §§ 10b and
17 10i, to reflect the work completed pursuant to Sec. 24 of this act to the House
18 and Senate Committees on Transportation. A draft written report shall be

1 provided on or before October 15, 2023 and a final written report shall be
2 provided on or before January 15, 2024.

3 * * * Complete Streets * * *

4 Sec. 26. 19 V.S.A. § 10b is amended to read:

5 § 10b. STATEMENT OF POLICY; GENERAL

6 (a) The Agency shall be the responsible agency of the State for the
7 development of transportation policy. It shall develop a mission statement to
8 reflect:

9 (1) that State transportation policy shall be to encompass, coordinate,
10 and integrate all modes of transportation and to consider “complete streets”, as
11 defined in section 2401 of this title, principles, which are principles of safety
12 and accommodation of all transportation system users, regardless of age,
13 ability, or modal preference; and

14 (2) the need for transportation projects that will improve the State’s
15 economic infrastructure, as well as the use of resources in efficient,
16 coordinated, integrated, cost-effective, and environmentally sound ways, and
17 that will be consistent with the recommendations of the Comprehensive
18 Energy Plan (CEP) issued under 30 V.S.A. § 202b.

19 (b) The Agency shall coordinate planning and, education, and training
20 efforts with those of the Vermont Climate Change Oversight Committee and
21 those of local and regional planning entities to:

1 (1) ~~to~~ ensure that the transportation system as a whole is integrated;₂ that
2 access to the transportation system as a whole is integrated;₂ and that statewide,
3 local, and regional conservation and efficiency opportunities and practices are
4 integrated; and

5 (2) ~~to~~ support employer-led or local or regional government-led
6 conservation, efficiency, rideshare, and bicycle programs and other innovative
7 transportation advances, especially employer-based incentives.

8 (c) In developing the State's annual Transportation Program, the Agency
9 shall, consistent with the planning goals listed in 24 V.S.A. § 4302 ~~as amended~~
10 ~~by 1988 Acts and Resolves No. 200~~ and with appropriate consideration to
11 local, regional, and State agency plans:

12 (1) ~~Develop~~ develop or incorporate designs that provide integrated, safe,
13 and efficient transportation and that are consistent with the recommendations
14 of the CEP;₂

15 (2)(A) ~~Consider the safety and accommodation of all transportation~~
16 ~~system users, including motorists, bicyclists, public transportation users, and~~
17 ~~pedestrians of all ages and abilities, consider complete streets principles in all~~
18 State- and municipally managed transportation projects and project phases,
19 including planning, development, construction, and maintenance, except in the
20 case of projects or project components involving unpaved highways. ~~If, after~~
21 ~~the consideration required under this subdivision, a State-managed project does~~

1 ~~not incorporate complete streets principles, the project manager shall make a~~
2 ~~written determination, supported by documentation and available for public~~
3 ~~inspection at the Agency, that one or more of the following circumstances~~
4 ~~exist:~~

5 ~~(i) Use of the transportation facility by pedestrians, bicyclists, or~~
6 ~~other users is prohibited by law.~~

7 ~~(ii) The cost of incorporating complete streets principles is~~
8 ~~disproportionate to the need or probable use as determined by factors including~~
9 ~~land use, current and projected user volumes, population density, crash data,~~
10 ~~historic and natural resource constraints, and maintenance requirements. The~~
11 ~~Agency shall consult local and regional plans, as appropriate, in assessing~~
12 ~~these and any other relevant factors.~~

13 ~~(iii) Incorporating complete streets principles is outside the scope~~
14 ~~of a project because of its very nature.~~

15 ~~(B) The written determination required under subdivision (A) of this~~
16 ~~subdivision (2) shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal or further~~
17 ~~review.;~~

18 (3) ~~Promote~~ promote economic opportunities for Vermonters and the
19 best use of the State's environmental and historic resources.;

20 (4) ~~Manage~~ manage available funding to:

21 * * *

1 Sec. 27. REPEAL

2 19 V.S.A. § 309d (policy for municipally managed transportation projects)
3 is repealed.

4 Sec. 28. 19 V.S.A. chapter 24 is added to read:

5 CHAPTER 24. COMPLETE STREETS

6 § 2401. DEFINITION

7 As used in this chapter, “complete streets” means streets that provide safe
8 and accessible options for multiple travel modes for individuals of all ages and
9 abilities, including walking, cycling, public transportation, and motor vehicles.

10 § 2402. STATE POLICY

11 (a) Agency of Transportation funded, designed, or funded and designed
12 projects shall seek to increase and encourage more pedestrian, bicycle, and
13 public transit trips, with the State goal to promote intermodal access to the
14 maximum extent feasible, which will help the State meet the transportation-
15 related recommendations outlined in the Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP)
16 issued under 30 V.S.A. § 202b and the recommendations of the Vermont
17 Climate Action Plan (CAP) issued under 10 V.S.A. § 592.

18 (b) Except in the case of projects or project components involving unpaved
19 highways, for all transportation projects and project phases managed by the
20 Agency or a municipality, including planning, development, construction, or

1 maintenance, it is the policy of this State for the Agency and municipalities, as
2 applicable, to incorporate complete streets principles that:

3 (1) serve individuals of all ages and abilities, including vulnerable users
4 as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(81);

5 (2) follow state-of-the-practice design guidance; and

6 (3) are sensitive to the surrounding community, including current and
7 planned buildings, parks, and trails and current and expected transportation
8 needs.

9 § 2403. PROJECTS NOT INCORPORATING COMPLETE STREETS

10 PRINCIPLES

11 (a) State projects. A State-managed project shall incorporate complete
12 streets principles unless the project manager makes a written determination,
13 supported by documentation, that one or more of the following circumstances
14 exist:

15 (1) Use of the transportation facility by pedestrians, bicyclists, or other
16 users is prohibited by law.

17 (2) The cost of incorporating complete streets principles is
18 disproportionate to the need or probable use as determined by factors including
19 land use, current and projected user volumes, population density, crash data,
20 historic and natural resource constraints, and maintenance requirements. The
21 Agency shall consult local and regional plans, as appropriate, in assessing

1 these and any other relevant factors. If the project manager bases the written
2 determination required under this subsection in whole or in part on this
3 subdivision then the project manager shall provide a supplemental written
4 determination with specific details on costs, needs, and probable uses, as
5 applicable.

6 (3) Incorporating complete streets principles is outside the limited scope
7 of a project as defined in the latest version of the Agency's Complete Streets
8 Guidance.

9 (b) Municipal projects. A municipally managed project shall incorporate
10 complete streets principles unless the municipality managing the project makes
11 a written determination, supported by documentation, that one or more of the
12 following circumstances exist:

13 (1) Use of the transportation facility by pedestrians, bicyclists, or other
14 users is prohibited by law.

15 (2) The cost of incorporating complete streets principles is
16 disproportionate to the need or probable use as determined by factors such as
17 land use, current and projected user volumes, population density, crash data,
18 historic and natural resource constraints, and maintenance requirements. The
19 municipality shall consult local and regional plans, as appropriate, in assessing
20 these and any other relevant factors. If the municipality managing the project
21 bases the written determination required under this subsection in whole or in

1 part on this subdivision then the project manager shall provide a supplemental
2 written determination with specific details on costs, needs, and probable uses,
3 as applicable.

