

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Transportation to which was referred Senate Bill No.  
3 326 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to laws relating to  
4 motor vehicles” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting  
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 \* \* \* Nondriver Identification Cards \* \* \*

8 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 115 is amended to read:

9 § 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

10 (a)(1) Any Vermont resident who does not have an operator’s license may  
11 make application to the Commissioner and be issued an identification card that  
12 is attested by the Commissioner as to true name, correct age, residential  
13 address unless the listing of another address is requested by the applicant or is  
14 otherwise authorized by law, and any other identifying data as the  
15 Commissioner may require that shall include, in the case of minor applicants,  
16 the written consent of the applicant’s parent, guardian, or other person standing  
17 in loco parentis.

18 \* \* \*

19 (4) An individual shall not hold at the same time an operator’s license  
20 and a nondriver identification card issued pursuant to this section.

21 \* \* \*



1 (m)(1) An individual who is sentenced to serve a period of imprisonment of  
2 six months or more ~~committed to the custody of the Commissioner of~~  
3 ~~Corrections in a correctional facility and~~ who is eligible for a nondriver  
4 identification card under the requirements of this section shall, upon proper  
5 application and submission of the documentation required for a non-REAL ID  
6 or REAL ID identification card and in advance of release from a correctional  
7 facility, be provided with a nondriver identification card for a fee of \$0.00.

8 (2) As part of reentry planning, the Department of Corrections shall  
9 inquire with the individual to be released about the individual's desire to obtain  
10 a nondriver identification card, operator's license, ~~or any driving credential~~  
11 replacement learner's permit, if eligible, and inform the individual about the  
12 differences, including any costs to the individual.

13 (3) If the individual desires a nondriver identification card, the  
14 Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the Department of Motor  
15 Vehicles to provide an identification card for the individual at the time of  
16 release.

17 (n)(1) If an individual who is detained for six months or more in a  
18 correctional facility is eligible for a nondriver identification card under the  
19 requirements of this section, the Department of Corrections, as soon as  
20 reasonably practicable, shall obtain the documentation required for a non-

1 REAL ID or REAL ID nondriver identification card and shall provide the  
2 individual with the documentation at the time of release.

3 (2) The application shall include the post-release mailing address of the  
4 individual and proof that the individual is a resident of Vermont following  
5 release from the correctional facility.

6 (3) Upon proper application and submission of all required  
7 documentation following release from the correctional facility, an individual  
8 who was detained for six months or more in a correctional facility shall be  
9 provided with a nondriver identification card for a fee of \$0.00.

10 (4) The Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the Department  
11 of Motor Vehicles regarding the documentation required for an individual who  
12 is detained for six months or more in a correctional facility to obtain a non-  
13 REAL ID or REAL ID nondriver identification card.

14 (o) The Commissioner shall provide a form that, upon the individual's  
15 execution, shall serve as a document of an anatomical gift under 18 V.S.A.  
16 chapter 110. An indicator shall be placed on the nondriver identification card  
17 of any individual who has executed an anatomical gift form in accordance with  
18 this section.

19 (p) As used in this section, "correctional facility" has the same meaning as  
20 in 28 V.S.A. § 3.



1 learner’s permit, if eligible, and shall provide the individual with information  
2 regarding required documentation and any associated costs.

3 (4) If an individual would like to obtain an operator’s license pursuant to  
4 the provisions of this section and is eligible, the Department of Corrections  
5 shall coordinate with the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide an  
6 operator’s license to the individual at the time the individual is released from  
7 the correctional facility.

8 Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 613 is amended to read:

9 § 613. REPLACEMENT LICENSE

10 \* \* \*

11 (d)(1) An individual who is detained for six months or more in a  
12 correctional facility shall be eligible to apply for a replacement license  
13 pursuant to the provisions of this section if, at the time the individual submits  
14 an application to obtain a replacement license pursuant to this subsection, the  
15 individual:

16 (A) holds an unexpired license issued under the provisions of this  
17 subchapter; or

18 (B) held a Vermont operator’s license that expired not more than  
19 three years prior.

