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1	Same	Same	Same	• Same
2	Same	Same	Same	• Same
<mark>3</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
4	Same	Same	Same	• Same
5	Same	Same	Same	• Same
6	Same	Same	Same	• Same
7	Same	Same	Same	• Same
8	23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:	23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:	23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:	• CofC adopted House language in this
	§ 608. FEES	§ 608. FEES	§ 608. FEES	section with Senate language regarding
	* * *	* * *	* * *	individuals receiving SSI or SSDI
	(b) Individuals receiving Supplemental	(b) An additional fee of \$4.00 per year	(b) An additional fee of \$4.00 per year	adopted in next section with a July 1,
	Security Income or Social Security	shall be paid for a motorcycle	shall be paid for a motorcycle	2026
	Disability Income and individuals with a	endorsement. The endorsement may be	endorsement. The endorsement may be	
	disability as defined in 9 V.S.A. § 4501	obtained for either a two-year or four-year	obtained for either a two-year or four-year	
	shall be provided with operator's licenses	period, to be coincidental with the length	period, to be coincidental with the length	
	or operator privilege cards for the	of the operator's license.	of the operator's license.	
	following fees:	(c)(1) Individuals under 23 years of	(c)(1) Individuals under 23 years of	
	(1) Original issuance: \$20.00.	age who were in the care and custody of	age who were in the care and custody of	
	(2) Renewal every four years:	the Commissioner for Children and	the Commissioner for Children and	
	<u>\$20.00.</u>	Families pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 4903(4)	Families pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 4903(4)	
	(3) Replacement of lost, destroyed,	in Vermont after attaining 14 years of age	in Vermont after attaining 14 years of age	
	or mutilated card or a new name is	shall be provided with operator's licenses	shall be provided with operator's licenses	
	required: \$10.00.	or operator privilege cards at no charge.	or operator privilege cards at no charge.	
	(c) An additional fee of \$4.00 per year	(2) No additional fee shall be due	(2) No additional fee shall be due	
	shall be paid for a motorcycle	for a motorcycle endorsement for an	for a motorcycle endorsement for an	
	endorsement. The endorsement may be	individual under 23 years of age who was in the care and custody of the	individual under 23 years of age who was in the care and custody of the	
	obtained for either a two-year or four-year	Commissioner for Children and Families	Commissioner for Children and Families	
	period, to be coincidental with the length of the operator's license.	pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 4903(4) in	pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 4903(4) in	
	(d)(1) Individuals under 23 years of	Vermont after attaining 14 years of age.	Vermont after attaining 14 years of age.	
	age who were in the care and custody of	vermont after attaining 14 years of age.	vermont after attaining 14 years of age.	
	the Commissioner for Children and			
	Families pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 4903(4)			
	in Vermont after attaining 14 years of age			

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	shall be provided with operator's licenses or operator privilege cards at no charge. (2) No additional fee shall be due for a motorcycle endorsement for an 			
NA/NA/9	N/A	N/A	23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read: § 608. FEES *** (d) Individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Income and individuals with a disability as defined in 9 V.S.A. § 4501 shall be provided with operator's licenses or operator privilege cards for the following fees: (1) Original issuance: \$20.00. (2) Renewal every four years: \$20.00. (3) Replacement of lost, destroyed, or mutilated card or a new name is required: \$10.00.	• Senate language from Sec. 8 with effective date of July 1, 2026
<mark>9/9/10</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
<mark>10/10/11</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
11/11/12	23 V.S.A. § 4122 is amended to read: § 4122. DEFERRING IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE; PROHIBITION ON MASKING OR DIVERSION (a) No court, State's Attorney, or law enforcement officer may utilize the provisions of 13 V.S.A. § 7041 or any	23 V.S.A. § 4122 is amended to read: § 4122. DEFERRING IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE; PROHIBITION ON MASKING OR DIVERSION (a) No court, State's Attorney, or law enforcement officer may utilize the provisions of 13 V.S.A. § 7041 or any	23 V.S.A. § 4122 is amended to read: § 4122. DEFERRING IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE; PROHIBITION ON MASKING OR DIVERSION (a) No court, State's Attorney, or law enforcement officer may utilize the provisions of 13 V.S.A. § 7041 or any	 House version allows deferred imposition for vehicle weight and vehicle defect violations, in addition to parking violations. Change aligns with federal law and with provisions of H.44 CofC adopted House version

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	other program to defer imposition of	other program to defer imposition of	other program to defer imposition of	
	sentence or judgment if the defendant	sentence or judgment if the defendant	sentence or judgment if the defendant	
	holds a commercial driver's license,	holds a commercial driver's license,	holds a commercial driver's license,	
	commercial learner's permit, or was	commercial learner's permit, or was	commercial learner's permit, or was	
	operating a commercial motor vehicle	operating a commercial motor vehicle	operating a commercial motor vehicle	
	when the violation occurred and is charged	when the violation occurred and is charged	when the violation occurred and is charged	
	with violating any State or local traffic law	with violating any State or local traffic law	with violating any State or local traffic law	
	other than a parking violation.	other than a parking violation, vehicle	other than a parking violation<mark>, vehicle</mark>	
	* * *	weight, or vehicle defect violations.	weight, or vehicle defect violations.	
		* * *		
<u>12/12/13</u>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
<mark>13/13/14</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
<u>14/14/15</u>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
15/15/16	Same	Same	Same	• Same
<mark>16/16/17</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
17/17/18	INFORMATION REGARDING	INFORMATION REGARDING	INFORMATION REGARDING	Minor language changes in House
	PRIVILEGE CARDS AND	PRIVILEGE CARDS AND	PRIVILEGE CARDS AND	version.
	NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION	NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION	NONDRIVER	CofC adopted modified language
	CARDS; INTENT	CARDS; INTENT	IDENTIFICATION CARDS; INTENT	proposed by DMV
	It is the intent of the General Assembly	It is the intent of the General Assembly	It is the intent of the General Assembly	
	that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles	that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles	that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,	
	shall ensure that any individual who is	shall ensure that any individual who is	to the extent permitted by federal law,	
	unable to or does not wish to comply with	unable to or does not wish to comply with	ensures that any individual who is unable	
	the requirements of the REAL ID Act of	the requirements of the REAL ID Act of	to or does not wish to comply with the	
	2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, §§ 201-202	<u>2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, §§ 201 and 202</u>	requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005,	
	shall be informed of the option of	shall continue to be informed of the option	Pub. L. No. 109-13, §§ 201 and 202	
	obtaining an operator's privilege card	of obtaining an operator's privilege card	continues to be informed of the option of	
	pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A.	pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A.	applying for an operator's privilege card	
	§ 603(f) or a nondriver identification card	§ 603(f) or a nondriver identification card	pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A. §	
	pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A.	pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A.	603(f) or a nondriver identification card	
	<u>§ 115.</u>	<u>§ 115.</u>	pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A. §	
			<u>115.</u>	