4 (3) Incorporating complete streets principles is outside the limited scope
5 of a project as defined in the latest version of the Agency's Complete Streets
6 Guidance.

7 (c) Finality of determinations. The written determinations required by
8 subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be final and shall not be subject to
9 appeal or further review.

10 (d) Posting of determinations. The written determinations required by
11 subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be posted to the municipality's
12 website, in the case of a municipally managed project, and a web page on the
13 Agency of Transportation's website dedicated to complete streets, in the case
14 of a State-managed project.

15 § 2404. ANNUAL REPORT; PUBLIC DATABASE

16 (a) Annual report. Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the Agency shall
17 annually, on or before September 1 starting in 2025, submit a report detailing
18 the State's efforts in following the complete streets policy established in
19 section 2402 of this chapter during the previous fiscal year to the House and
20 Senate Committees on Transportation.

21 (b) Public database.

1 (1) The Agency of Transportation shall post to a web page dedicated to
2 complete streets on the Agency’s website a database of all State-managed
3 transportation projects that have been bid since January 1, 2023 along with a
4 description of the project, the location of the project, which complete streets
5 principles were incorporated in the project, as applicable, and an explanation as
6 to which circumstance or circumstances contained in subsection 2403(a) of this
7 chapter existed in the case of projects not incorporating complete streets
8 principles.

9 (2) The database required under this subsection shall be updated on at
10 least an annual basis.

11 Sec. 29. IMPLEMENTATION; PUBLIC DATABASE

12 The Agency shall create and post the database required under 19 V.S.A.
13 § 2404(b), as added by Sec. 28 of this act, on or before January 1, 2024.

14 Sec. 30. MUNICIPAL TRAINING ON COMPLETE STREETS

15 The Agency of Transportation, in consultation with the Vermont League of
16 Cities and Towns and regional planning commissions, shall design and
17 implement a program to provide training on complete streets to municipalities.

18 Sec. 31. REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT VERMONT STATE
19 STANDARDS

20 (a) The Agency of Transportation will be preparing replacements to the
21 current Vermont State Standards and related documents, standards, guidance,

1 and procedures in accordance with the plan required pursuant to 2022 Acts and
2 Resolves No. 184, Sec. 19.

3 (b) The Agency shall provide an oral update on the process to replace the
4 current Vermont State Standards and related documents, standards, guidance,
5 and procedures to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on or
6 before February 15, 2024.

7 * * * Municipal and Regional Support for a Route 5 Bicycle Corridor * * *
8 Sec. 32. SUPPORT FOR A ROUTE 5 BICYCLE CORRIDOR; SURVEY
9 REPORT

10 (a) The Agency of Transportation, in partnership with regional planning
11 commissions through the annual Transportation Planning Initiative, shall
12 conduct a survey of municipal support for the creation of a bicycle corridor—
13 consisting of one or more segments of bicycle lanes or bicycle paths, or both—
14 to provide a safe means of travel via bicycle on or along a route that is roughly
15 adjacent to U.S. Route 5 for the approximately 190 miles spanning between the
16 State border with Massachusetts and the State border with Quebec, Canada.

17 (b) The survey shall address the level of interest of municipalities and
18 regional planning commissions in prioritizing the creation of a bicycle corridor
19 along some or all of U.S. Route 5, including the consideration of the costs of
20 creation and benefits to the tourism industry in Vermont in general and to the
21 municipalities along U.S. Route 5 in particular.

1 (c) The Agency shall provide a report on outcome of the survey to the
2 House and Senate Committees on Transportation on or before January 15,
3 2024.

4 * * * Sunset Extension * * *

5 Sec. 33. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 158, Sec. 21 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 21. REPEAL OF TRANSPORTATION P3 AUTHORITY

7 19 V.S.A. §§ ~~2613 (Agency of Transportation's P3 authority) and 2614~~
8 ~~(legislative approval of P3 proposals) chapter 26, subchapter 2 shall be~~
9 repealed on July 1, ~~2023~~ 2026.

10 * * * Repeals * * *

11 Sec. 34. REPEALS

12 (a) 5 V.S.A. § 3616 (connection of passenger trains; Board may determine)
13 is repealed.

14 (b) 19 V.S.A. § 314 (covered bridges restrictions; vote at town meeting) is
15 repealed.

16 * * * Fees * * *

17 * * * Enhanced Driver's License * * *

18 Sec. 35. 23 V.S.A. § 7 is amended to read:

19 § 7. ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE; MAINTENANCE OF DATABASE

20 INFORMATION; FEE

21 * * *

1 (d) The fee for an enhanced license shall be ~~\$30.00~~ \$36.00 in addition to
2 the fees otherwise established by this title.

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4 * * * Department of Motor Vehicles * * *

5 Sec. 36. 23 V.S.A. § 114 is amended to read:

6 § 114. FEES

7 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees for miscellaneous
8 transactions:

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| 9 | (1) Listings of 1 through 4 registrations | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 10 | (2) Certified copy of registration application | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 11 | (3) Sample plates | \$18.00 <u>\$22.00</u> |
| 12 | (4) Lists of registered dealers, transporters, periodic inspection stations,
13 fuel dealers, and distributors, including gallonage sold or delivered and rental
14 vehicle companies | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> per page |
| 15 | (5) [Repealed.] | |
| 16 | (6) Periodic inspection sticker record | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 17 | (7) Certified copy individual crash report | \$12.00 <u>\$15.00</u> |
| 18 | (8) Certified copy police crash report | \$18.00 <u>\$22.00</u> |
| 19 | (9) Certified copy suspension notice | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 20 | (10) Certified copy mail receipt | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 21 | (11) Certified copy proof of mailing | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |

1	(12) Certified copy reinstatement notice	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
2	(13) Certified copy operator's license application	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
3	(14) Certified copy three-year operating record	\$14.00 <u>\$17.00</u>
4	(15) [Repealed.]	
5	(16) Government official photo identification card	\$6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
6	(17) Listing of operator's licenses of 1 through 4	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
7	(18) Statistics and research	\$42.00 <u>\$51.00</u> per hour
8	(19) Insurance information on crash	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
9	(20) Certified copy complete operating record	\$20.00 <u>\$24.00</u>
10	(21) Records not otherwise specified	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> per page
11	(22) Public records request for Department records requiring custom	
12	computer programming	\$100.00 per hour, but not less than \$500.00
13	(23) Public records request for Department records requiring custom	
14	computer programming (updated)	\$119.00 <u>\$143.00</u>

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16 Sec. 37. 23 V.S.A. § 115 is amended to read:

17 § 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

18 (a) Any Vermont resident may make application to the Commissioner and
19 be issued an identification card that is attested by the Commissioner as to true
20 name, correct age, residential address unless the listing of another address is
21 requested by the applicant or is otherwise authorized by law, and any other

1 identifying data as the Commissioner may require that shall include, in the case
2 of minor applicants, the written consent of the applicant's parent, guardian, or
3 other person standing in loco parentis. Every application for an identification
4 card shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain such evidence of age
5 and identity as the Commissioner may require, consistent with subsection (1) of
6 this section. New and renewal application forms shall include a space for the
7 applicant to request that a "veteran" designation be placed on the applicant's
8 identification card. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2), requests a
9 veteran designation and provides a Department of Defense Form 214 or other
10 proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner, and the Office of
11 Veterans Affairs confirms the veteran's status as an honorably discharged
12 veteran or a veteran discharged under honorable conditions, the identification
13 card shall include the term "veteran" on its face. The Commissioner shall
14 require payment of a fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 at the time application for an
15 identification card is made, except that an initial nondriver identification card
16 shall be issued at no charge to an individual who surrenders ~~his or her~~ the
17 individual's license in connection with a suspension or revocation under
18 subsection 636(b) of this title due to a physical or mental condition.