20 (2) If an individual who is detained for six months or more in a  
21 correctional facility is eligible for a replacement operator’s license under the

1 requirements of this section, the Department of Corrections, as soon as  
2 reasonably practicable, shall obtain the documentation required for a non-  
3 REAL ID or REAL ID operator’s license and shall provide the individual with  
4 the documentation at the time of release.

5 (3) The application shall include the post-release mailing address of the  
6 individual and proof that the individual is a resident of Vermont following  
7 release from the correctional facility.

8 (4) Upon proper application and submission of all required  
9 documentation following release from the correctional facility, an individual  
10 who was detained for six months or more in a correctional facility shall be  
11 provided with a replacement operator’s license for a fee of \$0.00.

12 (5) The Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the Department  
13 of Motor Vehicles regarding the documentation required for an individual who  
14 is detained for six months or more in a correctional facility to obtain a non-  
15 REAL ID or REAL ID replacement operator’s license.

16 (e) As used in this section, “correctional facility” has the same meaning as  
17 in 28 V.S.A. § 3.

18 Sec. 4. 23 V.S.A. § 617 is amended to read:

19 § 617. LEARNER’S PERMIT

20 \* \* \*

1 (d)(1) An applicant shall pay \$24.00 to the Commissioner for each  
2 learner's permit or a duplicate or renewal thereof.

3 \* \* \*

4 (4) A replacement learner's permit issued pursuant to subsection (g) of  
5 this section shall be issued for a fee of \$0.00.

6 \* \* \*

7 (g)(1) An individual sentenced to serve a period of imprisonment of six  
8 months or more in a correctional facility who holds an unexpired learner's  
9 permit issued under the provisions of this section or who held a learner's  
10 permit issued under the provisions of this section that expired not more than  
11 two years prior shall:

12 (A) be eligible to apply for a replacement learner's permit pursuant to  
13 the provisions of this section; and

14 (B) upon proper application and submission of all required  
15 documentation in advance of release from a correctional facility, be provided  
16 with a replacement learner's permit upon release.

17 (2) The application shall include the post-release mailing address of the  
18 individual and proof that the individual will be a resident of Vermont  
19 following release from the correctional facility.

20 (3) As part of reentry planning, the Department of Corrections shall  
21 inquire with each individual regarding whether the individual would like to

1 obtain a nondriver identification card, operator’s license, or replacement  
2 learner’s permit, if eligible, and shall provide the individual with information  
3 regarding required documentation and any associated costs.

4 (4) If an individual would like to obtain a replacement learner’s permit  
5 pursuant to the provisions of this section and is eligible, the Department of  
6 Corrections shall coordinate with the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide  
7 a replacement learner’s permit to the individual at the time the individual is  
8 released from the correctional facility.

9 Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 617 is amended to read:

10 § 617. LEARNER’S PERMIT

11 \* \* \*

12 (h)(1) An individual who is detained for six months or more in a  
13 correctional facility shall be eligible to apply for a replacement learner’s permit  
14 pursuant to the provisions of this section if, at the time the individual submits  
15 an application to obtain a replacement learner’s permit pursuant to this  
16 subsection, the individual:

17 (A) holds an unexpired learner’s permit issued under the provisions  
18 of this section; or

19 (B) held a learner’s permit issued under the provisions of this section  
20 that expired not more than two years prior.

1           (2) If an individual who is detained for six months or more in a  
2           correctional facility is eligible for a replacement learner’s permit under the  
3           requirements of this section, the Department of Corrections, as soon as  
4           reasonably practicable, shall obtain the documentation required for a learner’s  
5           permit and shall provide the individual with the documentation at the time of  
6           release from the correctional facility.

7           (3) The application shall include the post-release mailing address of the  
8           individual and proof that the individual is a resident of Vermont following  
9           release from the correctional facility.

10           (4) Upon proper application and submission of all required  
11           documentation following release from the correctional facility, an individual  
12           who was detained for six months or more in a correctional facility shall be  
13           provided with a replacement learner’s permit for a fee of \$0.00.

14           (5) The Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the Department  
15           of Motor Vehicles regarding the documentation required for an individual who  
16           is detained for six months or more in a correctional facility to obtain a  
17           replacement learner’s permit.