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18/18/19	OUTREACH	OUTREACH <mark>; UPDATES</mark>	OUTREACH; UPDATES	House version makes wording changes
	On or before November 15, 2025, the	(a) On or before November 15, 2025,	(a) On or before November 15, 2025,	and adds new subsection requiring
	Department of Motor Vehicles shall	the Department of Motor Vehicles shall	the Department of Motor Vehicles shall	updates on early renewal provisions.
	develop and implement a public education	develop and implement a public education	develop and implement a public education	CofC adopted House version
	and outreach campaign to inform Vermont	and outreach campaign to inform Vermont	and outreach campaign to inform Vermont	-
	residents about:	residents about:	residents about:	
	(1) an individual's rights to obtain	(1) an individual's ability to obtain	(1) an individual's ability to obtain	
	an operator's license, privilege card, or	an operator's license, operator's privilege	an operator's license, operator's privilege	
	nondriver identification card;	card, or nondriver identification card;	card, or nondriver identification card;	
	(2) an individual's rights to self-	(2) an individual's ability under	(2) an individual's ability under	
	attest with respect to the gender marker on	Vermont law to self-attest with respect to	Vermont law to self-attest with respect to	
	the individual's operator's license,	the gender marker on the individual's	the gender marker on the individual's	
	privilege card, or nondriver identification	operator's license, operator's privilege	operator's license, operator's privilege	
	card; and	card, or nondriver identification card; and	card, or nondriver identification card; and	
	(3) reduced fees that are available to	(3) reduced fees that are available to	(3) reduced fees that are available to	
	individuals who meet certain	individuals who meet certain	individuals who meet certain	
	requirements.	<u>requirements.</u>	requirements.	
		(b) The Commissioner shall provide	(b) The Commissioner shall provide	
		two brief, written updates to the House	two brief, written updates to the House and	
		and Senate Committees on Transportation	Senate Committees on Transportation	
		regarding the implementation and	regarding the implementation and	
		utilization of 23 V.S.A. §§ 115b and 604.	utilization of 23 V.S.A. §§ 115b and 604.	
		The first shall be due not more than 30	The first shall be due not more than 30	
		days after the Department implements the	days after the Department implements the	
		provisions of 23 V.S.A. §§ 115b and 604	provisions of 23 V.S.A. §§ 115b and 604	
		and the second shall be due in January	and the second shall be due in January	
		<u>2026.</u>	2026.	
<mark>19/19/20</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
20/20/21	Same	Same	Same	• Same
<mark>21/21/22</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
22/22/23	Same	Same	Same	• Same
23/23/24	Same	Same	Same	• Same
24/24/25	Same	Same	Same	• Same
25/25/26	Same	Same	Same	• Same
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26/26/27	Same	Same	Same	• Same
27/27/28	Same	Same	Same	• Same
28/28/29	Same	Same	Same	• Same
<mark>29/29/30</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
30/30/31	Same	Same	Same	• Same
31/31/32	Same	Same	Same	• Same
32/32/33	Same	Same	Same	• Same
33/NA/NA	23 V.S.A. § 114 is amended to read: § 114. FEES (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees for miscellaneous transactions: *** (24) Bulk electronic records request \$0.303 per record ***	N/A	N/A	Deleted in House version and CofC Report
<mark>34/33/34</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
35/34/54	Same	Same	Same	• Same
<mark>36/35/36</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
<mark>37/36/37</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
38/37/38	Same	Same	Same	• Same
39/NA/NA	 23 V.S.A. § 1125 is amended to read: § 1125. OBSTRUCTING WINDSHIELDS, <u>AND</u> WINDOWS (a) <u>Prohibition</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person an individual shall not operate a motor vehicle on which material or items have been painted or adhered on or over, or hung in back of, any transparent part of a motor vehicle windshield, vent windows, or side windows located immediately to the left and right of the operator. The 	N/A	N/A	Deleted in House version and CofC Report

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	prohibition of this section on hanging			
	items shall apply only to shading or tinting			
	material or when a hanging item			
	materially obstructs the driver's view.			
	(b) <u>General exemptions.</u>			
	Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this			
	section, a person an individual may			
	operate a motor vehicle with material or			
	items painted or adhered on or over, or			
	hung in back of, the windshield, vent			
	windows, or side windows:			
	(1) in a space not over four inches			
	high and 12 inches long in the lower right-			
	hand corner of the windshield;			
	(2) in such any space as the			
	Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may			
	specify for location of any sticker required			
	by governmental regulation;			
	(3) in a space not over two inches			
	high and two and one-half inches long in			
	the upper left-hand corner of the			
	windshield;			
	(4) if the operator is a person \underline{an}			
	individual employed by the federal, State,			
	or local government or a volunteer			
	emergency responder operating an			
	authorized emergency vehicle, who places			
	any necessary equipment in back of the			
	windshield of the vehicle, provided the			
	equipment does not interfere with the			
	operator's control of the driving			
	mechanism of the vehicle;			
	(5) on a motor vehicle that is for			
	sale by a licensed automobile dealer prior			

