

1 H.895

2 SHORT FORM

3 Introduced by Representatives Tomlinson of Winooski, Berbeco of Winooski,  
4 Burke of Brattleboro, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford,  
5 Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Headrick of  
6 Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, McGill of Bridport, and  
7 Rachelson of Burlington

8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Motor vehicles; secondary enforcement; searches

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to designate the  
12 following motor vehicle violations as violations that may only be enforced if a  
13 law enforcement officer has detained the operator of a vehicle for another  
14 suspected violation: (1) failure to carry a registration certificate; (2) failure to  
15 display unobstructed license plate numbers; (3) failure to display a license  
16 plate on a trailer or semitrailer; (4) operation without a valid license under  
17 certain circumstances; (5) operation by an individual with a learner's permit  
18 without a licensed driver in the vehicle; (6) operation on the right side of the  
19 highway; (7) prolonged idling; (8) operation with an obstructed windshield or  
20 windows; (9) operation of an uninspected motor vehicle; (10) operation with a  
21 single broken taillight or brake light; (11) failure to signal a lane change or

1 turn; (12) impeding traffic with a slow-moving vehicle; and (13) operating a  
2 vehicle with an overly loud muffler. This bill also proposes to prohibit law  
3 enforcement officers from requesting consent for a search of a vehicle or  
4 vehicle operator or passenger following a stop for a moving violation.

5 An act relating to secondary enforcement of certain motor vehicle violations

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

7 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)