18           (i) As used in this section, “correctional facility” has the same meaning as  
19           in 28 V.S.A. § 3.

1 Sec. 6. 28 V.S.A. § 102 is amended to read:

2 § 102. COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS; APPOINTMENT;  
3 POWERS; RESPONSIBILITIES

4 \* \* \*

5 (c) The Commissioner is charged with the following responsibilities:

6 \* \* \*

7 (25) To coordinate with the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide  
8 eligible individuals with nondriver identification cards and documentation  
9 pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 115(m) and (n), replacement operator’s licenses and  
10 documentation pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 613(c) and (d), and replacement  
11 learner’s permits and documentation pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 617(g) and (h).

12 \* \* \* Insufficient Funds for Fees \* \* \*

13 Sec. 7. 23 V.S.A. § 110 is amended to read:

14 § 110. ~~BAD CHECKS~~ INSUFFICIENT FUNDS RECEIVED FOR FEES

15 (a) Whenever any check or electronic funds transfer, including a credit or  
16 debit charge, issued in payment of any fee or for any other purpose is tendered  
17 to the Department of Motor Vehicles and payment is not honored by the bank  
18 on which the check is drawn or entity to which the electronic funds transfer is  
19 submitted, the Commissioner shall send a written notice of its nonpayment to  
20 the ~~maker or person presenting the check and if the check is not immediately~~  
21 ~~made good~~ who provided insufficient funds and, if the required amounts are

1 not promptly paid as required by the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall  
2 suspend the license or registration of the person or persons. In no case shall  
3 the license or registration be reinstated until settlement has been made in full.  
4 Settlement in full shall also include the payment of any penalties assessed by  
5 the State Treasurer.

6 (b) The Commissioner may require payment for any transaction solely by  
7 certified check or in cash from persons whose licenses or registrations are  
8 under suspension pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or from persons  
9 who have repeatedly tendered checks or electronic payments to the Department  
10 that have not been honored ~~by the bank on which drawn~~.

11 \* \* \*

12 \* \* \* Penalties for Operation of Prohibited Vehicles in Smugglers' Notch \* \* \*

13 Sec. 8. 23 V.S.A. § 1006b is amended to read:

14 § 1006b. SMUGGLERS' NOTCH; WINTER CLOSURE OF VERMONT  
15 ROUTE 108; VEHICLE OPERATION PROHIBITED

16 \* \* \*

17 (b) Vehicle operation prohibition.

18 \* \* \*

19 (2) The employer of an operator who is operating a vehicle in the scope  
20 of employment and violates this subsection or the operator of a vehicle who is  
21 operating a vehicle for personal purposes and violates this subsection shall be

1 subject to a civil penalty of ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 or, if the violation results in  
2 substantially impeding the flow of traffic on Vermont Route 108, a civil  
3 penalty of ~~\$2,000.00~~ \$20,000.00. For a second or subsequent conviction  
4 within a three-year period, the applicable penalty shall be doubled.

5 \* \* \*

6 \* \* \* Salvage Titles \* \* \*

7 Sec. 9. 23 V.S.A. § 2091 is amended to read:

8 § 2091. SALVAGE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE; FORWARDING OF  
9 PLATES AND TITLES OF CRUSHED VEHICLES

10 \* \* \*

11 (b)(1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the application  
12 shall be accompanied by:

13 ~~(1)(A)~~ any certificate of title for the vehicle; and

14 ~~(2)(B)~~ any other information or documents that the Commissioner may  
15 reasonably require to establish ownership of the vehicle and the existence or  
16 nonexistence of any security interest in the vehicle.

17 (2)(A) Supporting documents used to transfer ownership of a vehicle to  
18 an insurer following payment of damages:

19 (i) shall not require a notarized signature;

20 (ii) may be signed electronically; and

21 (iii) may be printed on hard copy.



1 shall promptly make application for and may obtain a duplicate title upon  
2 furnishing information satisfactory to the Commissioner. ~~¶~~ The duplicate title  
3 shall be mailed or, if the person is at a Department of Motor Vehicles location,  
4 hand delivered to the first lienholder named in ~~¶~~ the title or, if none, to the  
5 owner.