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	to the sale of the vehicle, in a space not			
	over three inches high and six inches long			
	in the upper left-hand corner of the			
	windshield, and in a space not over four			
	inches high and 18 inches long in the			
	upper right-hand corner of the windshield;			
	Of			
	(6) if the object is a rearview			
	mirror, or is an electronic toll-collection			
	transponder located either between the			
	roof line and the rearview mirror post or			
	behind the rearview mirror; or			
	(7) if the object is shading or tinting			
	material and the visible light transmission			
	of the motor vehicle windshield, vent			
	window, or side window with that shading			
	or tinting material is not less than 70			
	percent.			
	(c) <u>Medical exemption</u> . The			
	Commissioner may grant an exemption to			
	the prohibition of this section upon			
	application from a person an individual			
	required for medical reasons to be shielded			
	from the rays of the sun and who attaches			
	to the application a document signed by a			
	licensed physician or optometrist			
	certifying that shielding from the rays of			
	the sun is a medical necessity. The			
	physician or optometrist certification shall			
	be renewed every four years. However,			
	when a licensed physician or optometrist			
	has previously certified to the			
	Commissioner that an applicant's			
	condition is both permanent and stable, the			

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	exemption may be renewed by the			
	applicant without submission of a form			
	signed by a licensed physician or			
	optometrist. Additionally, the window			
	shading or tinting permitted under this			
	subsection shall be limited to the vent			
	windows or side windows located			
	immediately to the left and right of the			
	operator. The exemption provided in this			
	subsection shall terminate upon the			
	transfer of the approved vehicle and at that			
	time the applicable window tinting shall			
	be removed by the seller. Furthermore, if			
	the material described in this subsection			
	tears or bubbles or is otherwise worn to			
	prohibit clear vision, it shall be removed			
	or replaced.			
	(d) <u>Rear side window obstructions.</u>			
	The rear side windows and the back			
	window may be obstructed only if the			
	motor vehicle is equipped on each side			
	with a securely attached mirror, which that			
	provides the operator with a clear view of			
	the roadway in the rear and on both sides			
	of the motor vehicle.			
	(e) Removal. Any shading or tinting			
	material that is painted or adhered on or			
	over, or hung in back of, the windshield,			
	vent windows, or side windows in			
	accordance with subdivision (b)(7) or			
	subsection (c) of this section shall be			
	removed if it tears, bubbles, or is			
	otherwise worn to prohibit clear vision.			

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	(f) Definition. As used in this section,			
	"visible light transmission" means the			
	amount of visible light that can pass			
	through shading, tinting, or glazing			
	material applied to or within the			
	transparent portion of a window or			
	windshield of a motor vehicle.			
40/NA/NA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	N/A	N/A	• Deleted in House version and CofC
	WINDOWS			Report
	It is the intent of the General Assembly			
	that a motor vehicle with shading or			
	tinting material that is not allowed under			
	23 V.S.A. § 1125, as amended by Sec. 39			
	of this act, poses a danger to the individual			
	operating the motor vehicle, any			
	passengers in the motor vehicle, and other			
	highway users and that such a motor			
	vehicle shall fail the annual safety			
	inspection required under 23 V.S.A.			
	<u>§ 1222.</u>			
41/NA/NA	,	N/A	N/A	• Deleted in House version and CofC
	INSPECTION MANUAL; TINTED			Report
	WINDOWS; OUTREACH			
	(a) The Department of Motor Vehicles			
	shall, unless extended by the Legislative			
	Committee on Administrative Rules, adopt			
	amendments to Department of Motor			
	Vehicles, Inspection of Motor Vehicles			
	(CVR 14-050-022) consistent with the			
	legislative intent in Sec. 40 of this act to			
	be effective not later than July 1, 2026.			
	The amendments shall include the level of			
	visible light transmission required for			
	windshields and the windows to the			

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~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	immediate right and left of the driver as of			
	the effective date of the amendments.			
	(b) The Department of Motor Vehicles,			
	in consultation with the Department of			
	Public Safety, shall implement a public			
	outreach campaign on window tinting to			
	provide information on the prohibitions			
	and exceptions under 23 V.S.A. § 1125, as			
	amended by Sec. 39 of this act, and the			
	requirements of the Inspection of Motor			
	Vehicles (CVR 14-050-022), with			
	amendments adopted under the			
	Administrative Procedure Act consistent			
	with subsection (a) of this section,			
	including what level of visible light			
	transmission is currently required for			
	windshields and the windows to the			
	immediate right and left of the driver. The			
	Department of Motor Vehicles shall start			
	to disseminate information as required			
	under this subsection not later than two			
	months prior to the effective date of Sec.			
	39 of this act and shall disseminate			
	information on window tinting through			
	email, bulletins, software updates, and the			
	Department of Motor Vehicles' website.			
<mark>42/38/39</mark>	Same	Same	Same	• Same
43/39/40	MOTOR VEHICLES; PURCHASE AND	MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE AND	MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE AND	• Senate proposes study committee to
	USE TAX; INSPECTIONS; STUDY	USE TAX; INSPECTIONS; REPORT	USE TAX; INSPECTIONS; REPORT	examine issues related to purchase and
	COMMITTEE; REPORT	(a) On or before January 31, 2026, the	(a) On or before January 31, 2026, the	use tax and inspections
	(a) Creation. There is created the	Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall	Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall	• House proposes report regarding issues
	Purchase and Use Motor Vehicle Tax and	submit a written report to the House	submit a written report to the House	related to purchase and use tax and
	Inspections Study Committee to examine	Committees on Transportation and on	Committees on Transportation and on	inspections
	the assessment of purchase and use tax on	Ways and Means and the Senate	Ways and Means and the Senate	CofC adopted House version

