

1 H.285

2 Introduced by Representative Noyes of Wolcott

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; operation of motor vehicles; periodic inspections;
6 study

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a study
8 committee to examine making motor vehicle inspections more affordable
9 without sacrificing safety.

10 An act relating to making motor vehicle inspections more affordable

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

12 Sec. 1. MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION AFFORDABILITY; STUDY

13 COMMITTEE; REPORT

14 (a) Creation. There is created the Motor Vehicle Inspection Affordability
15 Study Committee to identify opportunities to make motor vehicle inspections
16 more affordable without negatively impacting the safety of motor vehicles on
17 Vermont's highways.

18 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following
19 members:

20 (1) the Treasurer or designee;

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

2 (3) a member, appointed by the Vermont Insurance Agents Association;

3 (4) a member, appointed by Vermont Vehicle and Automotive

4 Distributors Association; and

5 (5) a member representing the Vermont community action agencies,

6 appointed by the Vermont Community Action Partnership.

7 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study potential opportunities
8 to make motor vehicle inspections more affordable without negatively
9 impacting the safety of motor vehicles on Vermont's highways, including the
10 following issues:

11 (1) the average repair costs for vehicles that fail inspection;

12 (2) potential opportunities to reduce the cost of repairs needed to enable
13 a motor vehicle that failed inspection to pass inspection;

14 (3) opportunities to assist Vermont residents with lower income with the
15 cost of inspections and repairs necessary to enable a motor vehicle to pass

16 inspection; and

17 (4) the potential administrative, financial, and safety impacts of
18 requiring that motor vehicles be inspected every two years instead of annually.

19 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
20 and legal assistance of the Office of the Treasurer and the technical and legal
21 assistance of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

1 (e) Report. On or before December 30, 2025, the Committee shall submit a
2 written report to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation with its
3 findings and any recommendations for legislative action.

4 (f) Meetings.

5 (1) The Treasurer or designee shall call the first meeting of the
6 Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2025.

7 (2) The Treasurer or designee shall be the chair.

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

9 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 30, 2026.

10 (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Committee who
11 are not otherwise compensated for their attendance at meetings shall be entitled
12 to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under
13 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than four meetings. These payments shall be
14 made from monies appropriated to the Office of the Treasurer.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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