6 \* \* \*

7 Sec. 11. 23 V.S.A. § 3801 is amended to read:

8 § 3801. DEFINITIONS

9 Except when the context otherwise requires, as used in this chapter:

10 \* \* \*

11 (20) “Title or certificate of title” means a written instrument or  
12 document that certifies ownership of a vessel, snowmobile, or all-terrain  
13 vehicle and is issued by the Commissioner or equivalent official of another  
14 jurisdiction.

15 \* \* \*

16 Sec. 12. 23 V.S.A. § 3815 is amended to read:

17 § 3815. DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE

18 (a) If a certificate of title is lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed or becomes  
19 illegible, the first lienholder or, if none, the owner or legal representative of the  
20 owner named in the certificate of title, as shown by the records of the  
21 Commissioner, shall promptly make application for and may obtain a duplicate

1 title upon furnishing information satisfactory to the Commissioner. ~~¶~~ The  
2 duplicate title shall be mailed or, if the person is at a Department of Motor  
3 Vehicles location, hand delivered to the first lienholder named in ~~¶~~ the title or,  
4 if none, to the owner.

5 \* \* \*

6 \* \* \* Title Appeals \* \* \*

7 **Sec. 13.** 23 V.S.A. § 2005 is amended to read:

8 § 2005. APPEAL

9 A person aggrieved by an act or omission of the Commissioner under this  
10 chapter may appeal to the Civil Division of the Washington Unit of the  
11 Superior Court ~~for Washington County~~ in the same manner as is provided for  
12 in other civil actions.

13 \* \* \* Abandoned Motor Vehicles \* \* \*

14 **Sec. 14.** 23 V.S.A. § 2012 is amended to read:

15 § 2012. EXEMPTED VEHICLES

16 No certificate of title need be obtained for:

17 \* \* \*

18 (2) a vehicle:

19 (A) owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale, even though  
20 incidentally moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing or  
21 demonstration, ~~or;~~



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\* \* \* Diesel Fuel Tax \* \* \*

**Sec. 16.** 23 V.S.A. § 3015 is amended to read:

§ 3015. COMPUTATION AND PAYMENT OF TAX

(a) Each report required under section 3014 of this title from licensed distributors, dealers, or users shall be accompanied by evidence of an electronic funds transfer payment or a remittance payable to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the amount of tax due, which shall be computed and transmitted in the following manner:

\* \* \*

~~(3)(A)~~(b)(1) Distributors and dealers filing a report required under subsection 3014(a) of this title shall transmit payment of taxes due to the Department of Motor Vehicles by means of an electronic funds transfer.

~~(B)~~(2) Users filing a report required under subsection 3014(b) of this title shall transmit payment of taxes due to the Department of Motor Vehicles by means of an electronic funds transfer payment or by a remittance through the U.S. mail. If a remittance is sent through the U.S. mail properly addressed to the Department of Motor Vehicles, it shall be deemed received on the date shown by the postmark on the envelope containing the report only for purposes of avoiding penalty and interest. In the event a mailing date is affixed to the envelope by a machine owned by or under the control of the person submitting

1 the report and the U.S. Post Office has corrected or changed the date stamped  
2 thereon by causing the official U.S. Post Office postmark to also be imprinted  
3 on the envelope, the date shown by the official Post Office postmark shall be  
4 the accepted date if different from the original postmark.

5 ~~(4)~~(c) All taxes, interest, user license fees, and penalties collected by the  
6 Department of Motor Vehicles under this chapter shall be paid immediately to  
7 the State Treasurer and credited to the Transportation Fund.

8 ~~(5)~~(d) Notwithstanding ~~subdivision (4)~~ subsection (c) of this section, the  
9 one cent per gallon fee imposed by this chapter shall be deposited into the  
10 Petroleum Cleanup Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1941. These fees shall be  
11 deemed the petroleum distributor licensing fee established by 10 V.S.A.  
12 § 1942.