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	motor vehicles and the inspection of motor	Committees on Finance and on	Committees on Finance and on	
	vehicles whose onboard diagnostic	Transportation regarding the process for	Transportation regarding the process for	
	malfunction indicator light is on.	determining the taxable cost of a used	determining the taxable cost of a used	
	(b) Membership. The Committee shall	motor vehicle for purposes of the purchase	motor vehicle for purposes of the purchase	
	be composed of the following members:	and use tax and the impact of annual	and use tax and the impact of annual	
	(1) the Commissioner of Motor	motor vehicle safety and emissions	motor vehicle safety and emissions	
	Vehicles or designee;	inspections on Vermonters.	inspections on Vermonters.	
	(2) a member, appointed by the	(b) The report shall include, at a	(b) The report shall include, at a	
	Vermont Vehicle and Automotive	minimum, the following:	minimum, the following:	
	Distributors Association or designee;	(1) the number of persons during	(1) the number of persons during	
	(3) a member, appointed by the	calendar years 2024 and 2025 who utilized	calendar years 2024 and 2025 who utilized	
	Vermont Insurance Agents Association;	the dealer appraisal process for	the dealer appraisal process for	
	and	determining the taxable cost of a used	determining the taxable cost of a used	
	(4) a member, appointed by the	motor vehicle for purposes of the purchase	motor vehicle for purposes of the purchase	
	Vermont Community Action Partnership.	and use tax;	and use tax;	
	(c) Powers and duties. The Committee	(2) the age and type of vehicles for	(2) the age and type of vehicles for	
	shall study the assessment of purchase and	which the dealer appraisal process was	which the dealer appraisal process was	
	use tax on motor vehicles and the	utilized during calendar years 2024 and	utilized during calendar years 2024 and	
	inspection of motor vehicles whose	<u>2025;</u>	<u>2025;</u>	
	onboard diagnostic malfunction indicator	(3) the difference between the clean	(3) the difference between the clean	
	light is on, including the following issues:	trade-in value and the appraised value of	trade-in value and the appraised value of	
	(1) the potential fiscal impact to the	vehicles for which the dealer appraisal	vehicles for which the dealer appraisal	
	State of assessing the purchase and use tax	process was utilized during calendar years	process was utilized during calendar years	
	against the amount that a used vehicle was	<u>2024 and 2025;</u>	<u>2024 and 2025;</u>	
	purchased for, rather than the clean trade-	(4) the number of appeals of the	(4) the number of appeals of the	
	in value of the vehicle;	taxable cost of a motor vehicle that were	taxable cost of a motor vehicle that were	
	(2) the potential for assessing the	filed in calendar years 2024 and 2025;	filed in calendar years 2024 and 2025;	
	purchase and use tax against the amount	(5) the number appeals that resulted	(5) the number appeals that resulted	
	that a used vehicle was purchased for, if	in a revision of the taxable cost and the	in a revision of the taxable cost and the	
	the difference between the purchase price	difference between the originally assessed	difference between the originally assessed	
	and the clean trade-in value of the vehicle	taxable cost and the revised taxable cost	taxable cost and the revised taxable cost	
	is equal to or less than the cost of repairs	following the appeal;	following the appeal;	
	necessary for the vehicle to pass			
	inspection pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 1222;			

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	(3) the assessment of the purchase	(6) a summary of issues identified	(6) a summary of issues identified	
	and use tax on vehicles that were	by persons contacting the Department	by persons contacting the Department	
	purchased and first registered in another	pursuant to subsection (c) of this section;	pursuant to subsection (c) of this section;	
	state prior to the vehicle owner moving to	(7) a summary of funding and other	(7) a summary of funding and other	
	Vermont and registering the vehicle in	assistance related to annual motor vehicle	assistance related to annual motor vehicle	
	Vermont, including any potential impacts	safety and emissions inspections that is	safety and emissions inspections that is	
	that the current manner in which the	available to Vermonters with lower	available to Vermonters with lower	
	purchase and use tax is assessed on such	income;	income;	
	vehicles may have on vehicle owners'	(8) an examination of the potential	(8) an examination of the potential	
	decisions to move to Vermont or register	approaches to reduce the financial burden	approaches to reduce the financial burden	
	their vehicles in Vermont, or both;	of annual motor vehicle safety and	of annual motor vehicle safety and	
	(4) potential changes to the statutes	emissions inspections on Vermonters,	emissions inspections on Vermonters,	
	and rules governing the purchase and use	including the potential to reduce the	including the potential to reduce the	
	tax that could mitigate any negative	frequency of inspections to every two	frequency of inspections to every two	
	impacts on vehicle owners' decisions to	years; and	years; and	
	relocate to Vermont or register their	(9) any recommendations for	(9) any recommendations for	
	vehicles in Vermont, or both, that are	legislative action.	legislative action.	
	identified pursuant to subdivision (3) of	(c)(1) The Commissioner of Motor	(c)(1) The Commissioner of Motor	
	this subsection; and	Vehicles shall establish an email address	Vehicles shall establish an email address	
	(5) potential modifications to the	or other electronic means, or both, for	or other electronic means, or both, for	
	periodic inspection manual to permit	Vermonters to contact the Department of	Vermonters to contact the Department of	
	vehicles whose onboard diagnostic	Motor Vehicles regarding concerns with	Motor Vehicles regarding concerns with	
	malfunction indicator light is illuminated	the motor vehicle purchase and use tax	the motor vehicle purchase and use tax	
	to pass inspection pursuant to 23 V.S.A.	process.	process.	
	<u>§ 1222 if the issue causing the indicator</u>	(2) The Commissioner of Motor	(2) The Commissioner of Motor	
	light to illuminate does not affect the	Vehicles shall establish an email address	Vehicles shall establish an email address	
	safety of the vehicle with respect to the	or other electronic means, or both, for	or other electronic means, or both, for	
	operator, any passengers, or any other	Vermonters to contact the Department of	Vermonters to contact the Department of	
	vehicles.	Motor Vehicles regarding the affordability	Motor Vehicles regarding the affordability	
	(d) Assistance. The Committee shall	of the annual motor vehicle inspection	of the annual motor vehicle inspection	
	have the administrative, technical, and	process and suggestions for reducing the	process and suggestions for reducing the	
	legal assistance of the Department of	financial impact of the inspection process	financial impact of the inspection process	
	Motor Vehicles.	on Vermonters.	on Vermonters.	