19 (b) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00
20 midnight on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the
21 cardholder following the date of original issue, and may be renewed every four

1 years upon payment of a ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 fee. A renewed identification card
2 shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00 midnight on the eve of the fourth
3 anniversary of the date of birth of the cardholder following the expiration of
4 the card being renewed. At least 30 days before an identification card will
5 expire, the Commissioner shall mail first-class to the cardholder or send the
6 cardholder electronically an application to renew the identification card; a
7 cardholder shall be sent the renewal notice by mail unless the cardholder opts
8 in to receive electronic notification. An individual born on February 29 shall,
9 for the purposes of this section, be considered as born on March 1.

10 (c) In the event an identification card is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or a new
11 name is acquired, a replacement may be obtained upon furnishing satisfactory
12 proof to the Commissioner and paying a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee.

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14 * * * Registration; General Provisions * * *

15 Sec. 38. 23 V.S.A. § 304 is amended to read:

16 § 304. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES; NUMBER PLATES; VANITY
17 AND OTHER SPECIAL PLATES

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19 (b) The authority to issue vanity motor vehicle number plates or special
20 number plates for safety organizations and service organizations shall reside
21 with the Commissioner. Determination of compliance with the criteria

1 contained in this section shall be within the discretion of the Commissioner.
2 Series of number plates for safety and service organizations that are authorized
3 by the Commissioner shall be issued in order of approval, subject to the
4 operating considerations in the Department as determined by the
5 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall issue vanity and special organization
6 number plates in the following manner:

7 (1) Vanity plates. Subject to the restrictions of this section, vanity plates
8 shall be issued at the request of the registrant of a motor vehicle unless the
9 vehicle is registered under the International Registration Plan, upon application
10 and upon payment of an annual fee of ~~\$48.00~~ \$58.00 in addition to the annual
11 fee for registration. The Commissioner shall not issue two sets of plates
12 bearing the same initials or letters unless the plates also contain a
13 distinguishing number. Vanity plates are subject to reassignment if not
14 renewed within 60 days of expiration of the registration.

15 (2) Special organization plates.

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17 (B) The officer of a safety organization or service organization may
18 apply to the Commissioner to approve special plates indicating membership in
19 a qualifying organization to be issued to organization members for a ~~\$17.00~~
20 \$21.00 special fee for each set of plates in addition to the annual fee for
21 registration. The application shall include designation of an officer or member

1 to serve as the principal contact with the Department and a distinctive name or
2 emblem, or both, for use on the proposed special plate. The name and emblem
3 shall not be objectively obscene or confusing to the general public and shall
4 not promote, advertise, or endorse a product, brand, or service provided for
5 sale. The organization's name and emblem must not infringe on or violate a
6 trademark, trade name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or
7 property right, and the organization must have the right to use the name and
8 emblem. After consulting with the principal contact, the Commissioner shall
9 determine the design of the special plate on the basis that the primary purpose
10 of motor vehicle number plates is vehicle identification. An organization may
11 have only one design, regardless of the number of individual organizational
12 units, squads, or departments within the State that may conduct the same or
13 substantially similar activities.

14 (C) After the plate design is finalized and an officer or the principal
15 contact provides the Commissioner a written statement authorizing issuance of
16 the plates, the organization shall deposit ~~\$2,200.00~~ \$2,600.00 with the
17 Commissioner. Of this deposit, \$500.00 shall be retained by the Department to
18 recover costs of developing the organization plate. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
19 § 502, the Commissioner may charge the actual costs of production of the
20 plates against the fees collected and the balance shall be deposited in the
21 Transportation Fund. Upon application, special plates shall be issued to a

1 registrant of a vehicle registered at the pleasure car rate or of a truck registered
2 for less than 26,001 pounds (but excluding trucks registered under the
3 International Registration Plan) who furnishes the Commissioner satisfactory
4 proof that ~~he or she~~ the registrant is a member of an organization that has
5 satisfied the requirements of this subdivision (b)(2). For each of the first 100
6 applicants to whom sets of plates are issued, the ~~\$17.00~~ \$21.00 special plate
7 fee shall not be collected and shall be subtracted from the balance of the
8 deposit. When the ~~\$1,700.00~~ \$2,100.00 balance of the deposit is depleted,
9 applicants shall be required to pay the ~~\$17.00~~ \$21.00 fee as provided for in
10 subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection. No organization shall charge its
11 members any additional fee or premium charge for the authorization, right, or
12 privilege to display special number plates, but any organization may recover
13 up to ~~\$1,700.00~~ \$2,100.00 from applicants for the special plates.

14 * * *

15 (f) Upon the request of a registrant of a motor vehicle with the previous
16 issue number plates, the Commissioner shall issue current issue number plates
17 bearing the same number as shown on the previous issue plates that are being
18 replaced. The initial one-time fee for the plates shall be ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 in
19 addition to the regular registration fee. Official plates and plates with numbers
20 of 9999 or lower are specifically exempted.

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1 Sec. 39. 23 V.S.A. § 304b is amended to read:

2 § 304b. CONSERVATION MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES

3 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue conservation
4 registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,
5 on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, and on vehicles registered to
6 State agencies under section 376 of this title, but excluding vehicles registered
7 under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted
8 on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioners of Motor Vehicles
9 and of Fish and Wildlife shall determine the graphic design of the special
10 plates in a manner that serves to enhance the public awareness of the State's
11 interest in restoring and protecting its wildlife and major watershed areas. The
12 Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and of Fish and Wildlife may alter the
13 graphic design of these special plates, provided that plates in use at the time of
14 a design alteration shall remain valid subject to the operator's payment of the
15 annual registration fee. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the
16 Commissioner and shall pay an initial fee of ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00 in addition to the
17 annual fee for registration. In following years, in addition to the annual
18 registration fee, the holder of a conservation plate shall pay a renewal fee of
19 ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00. The Commissioner may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25
20 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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Sec. 40. 23 V.S.A. § 304c is amended to read:

§ 304c. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: BUILDING
BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

(a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue “Building Bright Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,” referred to as “the Bright Futures Fund,” registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate, on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to State agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall utilize the graphic design recommended by the Commissioner for Children and Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of the State’s interest in supporting children’s services. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall pay an initial fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a Bright Futures Fund plate shall pay a renewal fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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Sec. 41. 23 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:

§ 307. CARRYING OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE; REPLACEMENT
AND CORRECTED CERTIFICATES

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(b) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a certificate, the owner of the vehicle described in it shall forthwith notify the Commissioner and remit a fee of ~~\$16.00~~ \$20.00, upon receipt of which the Commissioner shall furnish the owner with a duplicate certificate.