13 \* \* \* Purchase and Use Tax \* \* \*

14 **Sec. 17.** 32 V.S.A. § 8902 is amended to read:

15 § 8902. DEFINITIONS

16 Unless otherwise expressly provided, as used in this chapter:

17 \* \* \*

18 (4)(A) “Purchase price” for a vehicle that is purchased outright means  
19 the gross consideration, exclusive of the tax hereby imposed, that is to be paid  
20 for the motor vehicle, expressed in terms of U.S. currency as of the time of the  
21 sale, and shall include ~~the any cash consideration payment, if any, plus~~ as well

1 as the value of any services or property given or to be given, or both, in  
2 exchange for the motor vehicle.

3 (B) ~~In the case of a lease, the purchase price shall mean~~ “Purchase  
4 price” for a leased vehicle means an amount computed by subtracting the lease  
5 end value of the motor vehicle from the original acquisition cost of the motor  
6 vehicle. For purposes of this subdivision (4)(B), the original acquisition cost  
7 of a motor vehicle is the gross ~~consideration~~ amount that the lessee would pay  
8 for the motor vehicle if the lessee purchased the motor vehicle on the date of  
9 execution of the lease contract, as stated in the lease contract or worksheet, and  
10 the lease end value is the value of the motor vehicle at the end of the lease  
11 period, as stated in the lease contract or worksheet or as determined under  
12 section 8907 of this title.

13 (5)(A) “Taxable cost” means the purchase price as defined in  
14 subdivision (4) of this section or the taxable cost as determined under section  
15 8907 of this title.

16 (B) For any purchaser who has paid tax on the purchase or use of a  
17 motor vehicle that was sold or traded by the purchaser or for which the  
18 purchaser received payment under a contract of insurance, the taxable cost of  
19 the replacement motor vehicle other than a leased vehicle shall exclude:

20 \* \* \*





1 purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals shall be  
2 subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.

3 (b)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the use within this State a tax of six  
4 percent of the taxable cost of a:

5 \* \* \*

6 (C) motor home as defined in subdivision 8902(11) of this title or  
7 trailer coach as defined in subdivision 8902(16) of this title; or

8 (D) motor vehicle weighing with a GVWR of up to 10,099 13,500  
9 pounds, registered pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 367, other than a farm truck.

10 (2) For any other motor vehicle or trailer, it shall be six percent of the  
11 taxable cost of the motor vehicle or trailer or \$2,486.00 for each motor vehicle  
12 or trailer, whichever is smaller, by a person at the time of first registering or  
13 transferring a registration to ~~such~~ the motor vehicle or trailer payable as  
14 ~~hereinafter~~ provided pursuant to this chapter, except no use tax shall be  
15 payable ~~hereunder~~ pursuant to this subsection if the tax imposed by subsection  
16 (a) of this section has been paid, or the vehicle is a pleasure car or trailer that  
17 was purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals, in  
18 which case the vehicle shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this  
19 section.

20 \* \* \*

1 (g)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the titling in this State a tax at the rate  
2 provided for in subsection (a) or (b) of this section of the taxable cost of a:

3 \* \* \*

4 (C) motor home as defined in subdivision 8902(11) of this title or  
5 trailer coach as defined in subdivision 8902(16) of this title; or

6 (D) motor vehicle weighing with a GVWR of up to 10,099 13,500  
7 pounds, registered pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 367, other than a farm truck.

8 (2) For any other motor vehicle or trailer, it shall be at the rate provided  
9 for in subsection (a) or (b) of this section and paid by a person at the time of  
10 obtaining a certificate of title to the vehicle or trailer, except no tax shall be  
11 payable ~~hereunder~~ pursuant to this section if the tax imposed by subsection (a)  
12 or (b) of this section has been paid, or the vehicle is a pleasure car or trailer  
13 that was purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals,  
14 in which case the vehicle shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of  
15 this section.