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Section		(3) The Commissioner shall conduct	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
	(e) Report. On or before January 15, 2026, the Committee shall submit a	outreach at Department locations, on the	(3) The Commissioner shall conduct outreach at Department locations, on the	
	written report to the House and Senate	▲ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
		Department's website, and through motor	Department's website, and through motor	
	Committees on Transportation with its	vehicle dealers to make the public aware	vehicle dealers to make the public aware	
	findings and any recommendations for	of the opportunity to contact the	of the opportunity to contact the	
	legislative action.	Department pursuant to subdivisions (1)	Department pursuant to subdivisions (1)	
	(f) Meetings.	and (2) of this subsection.	and (2) of this subsection.	
	(1) The Commissioner of Motor			
	Vehicles or designee shall call the first			
	meeting of the Committee to occur on or			
	before September 1, 2025.			
	(2) The Commissioner of Motor			
	Vehicles or designee shall be the Chair.			
	(3) A majority of the membership			
	shall constitute a quorum.			
	(4) The Committee shall cease to			
	exist on January 30, 2026.			
	(g) Compensation and reimbursement.			
	Members of the Committee who are not			
	otherwise compensated for their			
	attendance at meetings shall be entitled to			
	per diem compensation and			
	reimbursement of expenses as permitted			
	under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than			
	four meetings. These payments shall be			
	made from monies appropriated to			
	Department of Motor Vehicles.			
NA/40/41	N/A	23 V.S.A. § 1139 is amended to read:	23 V.S.A. § 1139 is amended to read:	Added by House
		§ 1139. RIDING ON ROADWAYS AND	§ 1139. RIDING ON ROADWAYS AND	• C of C adopted House language with
		BICYCLE PATHS	BICYCLE PATHS	effective date delayed to July 1, 2026
		(a) A person Due care and riding on	(a) A person Due care and riding on	
		the right. An individual operating a	the right. An individual operating a	
		bicycle upon a roadway shall exercise due	bicycle upon a roadway shall exercise due	
		care when passing a standing vehicle or	care when passing a standing vehicle or	

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		one proceeding in the same direction.	one proceeding in the same direction.	
		Bicyclists generally shall ride as near to	Bicyclists generally shall ride as near to	
		the right side of the improved area of the	the right side of the improved area of the	
		highway right-of-way as is safe, except	highway right-of-way as is safe, except	
		that a bicyclist:	that a bicyclist:	
		* * *	* * *	
		(b) Persons riding Riding two abreast.	(b) Persons riding Riding two abreast.	
		Individuals operating bicycles upon a	Individuals operating bicycles upon a	
		roadway may shall not ride more than two	roadway may shall not ride more than two	
		abreast except on paths or parts of	abreast except on paths or parts of	
		roadways set aside for the exclusive use of	roadways set aside for the exclusive use of	
		bicycles or except as otherwise permitted	bicycles or except as otherwise permitted	
		by the Commissioner of Public Safety in	by the Commissioner of Public Safety in	
		connection with a public sporting event in	connection with a public sporting event in	
		which case the Commissioner shall be	which case the Commissioner shall be	
		authorized to adopt such rules as the	authorized to adopt such rules as the	
		public good requires. Persons Individuals	public good requires. Persons Individuals	
		riding two abreast shall not impede the	riding two abreast shall not impede the	
		normal and reasonable movement of	normal and reasonable movement of	
		traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride	traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride	
		within a single lane.	within a single lane.	
		(c) Obedience to traffic-control devices	(c) Obedience to traffic-control devices	
		and traffic-control signals. An individual	and traffic-control signals. An individual	
		operating a bicycle shall follow all traffic-	operating a bicycle shall follow all traffic-	
		control devices and traffic-control signals	control devices and traffic-control signals	
		governing motor vehicles except that an	governing motor vehicles except that an	
		individual operating a bicycle who is	individual operating a bicycle who is	
		facing a "walk" signal, as defined in	facing a "walk" signal, as defined in	
		section 1023 of this chapter, may make a	section 1023 of this chapter, may make a	
		turn or proceed across the roadway or	turn or proceed across the roadway or	
		intersection in the direction of the signal	intersection in the direction of the signal	
		but shall yield the right of way to any	but shall yield the right of way to any	
		vehicles or pedestrians in the roadway or	vehicles or pedestrians in the roadway or	
		intersection.	intersection.	