(c) A corrected registration certificate shall be furnished by the Commissioner upon request and receipt of a fee of ~~\$16.00~~ \$20.00.

(d) An operator cited for violating subsection (a) of this section with respect to a pleasure car, motorcycle, or truck that could be registered for less than 26,001 pounds shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5.00, which penalty shall be exempt from surcharges under 13 V.S.A. § 7282(a), if ~~he or she~~ the operator is cited within the 14 days following the expiration of the motor vehicle's registration.

Sec. 42. 23 V.S.A. § 323 is amended to read:

§ 323. TRANSFER FEES

A person who transfers the ownership of a registered motor vehicle to another, upon the filing of a new application and upon the payment of a fee of

1 ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00, may have registered in ~~his or her~~ the person's name another
2 motor vehicle for the remainder of the registration period without payment of
3 any additional registration fee, provided the proper registration fee of the
4 motor vehicle sought to be registered is the same as the registration fee of the
5 transferred motor vehicle. However, if the proper registration fee of the motor
6 vehicle sought to be registered by such person is greater than the registration
7 fee of the transferred motor vehicle, the applicant shall pay, in addition to such
8 fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00, the difference between the registration fee of the motor
9 vehicle previously registered and the proper fee for the registration of the
10 motor vehicle sought to be registered.

11 * * * Registration; Fees and Exemptions * * *

12 Sec. 43. 23 V.S.A. § 361 is amended to read:

13 § 361. PLEASURE CARS

14 The annual registration fee for ~~registration of any motor vehicle of the a~~
15 pleasure car ~~type, as defined in subdivision 4(28) of this title,~~ and all vehicles
16 powered by electricity, shall be ~~\$74.00~~ \$89.00, and the biennial fee shall be
17 ~~\$136.00~~ \$163.00.

18 Sec. 44. 23 V.S.A. § 364 is amended to read:

19 § 364. MOTORCYCLES

20 The annual fee for registration of a motorcycle, with or without sidecar,
21 shall be ~~\$46.00~~ \$56.00.

1 Sec. 45. 23 V.S.A. § 364a is amended to read:

2 § 364a. MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES; REGISTRATION; FINANCIAL
3 RESPONSIBILITY

4 (a) The annual fee for registration of a motor-driven cycle shall be ~~\$28.00~~
5 \$34.00.

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7 Sec. 46. 23 V.S.A. § 364b is amended to read:

8 § 364b. ALL-SURFACE VEHICLES; REGISTRATION

9 (a) The annual fee for registration of an all-surface vehicle (ASV) shall be
10 the sum of the fees established by sections 3305 and 3504 of this title, plus
11 ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00.

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13 Sec. 47. 23 V.S.A. § 367 is amended to read:

14 § 367. TRUCKS

15 (a)(1) The annual fee for registration of tractors, truck-tractors, or motor
16 trucks except truck cranes, truck shovels, road oilers, bituminous distributors,
17 and farm trucks used as specified in subsection (f) of this section shall be based
18 on the total weight of the truck-tractor or motor truck, including body and cab
19 plus the heaviest load to be carried. In computing the fees for registration of
20 tractors, truck-tractors, or motor trucks with trailers or semi-trailers attached,
21 except trailers or semi-trailers with a gross weight of less than 6,000 pounds,

1 the fee shall be based upon the weight of the tractor, truck-tractor, or motor
2 truck, the weight of the trailer or semi-trailer, and the weight of the heaviest
3 load to be carried by the combined vehicles. In addition to the fee set out in
4 the following schedule, the fee for vehicles weighing between 10,000 and
5 25,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$35.50~~ \$42.53, the fee for
6 vehicles weighing between 26,000 and 39,999 pounds inclusive shall be an
7 additional ~~\$70.98~~ \$85.03, the fee for vehicles weighing between 40,000 and
8 59,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$248.48~~ \$297.68, and the fee
9 for vehicles 60,000 pounds and over shall be an additional ~~\$390.48~~ \$467.80.
10 The fee shall be computed at the following rates per 1,000 pounds of weight
11 determined pursuant to this subdivision and rounded up to the nearest whole
12 dollar; the minimum fee for registering a tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck
13 to 6,000 pounds shall be the same as for the pleasure car type:
14 ~~\$15.20~~ \$18.21 when the weight exceeds 6,000 pounds but does not
15 exceed 8,000 pounds.
16 ~~\$17.39~~ \$20.83 when the weight exceeds 8,000 pounds but does not
17 exceed 12,000 pounds.
18 ~~\$19.17~~ \$22.97 when the weight exceeds 12,000 pounds but does not
19 exceed 16,000 pounds.
20 ~~\$20.50~~ \$24.56 when the weight exceeds 16,000 pounds but does not
21 exceed 20,000 pounds.

1 ~~\$21.46~~ \$25.71 when the weight exceeds 20,000 pounds but does not
2 exceed 30,000 pounds.

3 ~~\$21.92~~ \$26.26 when the weight exceeds 30,000 pounds but does not
4 exceed 40,000 pounds.

5 ~~\$22.45~~ \$26.90 when the weight exceeds 40,000 pounds but does not
6 exceed 50,000 pounds.

7 ~~\$22.65~~ \$27.13 when the weight exceeds 50,000 pounds but does not
8 exceed 60,000 pounds.

9 ~~\$23.42~~ \$28.06 when the weight exceeds 60,000 pounds but does not
10 exceed 70,000 pounds.

11 ~~\$24.21~~ \$29.00 when the weight exceeds 70,000 pounds but does not
12 exceed 80,000 pounds.

13 ~~\$24.99~~ \$29.94 when the weight exceeds 80,000 pounds but does not
14 exceed 90,000 pounds.

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16 (b) The annual fee for registration of a category I special purpose vehicle
17 shall be ~~\$178.00~~ \$214.00, and the annual fee for a category II special purpose
18 vehicle shall be ~~\$415.00~~ \$498.00.

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1 Sec. 48. 23 V.S.A. § 371 is amended to read:

2 § 371. TRAILER AND SEMI-TRAILER

3 (a)(1) The one-year and two-year fees for registration of a trailer or semi-
4 trailer, except a contractor's trailer or farm trailer, shall be as follows:

5 (A) ~~\$27.00~~ \$33.00 and ~~\$51.00~~ \$62.00, respectively, when such trailer
6 or semi-trailer has a gross weight of trailer and load of 1,500 pounds or less;

7 (B) ~~\$52.00~~ \$63.00 and ~~\$102.00~~ \$123.00, respectively, when such
8 trailer or semi-trailer has a gross weight of trailer and load of more than 1,500
9 pounds and is drawn by a vehicle of the pleasure car type;

10 (C) ~~\$52.00~~ \$63.00 and ~~\$102.00~~ \$123.00, respectively, when such
11 trailer or semi-trailer is drawn by a motor truck or tractor, when such trailer or
12 semi-trailer has a gross weight of more than 1,500 pounds but less than 3,000
13 pounds;

14 (D) ~~\$52.00~~ \$63.00 and ~~\$102.00~~ \$123.00, respectively, when such
15 trailer or semi-trailer is used in combination with a truck-tractor or motor truck
16 registered at the fee provided for combined vehicles under section 367 of this
17 title. Excepting for the fees, the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply
18 to trailer coaches as defined in section 4 of this title nor to modular homes
19 being transported by trailer or semi-trailer.

