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9 Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tomlinson of Winooski,

10 Torre of Moretown, and Wells of Brownington

11 Referred to Committee on

12 Date:

13 Subject: Motor vehicles; registration; license plates; Vermont Green FC

14 license plates

15 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit the

16 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue Vermont Green FC license plates

17 and to create the Vermont Green FC Special Fund in the Office of the

18 Treasurer to provide grants to support environmental justice and Vermont's

19 outdoor recreation economy.

20 An act relating to the Vermont Green FC license plate

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

2 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304d is added to read:

3 § 304d. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES; VERMONT

4 GREEN FC

5 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue “Vermont Green FC”  
6 registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,  
7 on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to State  
8 agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered under  
9 the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the  
10 front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall  
11 utilize the graphic design recommended by the Office of the Treasurer for the  
12 special plates to enhance the public awareness of the State’s interest in  
13 supporting environmental justice and the outdoor recreation economy.  
14 Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor  
15 Vehicles and shall pay an initial fee of \$45.00 in addition to the annual fee for  
16 registration. In following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the  
17 holder of a plate shall pay a renewal fee of \$45.00. The Commissioner of  
18 Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the  
19 provisions of this subsection.

20 (b) Initial registration fees collected under subsection (a) of this section  
21 shall be deposited as follows:

1                   (1) 23 percent in the Transportation Fund; and  
2                   (2) 77 percent in the Vermont Green FC Special Fund created pursuant  
3                   to 32 V.S.A. § 112.

4                   (c) Renewal fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be  
5                   deposited as follows:

6                   (1) 16 percent in the Transportation Fund; and  
7                   (2) 84 percent in the Vermont Green FC Special Fund created in 32  
8                   V.S.A. § 112.

9                   (d) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall be charged by the Department  
10                   of Corrections for the production of the Vermont Green FC registration plates.

11                   Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 112 is added to read:

12                   § 112. VERMONT GREEN FC SPECIAL FUND

13                   (a) There is established the Vermont Green FC Special Fund, which shall  
14                   be managed in accordance with chapter 7, subchapter 5 of this title. The  
15                   purpose of the Fund is to provide support for environmental justice and the  
16                   outdoor recreation economy.

17                   (b) The Fund shall consist of:

18                   (1) receipts from the sale of Vermont Green FC motor vehicle  
19                   registration plates pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 304d;  
20                   (2) any gifts, grants, or contributions made to the Fund; and  
21                   (3) any amounts appropriated by the General Assembly.

1                   (c)(1) All interest earned on Fund balances shall be credited to the Fund.

2                   (2) The Treasurer and the board created pursuant to subsection (d) of  
3                   this section may seek and accept gifts, donations, and grants from any source,  
4                   public or private, to be dedicated for deposit into the Fund.

5                   (3) Monies in the Fund shall be used solely to provide support for  
6                   environmental justice and the outdoor recreation economy and for any  
7                   administrative costs incurred in administering the Fund.

8                   (d)(1) The Fund shall be overseen by a board composed of:

9                   (A) the Treasurer or designee;  
10                   (B) the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or designee;  
11                   (C) the Director of the Climate Action Office or designee;  
12                   (D) a representative of the Vermont Green Football Club; and  
13                   (E) the Executive Director of the Vermont Outdoor Business  
14                   Alliance or designee.

15                   (2) The board shall oversee the Fund and may make expenditures from  
16                   the Fund in the form of grants to local and regional governments or  
17                   governmental agencies, or nonprofit or citizen groups for the following  
18                   reasons:

19                   (A) to advance environmental justice; and  
20                   (B) to support the growth of Vermont's outdoor recreation economy.

1                   (3) The board shall have the administrative and legal support of the  
2                   Office of the Treasurer.

3                   Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4                   This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.