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		(d) <u>Riding on a partially controlled</u>	(d) <u>Riding on a partially controlled</u>	
		access highway. Bicycles may be	access highway. Bicycles may be	
		operated on the shoulders of partially	operated on the shoulders of partially	
		controlled access highways, which are	controlled access highways, which are	
		those highways where access is controlled	those highways where access is controlled	
		by public authority but where there are	by public authority but where there are	
		some connections with selected public	some connections with selected public	
		highways, some crossings at grade, and	highways, some crossings at grade, and	
		some private driveway connections. The	some private driveway connections. The	
		Traffic Committee may determine that any	Traffic Committee may determine that any	
		portion of these highways is unsafe and	portion of these highways is unsafe and	
		therefore closed to bicycle operation.	therefore closed to bicycle operation.	
NA/41/42	N/A	23 V.S.A. § 1139a is added to read:	23 V.S.A. § 1139a is added to read:	Added by House
		§ 1139a. BICYCLE CONTROL	<u>§ 1139a. BICYCLE CONTROL</u>	CofC adopted House langauge
		SIGNALS	SIGNALS	
		(a) Bicycles shall obey bicycle-control	(a) Bicycles shall obey bicycle-control	
		signals. An individual operating a bicycle	signals. An individual operating a bicycle	
		shall obey the instructions of a bicycle-	shall obey the instructions of a bicycle-	
		control signal, if present, instead of any	control signal, if present, instead of any	
		traffic-control signal for motor vehicles.	traffic-control signal for motor vehicles.	
		(b) Bicycle-control signal legend.	(b) Bicycle-control signal legend.	
		(1) Green bicycle signal.	(1) Green bicycle signal.	
		(A) An individual operating a	(A) An individual operating a	
		bicycle facing a green bicycle signal may	bicycle facing a green bicycle signal may	
		proceed straight through the intersection or	proceed straight through the intersection or	
		turn right or left unless a sign prohibits	turn right or left unless a sign prohibits	
		such a turn, provided that:	such a turn, provided that:	
		(i) the individual operating	(i) the individual operating	
		the bicycle will not be in conflict with any	the bicycle will not be in conflict with any	
		simultaneous motor vehicle movements at	simultaneous motor vehicle movements at	
		that location; or	that location; or	
		(ii) the bicycle movement at	(ii) the bicycle movement at	
		that location is not modified by lane-use	that location is not modified by lane-use	
		signs, turn-prohibition signs, pavement	signs, turn-prohibition signs, pavement	

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		markings, separate turn signal indications,	markings, separate turn signal indications,	
		or other traffic-control devices.	or other traffic-control devices.	
		(B) An individual operating a	(B) An individual operating a	
		bicycle pursuant to a green bicycle signal,	bicycle pursuant to a green bicycle signal,	
		including when turning right and left, shall	including when turning right and left, shall	
		yield the right-of-way to other individuals	yield the right-of-way to other individuals	
		operating bicycles and pedestrians that are	operating bicycles and pedestrians that are	
		in the intersection when the signal is	in the intersection when the signal is	
		exhibited.	exhibited.	
		(2) Steady yellow bicycle signal.	(2) Steady yellow bicycle signal.	
		An individual operating a bicycle facing a	An individual operating a bicycle facing a	
		steady yellow bicycle signal is warned that	steady yellow bicycle signal is warned that	
		the steady green signal is being terminated	the steady green signal is being terminated	
		and that the red signal will be exhibited	and that the red signal will be exhibited	
		immediately following the steady yellow	immediately following the steady yellow	
		signal, at which time bicycle traffic	signal, at which time bicycle traffic	
		traveling in that direction shall not enter	traveling in that direction shall not enter	
		the intersection.	the intersection.	
		(3) Steady red bicycle signal.	(3) Steady red bicycle signal.	
		(A) An individual operating a	(A) An individual operating a	
		bicycle facing a steady red bicycle signal	bicycle facing a steady red bicycle signal	
		alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop	alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop	
		line, or if there is none, shall stop before	line, or if there is none, shall stop before	
		entering the crosswalk on the near side of	entering the crosswalk on the near side of	
		the intersection.	the intersection.	
		(B) Except when a sign is in	(B) Except when a sign is in	
		place prohibiting a turn, an individual	place prohibiting a turn, an individual	
		operating a bicycle facing a steady red	operating a bicycle facing a steady red	
		bicycle signal may:	bicycle signal may:	
		(i) cautiously enter the	(i) cautiously enter the	
		intersection to turn right; or	intersection to turn right; or	
		(ii) after stopping as required	(ii) after stopping as required	
		pursuant to subdivision (A) of this	pursuant to subdivision (A) of this	