20 (2) The one-year and two-year fees for registration of a contractor's
21 trailer shall be ~~\$197.00~~ \$237.00 and ~~\$394.00~~ \$473.00, respectively.

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Sec. 49. 23 V.S.A. § 372 is amended to read:

§ 372. MOTOR BUS

The annual fee for registration of a motor bus shall be based on the actual weight of such bus, plus passenger carrying capacity at 150 pounds per person, and shall be ~~\$2.00~~ \$2.40 per 100 pounds of such weight, except for motor buses registered under section 372a or 376 of this title. Fractions of a hundred-weight shall be disregarded. The minimum fee for the registration of any motor bus shall be \$43.00.

Sec. 50. 23 V.S.A. § 372a is amended to read:

§ 372a. LOCAL TRANSIT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

(a) The annual registration fee for any motor bus used in local transit or public transportation service shall be ~~\$62.00~~ \$75.00, except for those vehicles owned by a municipality for such service that are subject to the provisions of section 376 of this title. In the event a bus registered for local transit or public transportation service is subsequently registered for general use during the same registration year, such fee shall be applied toward the fee for general registration.

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1 Sec. 51. 23 V.S.A. § 373 is amended to read:

2 § 373. EXHIBITION VEHICLES; YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATES

3 (a) The annual fee for the registration of a motor vehicle that is maintained
4 for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public
5 interest and that is not used for general daily transportation of passengers or
6 property on any highway shall be ~~\$21.00~~ \$26.00, in lieu of fees otherwise
7 provided by law. Permitted use shall include:

8 * * *

9 Sec. 52. 23 V.S.A. § 376 is amended to read:

10 § 376. STATE, MUNICIPAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND RESCUE
11 ORGANIZATION MOTOR VEHICLES

12 * * *

13 (b) The fee for registration of a motor vehicle owned by any municipality
14 in this State and used entirely by it or any other municipality for municipal
15 purposes shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this
16 chapter. ~~As used in~~ For purposes of this subsection, the term municipality
17 shall include county-owned vehicles. The Commissioner shall issue specially
18 designed registration plates for county-owned sheriffs' departments' vehicles.

19 (c) The registration fee for registration of a motor truck, trailer, ambulance,
20 or other motor vehicle, owned by a volunteer fire department or other
21 volunteer ~~fire fighting~~ firefighting organization or other organization

1 conducting rescue operations and used solely for fire fighting or rescue
2 purposes shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this
3 chapter. A motor vehicle or trailer registered under this section shall be plainly
4 marked on both sides of the body or cab to indicate its ownership.

5 * * *

6 (f) A replacement registration plate shall be provided by the Commissioner
7 upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$9.00~~ \$11.00.

8 (g)(1) The fee for registration of a motor vehicle obtained from the
9 government as excess government property, or a vehicle purchased with 100
10 percent federal funds and used for federally supported local programs, shall be
11 \$14.00, in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this chapter. The Commissioner
12 shall determine the eligibility as to whether or not the motor vehicle qualifies
13 for this registration and ownership of the vehicle shall be plainly marked on
14 both sides of the body or cab.

15 * * *

16 Sec. 53. 23 V.S.A. § 382 is amended to read:

17 § 382. DIESEL-POWERED PLEASURE CARS

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual registration fee for a
19 pleasure car or tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck up to 6,000 pounds
20 powered by fuel as defined in section 3002 of this title shall be ~~\$74.00~~ \$89.00,
21 and the biennial fee shall be ~~\$136.00~~ \$163.00.

1 * * * Registration; Registration of Dealers and Transporters * * *

2 Sec. 54. 23 V.S.A. § 453 is amended to read:

3 § 453. FEES AND NUMBER PLATES

4 (a)(1) An application for registration as a dealer in new or used cars or
5 motor trucks shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$503.00~~ \$603.00 for each
6 certificate issued in such dealer's name. The Commissioner shall furnish free
7 of charge with each dealer's registration certificate three number plates
8 showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer. The Commissioner
9 may furnish additional plates according to the volume of the dealer's sales in
10 the prior year or, in the case of an initial registration, according to the dealer's
11 reasonable estimate of expected sales, as follows:

12 * * *

13 (2) If the issuance of additional plates is authorized under subdivision
14 (1) of this subsection, up to two plates shall be provided free of charge, and the
15 Commissioner shall collect ~~\$55.00~~ \$66.00 for each additional plate thereafter.

16 (b) Application by a "dealer in farm tractors or other self-propelled farm
17 implements," which shall mean a person actively engaged in the business of
18 selling or exchanging new or used farm tractors or other self-propelled farm
19 implements, for such dealer registration shall annually be accompanied by a
20 fee of ~~\$78.00~~ \$94.00. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with
21 each such dealer registration certificate two sets of number plates showing the

1 distinguishing number assigned such dealer and in ~~his or her~~ the
2 Commissioner's discretion may furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$12.00
3 per set; such number plates may, however, be displayed only upon a farm
4 tractor or other self-propelled farm implement.

5 (c) Application by a "dealer in motorized highway building equipment and
6 road making appliances," which shall mean a person actively engaged in the
7 business of selling or exchanging new or used motorized highway building
8 equipment or road making appliances, for such dealer registration shall
9 annually be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$123.00~~ \$148.00. The Commissioner
10 shall furnish free of charge with each such dealer registration certificate two
11 sets of number plates showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer
12 and in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion may furnish further sets of
13 plates at a fee of \$30.00 per set; such number plates may, however, be
14 displayed only upon motorized highway building equipment or road making
15 appliances.

16 (d) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging
17 motorcycles or motor-driven cycles, the registration fee shall be ~~\$62.00~~
18 \$75.00, which shall include three number plates. The Commissioner may, in
19 ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, furnish further sets of plates at a fee
20 of \$10.00 for each set.

1 (e) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging
2 trailers, semi-trailers, or trailer coaches, the registration fee shall be ~~\$123.00~~
3 \$148.00, which shall include three number plates; such number plates may,
4 however, be displayed only upon a trailer, semi-trailer, or trailer coach. The
5 Commissioner may, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, furnish
6 further plates at a fee of \$10.00 for each such plate.

7 * * *

8 Sec. 55. 23 V.S.A. § 457 is amended to read:

9 § 457. TEMPORARY PLATES

10 At the time of the issuance of a registration certificate to a dealer as
11 provided in this chapter, the Commissioner shall furnish the dealer with a
12 sufficient number of number plates and temporary validation stickers,
13 temporary number plates, or temporary decals for use during the 60-day period
14 immediately following sale of a vehicle or motorboat by the dealer. The plates
15 and decals shall have the same general design as the plates or decals furnished
16 individual owners, but the plates and decals may be of a material and color as
17 the Commissioner may determine. The Commissioner shall collect a fee of
18 ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for each temporary plate issued.

