

1 H.761
2 Introduced by Representative Boutin of Barre City
3 Referred to Committee on
4 Date:
5 Subject: Motor vehicles; temporary registration; temporary plates; electronic
6 issuance
7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
8 electronic issuance of temporary motor vehicle registrations and number
9 plates.

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

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

13 Sec. 1. REPEAL

14 23 V.S.A. § 518 (electronic issuance of temporary plate and temporary
15 registration) is repealed.

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

17 § 511. MANNER OF DISPLAY

18 (a) Number plates. A motor vehicle operated on any highway shall have
19 displayed in a conspicuous place either one or two number plates as the
20 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.

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.