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		subdivision (b)(3), turn left from a one-	subdivision (b)(3), turn left from a one-	
		way street onto a one-way street.	way street onto a one-way street.	
		(C) An individual making a turn	(C) An individual making a turn	
		pursuant to subdivision (B) of this	pursuant to subdivision (B) of this	
		subdivision (b)(3) shall yield the right-of-	subdivision (b)(3) shall yield the right-of-	
		way to pedestrians and other vehicles that	way to pedestrians and other vehicles that	
		are in the intersection.	are in the intersection.	
		(D) An individual operating a	(D) An individual operating a	
		bicycle shall not turn right when facing a	bicycle shall not turn right when facing a	
		red arrow signal unless a sign permitting	red arrow signal unless a sign permitting	
		such a turn is present.	such a turn is present.	
		(E) An individual operating a	(E) An individual operating a	
		bicycle to the left of adjacent motor	bicycle to the left of adjacent motor	
		vehicle traffic approaching the same	vehicle traffic approaching the same	
		intersection shall be prohibited from	intersection shall be prohibited from	
		turning right when facing a steady red	turning right when facing a steady red	
		bicycle signal and an individual operating	bicycle signal and an individual operating	
		a bicycle to the right of adjacent motor	a bicycle to the right of adjacent motor	
		vehicle traffic approaching the same	vehicle traffic approaching the same	
		intersection shall be prohibited from	intersection shall be prohibited from	
		turning left when facing a steady red	turning left when facing a steady red	
		bicycle signal.	bicycle signal.	
NA/42/43	N/A	BICYCLE OPERATION AT STOP	BICYCLE OPERATION AT STOP	Added by House
		SIGNS AND SIGNALS; EDUCATION;	SIGNS AND SIGNALS; EDUCATION;	CofC adopted House Language
		OUTREACH	OUTREACH	
		On or before April 1, 2026, the	On or before April 1, 2026, the	
		Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and of	Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and of	
		Public Safety, in consultation with	Public Safety, in consultation with	
		stakeholders representing bicyclists,	stakeholders representing bicyclists,	
		pedestrians, municipalities, and law	pedestrians, municipalities, and law	
		enforcement agencies, shall develop	enforcement agencies, shall develop	
		education and outreach materials to inform	education and outreach materials to inform	
		vehicle operators, law enforcement	vehicle operators, law enforcement	
		officers, municipalities, and members of	officers, municipalities, and members of	

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		the public regarding the laws governing to	the public regarding the laws governing to	
		the operation of bicycles on roadways,	the operation of bicycles on roadways,	
		including at signalized intersections. The	including at signalized intersections. The	
		materials shall include both written and	materials shall include both written and	
		graphical materials explaining permitted	graphical materials explaining permitted	
		bicycle operations and requirements for	bicycle operations and requirements for the	
		the operation of motor vehicles in relation	operation of motor vehicles in relation to	
		to bicycles, including safe passing distance	bicycles, including safe passing distance	
		requirements.	requirements.	
NA/43/44	N/A	FINDINGS; INTENT; LEGAL TRAILS	FINDINGS; INTENT; LEGAL TRAILS	Added by House
		(a) Findings. The General Assembly	(a) Findings. The General Assembly	CofC adopted House language
		finds the following:	finds the following:	
		(1) Outdoor recreation is a	(1) Outdoor recreation is a	
		significant part of Vermont's identity and	significant part of Vermont's identity and	
		economy.	economy.	
		(2) Trails provide Vermonters and	(2) Trails provide Vermonters and	
		visitors with access to natural beauty	visitors with access to natural beauty	
		throughout the State and are used for a	throughout the State and are used for a	
		wide variety of outdoor recreational	wide variety of outdoor recreational	
		activities throughout the year.	activities throughout the year.	
		(3) Some trails are also used by	(3) Some trails are also used by	
		Vermonters for travel or to access their	Vermonters for travel or to access their	
		homes and properties.	homes and properties.	
		(4) The State and municipalities use	(4) The State and municipalities use	
		some trails to provide maintenance to	some trails to provide maintenance to	
		State and municipal lands and facilities, as	State and municipal lands and facilities, as	
		well as to provide public safety and rescue	well as to provide public safety and rescue	
		services.	services.	
		(5) Trails may require regular	(5) Trails may require regular	
		maintenance to ensure that they remain	maintenance to ensure that they remain	
		passable and can continue to support	passable and can continue to support	
		recreation, travel, access, and various	recreation, travel, access, and various	
		public services.	public services.	

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		(6) While many trails in Vermont	(6) While many trails in Vermont	
		have been established through private	have been established through private	
		easements or other agreements, a subset of	easements or other agreements, a subset of	
		trails, known as legal trails, lie along	trails, known as legal trails, lie along	
		public rights-of-way that were once town	public rights-of-way that were once town	
		highways and are governed by the	highways and are governed by the	
		provisions of 19 V.S.A. chapter 3.	provisions of 19 V.S.A. chapter 3.	
		(b) Intent. It is the intent of the	(b) Intent. It is the intent of the	
		General Assembly to clarify	General Assembly to clarify	
		municipalities' authority to exclusively or	municipalities' authority to exclusively or	
		cooperatively maintain legal trails under	cooperatively maintain legal trails under	
		the provisions of 19 V.S.A. chapter 3.	the provisions of 19 V.S.A. chapter 3.	
NA/44/45	N/A	19 V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:	19 V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:	• Identical to language that appeared in
		CHAPTER 3. TOWN HIGHWAYS	CHAPTER 3. TOWN HIGHWAYS	Senate version of H.488
		§ 301. DEFINITIONS	§ 301. DEFINITIONS	• CofC adopted language with April 1,
		As used in this chapter:	As used in this chapter:	2026 effective date
		* * *	* * *	
		(2) "Legislative body" includes	(2) "Legislative body" includes	
		boards of selectmen, aldermen, and village	boards of selectmen, aldermen, and village	
		trustees means a legislative body as	trustees means a legislative body as	
		defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2001.	defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2001.	
		(3) "Selectmen" includes village	(3) "Selectmen" includes village	
		trustees and aldermen "Selectboard"	trustees and aldermen "Selectboard"	
		means a selectboard as defined in 24	means a selectboard as defined in 24	
		<u>V.S.A. § 2001</u> .	<u>V.S.A. § 2001</u> .	
		* * *	* * *	
		(8)(A) "Trail" means a public right-	(8)(A) "Trail" means a public right-	
		of-way that is not a highway and that:	of-way that is not a highway and that:	
		(i) municipalities have the	(i) municipalities have the	
		authority to exclusively or cooperatively	authority to exclusively or cooperatively	
		maintain; and	maintain pursuant to the provisions of this	
		(A)(ii)(I) previously was a	chapter; and	
		designated town highway having the same	(A)(ii)(I) previously was a	
			designated town highway having the same	