1 Sec. 56. 23 V.S.A. § 463 is amended to read:

2 § 463. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE

3 A registered motor vehicle dealer is authorized to issue an in-transit
4 registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain
5 motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when these vehicles are sold
6 in this State to be transported to and registered in another state or province.
7 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon request, provide registered
8 motor vehicle dealers with such numbers of applications and special in-transit
9 number plates for vehicles sold in this State to be transported to and registered
10 in another state or province as shall be necessary. The Commissioner is
11 authorized to charge a fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for the processing of the plate
12 application and the issuance of the plate. The dealer, upon the sale of a motor
13 vehicle to be transported to and registered in another state or province, shall
14 cause the application to be filled out and transmitted to the Commissioner and
15 shall attach to the vehicle the in-transit number plate corresponding to the
16 application. No registered motor vehicle dealer shall sell, exchange, give, or
17 transfer any application or in-transit plate to any person other than the person
18 to whom the dealer sells or exchanges a motor vehicle to be registered in
19 another state or province. The application shall be in a form prescribed and
20 furnished by the Commissioner. The special in-transit number plate to be
21 attached to the vehicle will be issued in the form and design as prescribed by

1 the Commissioner and shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the date of
2 issue.

3 Sec. 57. 23 V.S.A. § 476 is amended to read:

4 § 476. MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY FEE

5 A motor vehicle warranty fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 is imposed on the registration
6 of each new motor vehicle in this State, not including trailers, tractors,
7 motorized highway building equipment, road-making appliances,
8 snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or trucks with a gross vehicle
9 weight over 12,000 pounds.

10 Sec. 58. 23 V.S.A. § 494 is amended to read:

11 § 494. FEES

12 The annual fee for a transporter's registration certificate, number plate, or
13 validation sticker is ~~\$123.00~~ \$148.00.

14 * * * Registration; Display of Number Plates * * *

15 Sec. 59. 23 V.S.A. § 514 is amended to read:

16 § 514. REPLACEMENT NUMBER PLATES

17 (a) In case of the loss of a number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle to
18 which it was assigned shall immediately notify the Commissioner of such loss,
19 and the Commissioner shall furnish such owner with a new plate. The fee
20 charged shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 for each plate. The owner of a motor vehicle
21 who has lost one number plate may operate ~~his or her~~ the owner's vehicle with

1 only one number plate attached, until a new plate is furnished ~~him or her~~ to the
2 owner, provided ~~he or she~~ the owner notified the Commissioner as required
3 under this section.

4 (b) Any replacement number plate shall be issued at a fee of ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00.
5 However, if the Commissioner, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion,
6 determines that a plate has become illegible as a result of deficiencies in the
7 manufacturing process or by use of faulty materials, the replacement fee shall
8 be waived.

9 Sec. 60. 23 V.S.A. § 516 is amended to read:

10 § 516. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE BY A PERSON
11 OTHER THAN DEALER

12 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue an in-transit
13 registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain
14 motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when the vehicles are sold
15 in this State by a person, other than a registered motor vehicle dealer, to be
16 transported to and registered in another state or province. The registration may
17 be obtained by submitting an application on a form prescribed and furnished
18 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner is authorized to
19 charge a fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for the processing of the application and the
20 issuance of the plate. The in-transit registration plate pursuant to this section
21 shall be valid for a period of 30 days from issuance and shall be in the form

1 and design prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Issuance of an
2 in-transit plate for vehicles sold by a registered motor vehicle dealer to a
3 person to be transported to and registered in another state or province shall be
4 governed by the provisions of section 463 of this title.

5 Sec. 61. 23 V.S.A. § 517 is amended to read:

6 § 517. INTRASTATE IN-TRANSIT PERMIT

7 The Commissioner may issue an intrastate in-transit registration permit to
8 authorize the movement within Vermont of a motor vehicle otherwise required
9 to be registered, if the vehicle is sold in this State by a person other than a
10 registered motor vehicle dealer. The permit may be obtained after submission
11 of an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner and
12 payment of a ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 fee. The permit shall be valid for a period of 10 days
13 from the date of issuance and shall be in the form and design prescribed by the
14 Commissioner.

15 * * * Operator's License; General Provisions * * *

16 Sec. 62. 23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:

17 § 608. FEES

18 (a) The four-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an
19 operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be
20 ~~\$51.00~~ \$62.00. The two-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for
21 licensing an operator or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$32.00~~

1 \$39.00, and the two-year fee for licensing a junior operator or for issuing a
2 junior operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$32.00~~ \$39.00.

3 (b) An additional fee of ~~\$3.00~~ \$4.00 per year shall be paid for a motorcycle
4 endorsement. The endorsement may be obtained for either a two-year or four-
5 year period, to be coincidental with the length of the operator's license.

6 Sec. 63. 23 V.S.A. § 613 is amended to read:

7 § 613. REPLACEMENT LICENSE

8 (a) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license or error in a
9 license, the licensee shall forthwith notify the Commissioner who shall furnish
10 such licensee with a replacement on receipt of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00.

11 * * *

12 Sec. 64. 23 V.S.A. § 617 is amended to read:

13 § 617. LEARNER'S PERMIT

14 * * *

15 (b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any
16 licensed person may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a
17 learner's permit for the operation of a motorcycle in the form prescribed by the
18 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall offer both a motorcycle learner's
19 permit that authorizes the operation of three-wheeled motorcycles only and a
20 motorcycle learner's permit that authorizes the operation of any motorcycle.

1 The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 at the time
2 application is made.

3 (2) After the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the applicable
4 motorcycle endorsement examination, other than a skill test, the Commissioner
5 may issue to the applicant a learner's permit that entitles the applicant, subject
6 to subsection 615(a) of this title, to operate a three-wheeled motorcycle only,
7 or to operate any motorcycle, upon the public highways for a period of 120
8 days from the date of issuance. The fee for the examination shall be ~~\$9.00~~
9 \$11.00.

10 (3) A motorcycle learner's permit may be renewed only twice upon
11 payment of a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee. If, during the original permit period and two
12 renewals the permittee has not successfully passed the applicable skill test or
13 motorcycle rider training course, ~~he or she~~ the permittee may not obtain
14 another motorcycle learner's permit for a period of 12 months from the
15 expiration of the permit unless:

16 * * *

17 (d) An applicant shall pay ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 to the Commissioner for each
18 learner's permit or a duplicate or renewal thereof.

19 * * *

1 * * * Operator's License; General Provisions * * *

2 Sec. 65. 23 V.S.A. § 634 is amended to read:

3 § 634. FEE FOR EXAMINATION

4 (a) The fee for an examination for a learner's permit shall be ~~\$32.00~~
5 \$39.00. The fee for an examination to obtain an operator's license when the
6 applicant is required to pass an examination pursuant to section 632 of this title
7 shall be ~~\$19.00~~ \$23.00. The fee for a motorcycle skill test to obtain a
8 motorcycle endorsement shall be ~~\$19.00~~ \$23.00.

9 (b) A scheduling fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 shall be paid by the applicant before
10 ~~he or she~~ the applicant may schedule the road test required under section 632
11 of this title. Unless an applicant gives the Department at least 48 hours' notice
12 of cancellation, if the applicant does not appear as scheduled, the ~~\$24.00~~
13 \$29.00 scheduling fee is forfeited. If the applicant appears for the scheduled
14 road test, the fee shall be applied toward the license examination fee. The
15 Commissioner may waive the scheduling fee until the Department is capable of
16 administering the fee electronically.

