

H.761

Introduced by Representative Boutin of Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; temporary registration; temporary plates; electronic  
issuance

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the  
electronic issuance of temporary motor vehicle registrations and number  
plates.

An act relating to prohibiting the electronic issuance of temporary motor  
vehicle registrations and number plates

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

Sec. 1. REPEAL

23 V.S.A. § 518 (electronic issuance of temporary plate and temporary  
registration) is repealed.

Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 511 is amended to read:

§ 511. MANNER OF DISPLAY

(a) Number plates. A motor vehicle operated on any highway shall have  
displayed in a conspicuous place either one or two number plates as the  
Commissioner may require. ~~Such~~ The number plates shall be furnished by the

1 Commissioner and shall show the number assigned to ~~such~~ the vehicle by the  
2 Commissioner. If only one number plate is furnished, the ~~same~~ plate shall be  
3 securely attached to the rear of the vehicle. If two are furnished, one shall be  
4 securely attached to the rear and one to the front of the vehicle. The number  
5 plates shall be kept entirely unobscured, and the numerals and letters ~~thereon~~  
6 on each plate shall be plainly legible at all times. They shall be kept  
7 horizontal, shall be so fastened as not to swing, excepting, however, there may  
8 be installed on a motor truck or truck tractor a device that would, upon contact  
9 with a substantial object, permit the rear number plate to swing toward the  
10 front of the vehicle, provided ~~such~~ the device automatically returns the number  
11 plate to its original rigid position after contact is released, and the ground  
12 clearance of the lower edges ~~thereof~~ of the number plate shall be established by  
13 the Commissioner pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

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15 (e) Temporary and in-transit registration plates. A motor vehicle issued a  
16 temporary or in-transit registration plate under ~~sections~~ section 312, ~~458,~~ 463,  
17 ~~and 516-518,~~ or 517 of this title operated on any highway shall have the  
18 temporary or in-transit registration plate displayed horizontally in a  
19 conspicuous place on the rear of the vehicle, including in the rear window.  
20 The temporary or in-transit registration plate shall be kept entirely unobscured,

1       and the numerals and letters ~~thereon~~ on the plate shall be plainly legible at all  
2       times.

3       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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