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		width as the designated town highway, or	width as the designated town highway, or	
		a lesser width if so designated; or	a lesser width if so designated; or	
		(B)(II) a new public right-of-	(B)(II) a new public right-of-	
		way laid out as a trail by the selectmen	way laid out as a trail by the selectmen	
		legislative body for the purpose of	legislative body for the purpose of	
		providing access to abutting properties or	providing access to abutting properties or	
		for recreational use.	for recreational use.	
		(B) Nothing in this section	(B) Nothing in this section	
		subdivision (8) shall be deemed to	subdivision (8) shall be deemed to	
		independently authorize the condemnation	independently authorize the condemnation	
		of land for recreational purposes or to	of land for recreational purposes or to	
		affect the authority of selectmen	affect the authority of selectmen	
		legislative bodies to reasonably regulate	legislative bodies to reasonably regulate	
		the uses of recreational trails.	the uses of recreational trails.	
		§ 302. CLASSIFICATION OF TOWN	§ 302. CLASSIFICATION OF TOWN	
		HIGHWAYS	HIGHWAYS	
		(a) For the purposes of this section and	(a) For the purposes of this section and	
		receiving State aid, all town highways	receiving State aid, all town highways	
		shall be categorized into one or another of	shall be categorized into one or another of	
		the following classes:	the following classes:	
		* * *	* * *	
		(2) Class 2 town highways are those	(2) Class 2 town highways are those	
		town highways selected as the most	town highways selected as the most	
		important highways in each town. As far	important highways in each town. As far	
		as practicable, they shall be selected with	as practicable, they shall be selected with	
		the purposes of securing trunk lines of	the purposes of securing trunk lines of	
		improved highways from town to town	improved highways from town to town	
		and to places that by their nature have	and to places that by their nature have	
		more than normal amount of traffic. The	more than normal amount of traffic. The	
		selectmen legislative body, with the	selectmen legislative body, with the	
		approval of the Agency, shall determine	approval of the Agency, shall determine	
		which highways are to be class 2	which highways are to be class 2	
		highways.	highways.	
		(3) Class 3 town highways:	(3) Class 3 town highways:	

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		(A) Class 3 town highways are	(A) Class 3 town highways are	
		all traveled town highways other than	all traveled town highways other than	
		class 1 or 2 highways. The selectmen	class 1 or 2 highways. The selectmen	
		legislative body, after conference with a	legislative body, after conference with a	
		representative of the Agency, shall	representative of the Agency, shall	
		determine which highways are class 3	determine which highways are class 3	
		town highways.	town highways.	
		* * *	* * *	
		(5) Trails shall not be considered	(5) Trails shall not be considered	
		highways and the town. A municipality	highways and the town. A municipality	
		shall have the authority to maintain trails	shall have the authority to maintain trails	
		but shall not be responsible for any	but shall not be responsible for any	
		maintenance, including culverts and	maintenance, including culverts and	
		bridges.	bridges.	
		* * *	* * *	
		§ 303. TOWN HIGHWAY CONTROL	§ 303. TOWN HIGHWAY CONTROL	
		Town highways shall be under the	Town highways shall be under the	
		general supervision and control of the	general supervision and control of the	
		selectmen legislative body of the town	selectmen legislative body of the town	
		where the roads are located. Selectmen	where the roads are located. Selectmen	
		The legislative body of a town shall	The legislative body of a town shall	
		supervise all expenditures.	supervise all expenditures.	
		§ 304. DUTIES OF SELECTBOARD	§ 304. DUTIES OF SELECTBOARD	
		(a) It shall be the duty and	(a) It shall be the duty and	
		responsibility of the selectboard of the	responsibility of the selectboard of the	
		town to, or acting as a board, it shall have	town to, or acting as a board, it shall have	
		the authority to:	the authority to:	
		***	***	
		(16) Unless the town electorate	(16) Unless the town electorate	
		votes otherwise, under the provisions of 17	votes otherwise, under the provisions of 17	
		V.S.A. § 2646, appoint a road	V.S.A. § 2646, appoint a road	
		commissioner, or remove him or her the	commissioner, or remove him or her the	
		road commissioner from office, pursuant	road commissioner from office, pursuant	
		to 17 V.S.A. § 2651. Road	to 17 V.S.A. § 2651. Road	

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		commissioners, elected or appointed, shall have only the powers and authority regarding highways granted to them by the selectboard. *** (24) Maintain trails, but shall not be required to maintain trails. ***	commissioners, elected or appointed, shall have only the powers and authority regarding highways granted to them by the selectboard. *** (24) Maintain trails, but shall not be required to maintain trails. ***	
44/45/46	EFFECTIVE DATES (a) Secs. 39 and 40 shall take effect on July 1, 2026. (b) This section and the remaining sections of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.	EFFECTIVE DATES (a) This section and Secs. 15 and 16 (early renewal of operator's licenses, operator's privilege cards, and nondriver identification) shall take effect on passage. (b) The remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2025.	EFFECTIVE DATES (a) This section and Secs. 16 and 17 (early renewal of operator's licenses, operator's privilege cards, and nondriver identification) shall take effect on passage. (b) Sec. 45 (maintenance of legal trails) shall take effect on April 1, 2026. (c) Secs. 9 (reduced license fees for individuals receiving SSI or SSDI benefits) and 41 (operation of bicycles) shall take effect on July 1, 2026. (d) The remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2025.	 Senate includes delayed effective date for window tinting provisions, which do not appear in House proposal. House includes effective date on passage for early renewal of license and ID (Senate effective date for those sections is July 1) CofC report includes effective date on passage for early renewal of license and ID; 4/1/26 effective date for legal trails language; 7/1/26 effective date for reduced license fees for individuals receiving SSI/SSDI and bicycles at crosswalks