16 \* \* \* Operation of Snowmobiles \* \* \*

17 **Sec. 19.** 23 V.S.A. § 3207 is amended to read:

18 § 3207. PENALTIES AND REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF  
19 REGISTRATION

20 \* \* \*

1 (c) A person who violates any of the following sections of this title shall be  
2 subject to a civil penalty of \$135.00 for each violation:

3 ~~§ 3202 operation of an unregistered snowmobile~~

4 \* \* \*

5 (g) A person who violates the provisions of section 3202 of this chapter  
6 shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$450.00 for a first offense and \$500.00 for  
7 a second or subsequent offense within a three-year period.

8 (h) The Commissioner or ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's authorized agent  
9 may suspend or revoke the registration of any snowmobile registered in this  
10 State and repossess the number and certificate to it, when ~~he or she~~ the  
11 Commissioner is satisfied that:

12 \* \* \*

13 ~~(h)(i)~~ Civil penalties established under this section shall be mandatory and  
14 ~~may~~ shall not be reduced.

15 \* \* \* Commercial Driver's Licenses \* \* \*

16 **Sec. 20.** 23 V.S.A. § 4107 is amended to read:

17 § 4107. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED

18 \* \* \*

19 (d)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, during **an** emergency  
20 declared by the Governor, an employee of a State agency or a Vermont  
21 municipality may operate a commercial motor vehicle with a weight of 26,001

1 or more pounds without being required to hold a commercial driver’s license  
2 while the emergency or emergency condition is ongoing if:

3 (A) expressly permitted to do so pursuant to the terms of the  
4 Governor’s declaration; and

5 (B) the individual is performing official duties or activities related to  
6 the execution of emergency governmental functions pursuant to 49 C.F.R.  
7 383.3(d)(2).

8 (2) An individual operating a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of this  
9 subsection shall have a valid operator’s license issued pursuant to chapter 9 of  
10 this title or the applicable laws of another state.

11 (3) As used in this subsection, “emergency” means a situation,  
12 condition, or event that involves significant imminent or ongoing risk to public  
13 health and safety, infrastructure, or property.

14 **Sec. 21.** 23 V.S.A. § 4110 is amended to read:

15 § 4110. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE OR  
16 COMMERCIAL LEARNER’S PERMIT

17 (a) The application for a commercial driver’s license or commercial  
18 learner’s permit shall include the following:

19 \* \* \*

20 (8)(A) The applicable fee for the commercial driver’s license being  
21 applied for. The four-year fee for a commercial driver’s license shall be

1 \$108.00. The two-year fee shall be \$72.00. The one-year fee for a  
2 nondomiciled commercial driver’s license shall be \$40.00. In those instances  
3 where the applicant surrenders a valid Vermont Class D license, the total fees  
4 due shall be reduced by:

5 \* \* \*

6 \* \* \* Motorboat Validation Stickers \* \* \*

7 **Sec. 22.** 23 V.S.A. § 3305 is amended to read:

8 § 3305. FEES

9 \* \* \*

10 (b)(1) Annually or biennially, the owner of each motorboat required to be  
11 registered by this State shall file an application for a number with the  
12 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on forms approved by ~~him or her~~ the  
13 Commissioner.

14 (2) The application shall be signed by the owner of the motorboat and  
15 shall be accompanied by:

16 (A) an annual fee of \$31.00, or a biennial fee of \$57.00, for a  
17 motorboat in class A; ~~by~~

18 (B) an annual fee of \$49.00, or a biennial fee of \$93.00, for a  
19 motorboat in class 1; ~~by~~

20 (C) an annual fee of \$80.00, or a biennial fee of \$155.00, for a  
21 motorboat in class 2; ~~by~~ or

1           (D) an annual fee of \$153.00, or a biennial fee of \$303.00, for a  
2 motorboat in class 3.

3           (3)(A) Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the  
4 Commissioner shall enter the application upon the records of the Department  
5 of Motor Vehicles and issue to the applicant a registration certificate stating  
6 the number awarded to the motorboat and the name and address of the owner.

7           (B) The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of the  
8 motorboat the identification number in ~~such~~ the manner ~~as may be~~ prescribed  
9 by rules of the Commissioner in order that it may be clearly visible. Validation  
10 stickers shall be placed within six inches preceding the registration number on  
11 the port side of the motorboat and within six inches following the registration  
12 number on the starboard side of the motorboat.