17 * * *

18 * * * Operator's License; Suspension and Revocation * * *

19 Sec. 66. 23 V.S.A. § 675 is amended to read:

20 § 675. FEE PRIOR TO TERMINATION OR REINSTATEMENT OF
21 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

1 (a) Before a suspension or revocation issued by the Commissioner of a
2 person's operator's license or privilege of operating a motor vehicle may be
3 terminated or before a person's operator's license or privilege of operating a
4 motor vehicle may be reinstated, there shall be paid to the Commissioner a fee
5 of ~~\$80.00~~ \$96.00 in addition to any other fee required by statute. This section
6 shall not apply to suspensions issued under the provisions of chapter 11 of this
7 title nor suspensions issued for physical disabilities or failing to pass
8 reexamination. The Commissioner shall not reinstate the license of a driver
9 whose license was suspended pursuant to section 1205 of this title until the
10 Commissioner receives certification from the court that the costs due the State
11 have been paid.

12 * * *

13 * * * Operator's License; Driver Training School Licenses * * *

14 Sec. 67. 23 V.S.A. § 702 is amended to read:

15 § 702. TRAINING SCHOOL AND INSTRUCTOR'S LICENSES

16 A person shall not operate a driver training school or act as an instructor
17 unless the person has secured a license from the Commissioner. Applications
18 for such licenses may be filed with the Commissioner and shall contain the
19 information and shall be on the forms the Commissioner may prescribe. Each
20 application for a driver's training school license shall be accompanied by an
21 application fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$180.00, which shall not be refunded. If the

1 application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of
2 an additional fee of ~~\$225.00~~ \$270.00 shall be granted a license, which shall
3 become void two years after the first day of the month of issue unless sooner
4 revoked as provided in this subchapter. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$225.00~~
5 \$270.00. Each application for an instructor's license shall be accompanied by
6 an application fee of ~~\$105.00~~ \$126.00, which shall not be refunded. If the
7 application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of
8 an additional fee of ~~\$75.00~~ \$90.00 shall be granted a license, which shall
9 become void two years after the first day of the month of issue unless sooner
10 revoked as provided in this subchapter. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$75.00~~
11 \$90.00.

12 Sec. 68. 23 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read:

13 § 703. POSSESSION OF LICENSE

14 Each person granted a driver's training school license shall display the same
15 conspicuously on the school premises. Each person granted an instructor's
16 license shall carry the same in ~~his or her~~ the person's possession while engaged
17 in giving driver training. In case of loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license
18 certificate, the Commissioner shall issue a duplicate certificate upon payment
19 of a fee of ~~\$8.00~~ \$10.00.

1 * * * Operation of Vehicles; Equipment * * *

2 Sec. 69. 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

3 § 1230. CHARGE

4 For each inspection certificate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles,
5 the Commissioner shall be paid ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00, provided that State and municipal
6 inspection stations that inspect only State or municipally owned and registered
7 vehicles shall not be required to pay a fee. All vehicle inspection certificate
8 charge revenue shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund with one-half
9 reserved for bridge maintenance activities.

10 * * * Operation of Vehicles; Weight, Size, Loads * * *

11 Sec. 70. 23 V.S.A. § 1392 is amended to read:

12 § 1392. GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS

13 * * *

14 (13) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the
15 maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a special annual permit,
16 which shall expire with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles not
17 registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on January 1
18 following date of issue, may be issued to a person or corporation operating on
19 designated routes on the State Highway System for a fee of ~~\$415.00~~ \$498.00
20 for each vehicle that must be registered for a weight of 80,000 pounds. This
21 special permit shall be issued only for a combination of vehicle and semi-

1 trailer or trailer equipped with five or more axles, with a distance between
2 axles that meets the minimum requirements of registering the vehicle to 80,000
3 pounds as allowed under subdivision (4) of this section. The maximum gross
4 load under this special permit shall be 90,000 pounds. Unless authorized by
5 federal law, this subdivision shall not apply to operation on the Dwight D.
6 Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

7 (14) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the
8 axle spacing and maximum gross load provisions of subdivision (4) of this
9 section, a special annual permit, which shall expire with the vehicle's
10 registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the
11 permit shall become void on January 1 following date of issue, may be issued
12 to a person or corporation transporting loads on vehicles on designated routes
13 on the State Highway System for the following fees for each vehicle unit.
14 Unless authorized by federal law, the provisions of this subdivision regarding
15 weight limits, tolerances, or both, shall not apply to operation on the Dwight
16 D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. This
17 special permit shall be issued for the following vehicles and conditions:

18 (A) 3-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tandem axle
19 that have a maximum gross weight of not more than 60,000 pounds when
20 registered for a minimum gross weight of not more than 55,000 pounds, the
21 permit fee shall be ~~\$156.00~~ \$187.00.

1 when the load consists solely of unprocessed milk products as defined in
2 subdivision 4(55) of this title, may be registered for and operated with a
3 maximum gross weight of 90,000 pounds on State highways without permit
4 and upon posted State and town highways and those highways designated as
5 the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense
6 Highways when the vehicle has been issued a permit in compliance with the
7 provisions of section 1400 of this title; however:

8 * * *

9 (C) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision (16)
10 shall be ~~\$10.00~~ \$12.00 when the fee has been paid to register the vehicle for
11 90,000 pounds or ~~\$382.00~~ \$458.00 when the vehicle is registered for 80,000
12 pounds.

13 (17) Notwithstanding the gross vehicle weight provisions of subdivision
14 (4) of this section, a truck trailer combination or truck tractor, semi-trailer
15 combination with six or more load-bearing axles shall be allowed to bear a
16 maximum of 99,000 pounds by special annual permit, which shall expire with
17 the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in
18 which case the permit shall become void on January 1 following the date of
19 issue, for operating on designated routes on State and town highways, subject
20 to the following:

21 * * *

1 (F) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision (17)
2 shall be ~~\$415.00~~ \$498.00 for vehicles bearing up to 90,000 pounds and
3 ~~\$560.00~~ \$671.00 for vehicles bearing up to 99,000 pounds.

4 * * *

5 Sec. 71. 23 V.S.A. § 1402 is amended to read:

6 § 1402. OVERWEIGHT, WIDTH, HEIGHT, AND LENGTH PERMITS;

7 FEES

8 (a) Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits.
9 Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits shall be
10 signed by the Commissioner or by ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's agent and a
11 copy shall be kept in the office of the Commissioner or in a location approved
12 by the Commissioner. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
13 copy shall also be available in the towing vehicle and must be available for
14 inspection on demand of a law enforcement officer. Before operating a
15 traction engine, tractor, trailer, motor truck, or other motor vehicle, the person
16 to whom a permit to operate in excess of the weight, width, indivisible
17 overlength, and height limits established by this title is granted shall pay a fee
18 of ~~\$40.00~~ \$48.00 for each single trip permit or ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00 for a blanket
19 permit, except that the fee for a fleet blanket permit shall be ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00
20 for the first unit and ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for each unit thereafter. At the option of a
21 carrier, an annual permit for the entire fleet, to operate over any approved

