



**REPORT TO
THE VERMONT LEGISLATURE**

In Accordance with Act 106 (2022), Relating to Secondary Enforcement of Minor Traffic Offenses.

Submitted to: House and Senate Committees on Judiciary
House and Senate Committees on Transportation

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Introduction: Act 106 (2022) requires an interim report on making recommendations on whether or not statutes should be repealed, modified or limited to secondary enforcement. (Appendix A). This report provides an update on the progress and approach to completing the recommendations on or before October 1, 2023.

Progress to Date: A complete review of motor vehicle violations has been conducted and future recommendations submitted will focus on traffic statute, gender neutral language, and community engagement opportunities.

Working Group: The Department of Public Safety convened a working group on June 17, 2022, to facilitate the review of motor vehicle violations in preparation of the required report. The working group has met bi-weekly to provide recommendations on Title 23 motor vehicle violations to repeal, modify, or limit to secondary enforcement. The [Judicial Bureau Waiver Penalties](#)ⁱ guided the review of all statutes. The working group has identified 35 recommendations for consideration.

Members invited to participated included:

Member	Title	Affiliation
Kevin Andrews	Captain, Enforcement and Safety Division	Department of Motor Vehicles
Xusana Davis	Executive Director of Racial Equity	Office of Racial Equity
Anthony Facos	Executive Director of Enforcement and Safety Division	Department of Motor Vehicles
Jay Greene	Policy & Research Analyst	Office of Racial Equity
Barbara Kessler	Co-Director of Fair and Impartial Policing / Captain	Vermont State Police
Gordon Landrigan	Assistant Attorney General	Department of Motor Vehicles
Etan Nasreddin-Longo	Co-Director of Fair and Impartial Policing	Department of Public Safety
Ian Louras	Intern	Office of Racial Equity
Wanda Minoli	Commissioner	Department of Motor Vehicles
Jennifer Morrison	Commissioner	Department of Public Safety
Paul Ravelin	Acting Lieutenant, Traffic Safety Unit	Vermont State Police
Matthew Rousseau	Chief of Driver Improvement	Department of Motor Vehicles
Eric Shepard	Sergeant	Williston Police Department
Michael Smith	Deputy Commissioner	Department of Motor Vehicles
Mandy Wooster	Executive Director of Policy Development	Department of Public Safety

Appendix A

No. 106. An act relating to secondary enforcement of minor traffic offenses.

(H.635)

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

Sec. 1. MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES REPORT

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

(b) The Executive Director and Commissioners jointly shall provide an interim report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Transportation on or before January 15, 2023 and a final written report to the committees on or before October 1, 2023.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 9, 2022

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ⁱ Judicial Bureau Waiver Penalties: <https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/media/8964>