

1 H.188

2 Introduced by Representatives Nugent of South Burlington, Burkhardt of  
3 South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, and LaLonde  
4 of South Burlington

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Motor vehicles; commerce and trade; cancellation of purchase; return  
8 of vehicle; study

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a study  
10 committee to examine potential changes to permit a purchaser to return a  
11 motor vehicle to a dealership within a limited time following its purchase.

12 An act relating to cancellation of motor vehicle purchases

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

14 Sec. 1. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE CANCELLATION; STUDY  
15 COMMITTEE; REPORT

16 (a) Creation. There is created the Motor Vehicle Purchase Cancellation  
17 Study Committee to examine the possibility of amending Vermont's laws to  
18 permit persons to cancel or rescind the purchase of a motor vehicle under  
19 certain circumstances.

1        (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following  
2        members:

3                (1) the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or designee;

4                (2) the Secretary of Transportation or designee;

5                (3) the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee;

6                (4) the Commissioner of Financial Regulation or designee;

7                (5) the Attorney General or designee;

8                (6) the Managing Director of the Vermont Vehicle and Automotive  
9        Distributors Association or designee; and

10               (7) a member appointed by Vermont Legal Aid.

11        (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall examine the possibility of  
12        amending Vermont's laws to permit persons to cancel or rescind the purchase  
13        of a motor vehicle under certain circumstances, including the following issues:

14               (1) the legal rights for motor vehicle purchasers in Vermont to:

15                        (A) return a motor vehicle after it has been purchased and the  
16        purchaser has taken possession of the vehicle; and

17                        (B) cancel a contract to purchase a motor vehicle prior to delivery of  
18        the vehicle;

19                (2) potential changes to Vermont's statutes to permit a motor vehicle  
20        purchaser to:

1           (A) return a motor vehicle after it has been purchased and the  
2           purchaser has taken possession of the vehicle; and

3           (B) cancel a contract to purchase a motor vehicle prior to delivery of  
4           the vehicle; and

5           (3) potential impacts on both motor vehicle purchasers and motor  
6           vehicle dealerships of the statutory changes identified pursuant to subdivision  
7           (2) of this subsection.

8           (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,  
9           and legal assistance of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

10          (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2026, the Committee shall submit a  
11          written report to the House Committee on Transportation and the Senate  
12          Committee on Transportation with its findings and any recommendations for  
13          legislative action.

14          (f) Meetings.

15               (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall call the first meeting of  
16               the Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2025.

17               (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall be the chair of the  
18               Committee.

19               (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

20               (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on February 15, 2026.

1        (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Committee who  
2        are not otherwise compensated for their attendance at meetings shall be entitled  
3        to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under  
4        32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than four meetings. These payments shall be  
5        made from monies appropriated to Agency of Transportation.

6        Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7        This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.