1 route, may be obtained for ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00 for the first tractor and ~~\$6.00~~
2 \$8.00 for each additional tractor, up to a maximum fee of \$1,000.00. The fee
3 for a fleet permit shall be based on the entire number of tractors owned by the
4 applicant. An applicant for a fleet permit may apply for any number of
5 specific routes, each of which shall be reviewed with regard to the
6 characteristics of the route and the type of equipment operated by the
7 applicant. When the weight or size of the vehicle-load are considered
8 sufficiently excessive for the routing requested, the Agency of Transportation
9 shall, on request of the Commissioner, conduct an engineering inspection of
10 the vehicle-load and route, for which a fee of \$300.00 will be added to the cost
11 of the permit if the load is a manufactured home. For all other loads of any
12 size or with gross weight limits less than 150,000 pounds, the fee shall be
13 \$800.00 for any engineering inspection that requires up to eight hours to
14 conduct. If the inspection requires more than eight hours to conduct, the fee
15 shall be \$800.00 plus \$60.00 per hour for each additional hour required. If the
16 vehicle and load weigh 150,000 pounds or more but not more than 200,000
17 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$2,000.00. If the vehicle and
18 load weigh more than 200,000 pounds but not more than 250,000 pounds, the
19 engineering inspection fee shall be \$5,000.00. If the vehicle and load weigh
20 more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$10,000.00.
21 The study must be completed prior to the permit being issued. Prior to the

1 issuance of a permit, an applicant whose vehicle weighs 150,000 pounds or
2 more, or is 15 or more feet in width or height, shall file with the Commissioner
3 a special certificate of insurance showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00
4 for death or injury to one person, \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or
5 more persons, and \$250,000.00 for property damage, all arising out of any one
6 crash.

7 (b) Overlength permits. Except as provided in subsections 1432(c) and (e)
8 of this title, it shall be necessary to obtain an overlength permit as follows:

9 (1) For vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer longer than 75 feet,
10 anywhere in the State on highways approved by the Agency of Transportation.
11 In such cases, the vehicle may be operated with a single trip overlength permit
12 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a fee of ~~\$28.00~~ \$34.00. If the
13 vehicle is 100 feet or more in length, the permit applicant shall file with the
14 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a special certificate of insurance showing
15 minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person,
16 \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons, and \$250,000.00 for
17 property damage, all arising out of any one crash.

18 * * *

1 * * * Title to Motor Vehicles; General Provisions * * *

2 Sec. 72. 23 V.S.A. § 2002 is amended to read:

3 § 2002. FEES

4 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

5 (1) for any certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, or
6 an exempt vehicle title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

7 (2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, including a
8 salvage certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

9 (3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

10 (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of
11 title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

12 (5) for a duplicate certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of
13 title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

14 (6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a
15 distinctive certificate, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

16 (7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

17 (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor
18 Vehicles, for each motor vehicle searched against, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

19 (9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

20 (10) for a certificate of title after a security interest has been released,
21 ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

1 (11) for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle acquired by a veteran
2 with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and
3 exempt from registration fees pursuant to section 378 of this title, no fee;

4 (12) for a corrected certificate of title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00.

5 * * *

6 * * * Titling of Vessels, Snowmobiles, and All-terrain Vehicles * * *

7 Sec. 73. 23 V.S.A. § 3802 is amended to read:

8 § 3802. FEES

9 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

10 (1) for filing an application for a first certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

11 (2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~

12 \$14.00;

13 (3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

14 (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of
15 title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

16 (5) for a duplicate certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

17 (6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a
18 distinctive certificate, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

19 (7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

1 (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor
2 Vehicles for each vessel, snowmobile, or all-terrain vehicle searched against,
3 ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

4 (9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

5 (10) for a certificate of clear title after the security interest or interests
6 have been released, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

7 (11) for a corrected certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00.

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9 * * * Commercial Driver's License Act * * *

10 Sec. 74. 23 V.S.A. § 4108 is amended to read:

11 § 4108. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE, COMMERCIAL
12 LEARNER'S PERMIT QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

13 * * *

14 (f) The fee for a knowledge test and the fee for a skills test shall each be
15 ~~\$32.00~~ \$39.00. The fee for an endorsement test shall be ~~\$14.00~~ \$17.00. In the
16 event that an applicant fails a test three times, ~~he or she~~ the applicant may not
17 take the test again for at least six months. A fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 shall be paid
18 by the applicant before ~~he or she~~ the applicant may schedule a skills test. If an
19 applicant does not appear for the scheduled skills test, the ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00
20 scheduling fee is forfeited, unless the applicant has given the Department of
21 Motor Vehicles at least 48 hours' notice of cancellation of the test. If the

1 applicant appears for the skills test, the ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 scheduling fee for that
2 test will be used as part of the test fee. Use of an interpreter is prohibited
3 during the administration of the knowledge or skills tests.

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5 Sec. 75. 23 V.S.A. § 4110 is amended to read:

6 § 4110. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
7 COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT

8 * * *

9 (8) The proper fee.

10 (A) The four-year fee for a commercial driver's license shall be
11 ~~\$90.00~~ \$108.00. The two-year fee shall be ~~\$60.00~~ \$72.00. In those instances
12 where the applicant surrenders a valid Vermont Class D license, the total fees
13 due shall be reduced by:

14 * * *

15 (B) The fee for a commercial learner's permit is ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

16 * * *

17 (b) When a licensee or permittee changes ~~his or her~~ the licensee's or
18 permittee's name, mailing address, or residence or in the case of the loss,
19 mutilation, or destruction of a license or permit, the licensee or permittee shall
20 forthwith notify the Commissioner and apply in person for a duplicate license

1 or permit in the same manner as set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The
2 fee for a duplicate license or permit shall be ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

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4 * * * Motor Vehicle Purchase and Use Tax * * *

5 Sec. 76. 32 V.S.A. § 8903 is amended to read:

6 § 8903. TAX IMPOSED

7 (a)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the purchase in Vermont of a motor
8 vehicle by a resident a tax at the time of such purchase, payable as hereinafter
9 provided. The amount of the tax shall be six percent of the taxable cost of a:

10 * * *

11 (2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable cost
12 of the motor vehicle or ~~\$2,075.00~~ \$2,486.00 for each motor vehicle, whichever
13 is smaller, except that pleasure cars that are purchased, leased, or otherwise
14 acquired for use in short-term rentals shall be subject to taxation under
15 subsection (d) of this section.

16 (b)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the use within this State a tax of six
17 percent of the taxable cost of a:

18 * * *

19 (2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable cost
20 of the motor vehicle or ~~\$2,075.00~~ \$2,486.00 for each motor vehicle, whichever
21 is smaller, by a person at the time of first registering or transferring a

1 registration to such motor vehicle payable as hereinafter provided, except no
2 use tax shall be payable hereunder if the tax imposed by subsection (a) of this
3 section has been paid, or the vehicle is a pleasure car that was purchased,
4 leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals, in which case the
5 vehicle shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.

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7 * * * Effective Dates * * *

8 Sec. 77. EFFECTIVE DATES

- 9 (a) This section and Secs. 16 (authority to modify eBike Incentive Program
10 eligibility requirements) and 33 (extension of sunset for Agency of
11 Transportation's P3 authority) shall take effect on passage.
- 12 (b) Secs. 35–76 (DMV fees) shall take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 13 (c) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2023.