

Section by Section Summary of S.326
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Sec. 1. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 115. Nondriver Identification Cards

- Clarifies that an individual cannot have both a nondriver ID and operator's license at the same time
- Updates language providing no-cost nondriver ID to individuals upon completion of prison sentence
- Adds new provisions providing no-cost nondriver ID to detainees held for 6 months or more upon release from prison

Sec. 2. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 613. Replacement License

- Permits DOC to provide offenders sentenced to 6 months or more in prison who have a current license or a license that expired less than 3 years before with a no-cost replacement license when they are released.

Sec. 3. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 613. Replacement License

- Permits detainees held for 6 months or more to obtain a no-cost replacement license upon release from prison

Sec. 4. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 617. Learner's Permit

- Permits DOC to provide offenders sentenced to 6 months or more in prison who have a current learner's permit or a permit that expired less than 2 years before with a no-cost replacement permit when they are released.

Sec. 5. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 617. Learner's Permit

- Permits detainees held for 6 months or more to obtain a no-cost replacement learner's permit upon release from prison

Sec. 6. Amends 28 V.S.A. § 102. Commissioner of Corrections; Appointment; Powers; Responsibility

- Provides authority to Commissioner of Corrections to work with DMV to provide credentials pursuant to Secs. 1-5

Sec. 7. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 110. Insufficient Funds Received for Fees

- Permits DMV to temporarily suspend a license or registration if an electronic payment does not go through
- Includes language to enable existing process of allowing individual 30 days to pay amount due

Sec. 8. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 1006b. Smugglers' Notch; Winter Closure of Vermont Rte. 108; Vehicle Operation Prohibited

- Increases penalties for operating a prohibited vehicle in Smuggler's Notch to \$10,000 for a first offense and \$20,000 if traffic is substantially impeded.

Sec. 9. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 2091. Salvage Certificates of Title; Forwarding of Plates and Titles of Crushed Vehicles

- Permits electronic signatures on certain documents needed to provide a salvage title to an insurer after a vehicle is declared a total loss

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Sec. 10. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 2022. Duplicate Certificate

- Permits DMV to hand a person a duplicate motor vehicle title if they are at a DMV location

Sec. 11. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 3801. Definitions

- Technical update to definition of title to apply to vessels, snowmobiles, and ATVs to reflect prior changes to chapter

Sec. 12. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 3815. Duplicate Certificate

- Permits DMV to hand a person a duplicate vessel, snow mobile, or ATV title if they are at a DMV location

Sec. 13. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 2005. Appeal

- Technical change to clarify where title appeals are filed

Sec. 14. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 2012. Exempted Vehicles

- Technical change to clarify exemptions from motor vehicle title requirements

Sec. 15. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 2158. Fees for Towing; Public Property; Funding

- Increases reimbursement for towing abandoned vehicles from public property from \$125 to \$250
- Permits AOT to seek \$250 reimbursement for towing costs from DMV

Sec. 16. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 3015. Computation and Payment of Tax

- Technical change to numbering in section governing computation of diesel fuel tax

Sec. 17. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 3207. Penalties and Revocation or Suspension of Registration

- Increases penalty for a snowmobile that is not registered or lacks a TMA decal

Sec. 18. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 4107. Commercial Driver's License Required

- Permits State and municipal employees without a CDL to operate heavy trucks in certain emergencies declared by the Governor

Sec. 19. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 4110. Application for Commercial Driver's License or Commercial Learner's Permit

- Creates a \$40 fee for a one-year nondomiciled CDL

Sec. 20. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 3305. Fees

- Adds requirement for placement of motorboat validation stickers to bring Vermont in compliance with federal requirements

Sec. 21. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 3306. Lights and Equipment

- Requires use of personal flotation devices between November 1 and April 30, except for hunting and bow fishing in less than 3ft of water
 - Does not apply to vessels, like ferries, that are inspected by Coast Guard

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Sec. 22. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 4. Definitions

- Adds definitions of kei (pronounced “KAY”) truck and kei vehicle
- Updates definition of pleasure car to include kei vehicles and farm truck to include kei trucks

Sec. 23. Adds 23 V.S.A. § 1044. Operation of Kei Vehicles

- Provides that kei vehicles and kei trucks will be treated the same as other pleasure cars and farm trucks

Sec. 24. Inspection Manual; Amendment

- Requires the inspection manual to be amended to limit inspection failures to conditions that are an immediate safety risk and to improve clarity and consistency

Sec. 25. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 4. Definitions

- Adds definition of limited use specialty vehicle
 - Definition includes both home-built vehicles like kit cars and manufactured vehicles commonly known as “resto-mods”

Sec. 26. Adds 23 V.S.A. § 375. Limited Use Specialty Vehicles

- Establishes requirements for registration and use of limited use specialty vehicles
 - Limits registration to 12 new vehicles per year and includes same limitations on highway use as for antique “exhibition” vehicles

Sec. 27. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 1222. Inspection of Registered Vehicles

- Provides that limited use specialty vehicles will be subject to safety inspections but not emissions inspections

Sec. 28. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 511. Manner of Display

- Prohibits coloring or tinting numerals and letters on a license plate
- Prohibits covering or obscuring letters or numbers on a license plate

Sec. 29. Amends 23 V.S.A. § 1221. Condition of Vehicle; Excessive Noise

- Requires motorcycles to be equipped with federally certified mufflers and provides that a motorcycle without a federally certified muffler will fail inspection

Sec. 30. Effective Dates

- January 1, 2027 for Secs. 1, 3, and 5 (relating to credentials for detainees)
- July 1, 2026 for all other sections.