13           (C) The registration shall be void one year from the first day of the  
14 month following the month of issue in the case of annual registrations or void  
15 two years from the first day of the month following the month of issue in the  
16 case of biennial registrations.

17           (D) A motorboat of less than 10 horsepower used as a tender to a  
18 registered motorboat shall be deemed registered, at no additional cost, and  
19 shall have painted or attached to both sides of the bow the same registration  
20 number as the registered motorboat with the number “1” after the number.



1 (C) for demonstration when the prospective purchaser is operating  
2 the motorboat and is not accompanied by the dealer or ~~his or her~~ the dealer's  
3 employee, but not for more than three days;

4 \* \* \*

5 (4) The Commissioner shall issue a registration certificate of number for  
6 each identifying number awarded to the dealer in the manner described in  
7 subsection ~~(a)~~(b) of this section, except that a motorboat shall not be described  
8 in the certificate. A dealer's registration certificate expires one year from the  
9 first day of the month of issuance.

10 (5) A dealer's identifying number shall be displayed as required by  
11 subsection ~~(a)~~(b) of this section except that the number may be temporarily  
12 attached.

13 \* \* \*

14 (d)(1) Registration of a motorboat ends when the owner transfers title to  
15 another. The former owner shall immediately return directly to the  
16 Commissioner the registration certificate previously assigned to the transferred  
17 motorboat with the date of sale and the name and residence of the new owner  
18 endorsed on the back of the certificate.

19 (2) When a person transfers the ownership of a registered motorboat to  
20 another, files a new application, and pays a fee of \$6.00, ~~he or she~~ the person  
21 may have registered in ~~his or her~~ the person's name another motorboat of the

1 same class for the remainder of the registration period without payment of any  
2 additional registration fee. However, if the fee for the registration of the  
3 motorboat sought to be registered is greater than the registration fee for the  
4 transferred motorboat, the applicant shall pay the difference between the fee  
5 first paid and the fee for the class of motorboat sought to be registered.

6 \* \* \*

7 (g) The owner shall notify the Commissioner of the transfer of any part of  
8 the owner's interest other than the creation of a security interest in a motorboat  
9 numbered in this State under subsections ~~(a) and~~ (b) and (c) of this section or  
10 of the destruction or abandonment of the motorboat, within 15 days after the  
11 transfer, destruction, or abandonment. The transfer, destruction, or  
12 abandonment shall end the certificate of number for the motorboat except that  
13 in the case of a transfer of a part interest that does not affect the owner's right  
14 to operate the motorboat, the transfer shall not end the certificate of number.

15 (h) Any holder of a registration certificate shall notify the Commissioner  
16 within 15 days if ~~his or her~~ the holder's address ceases to be the address  
17 appearing on the certificate and shall, as a part of the notification, furnish the  
18 Commissioner with ~~his or her~~ the holder's new address. The Commissioner  
19 may provide by rule for the surrender of the certificate bearing the former  
20 address and its replacement with a certificate bearing the new address or for

1 the alteration of an outstanding certificate to show the new address of the  
2 holder.

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4 \* \* \* Personal Flotation Devices \* \* \*

5 **Sec. 23.** 23 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:

6 § 3306. LIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT

7 \* \* \*

8 (b)(1) Personal flotation devices. Each vessel, except sailboards, shall,  
9 consistent with federal regulations, carry for each individual aboard at least  
10 one wearable U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device that is in  
11 good and serviceable condition and capable of being used in accordance with  
12 the U.S. Coast Guard approval label.

13 \* \* \*

14 (4) Cold weather.

15 (A) Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subdivision (B) of this  
16 subdivision (b)(4), on or before May 1 of each year and on or after November  
17 1 of each year, all individuals aboard a vessel, while under way and the  
18 individual is on an open deck, shall wear a properly secured wearable U.S.  
19 Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device as intended by the  
20 manufacturer.



1 pursuant to subdivision (85) of this section, and kei vehicles as defined  
2 pursuant to subdivision (90) of this section.

3 \* \* \*

4 (72) “Farm truck” means a motor truck or kei truck that, at the option of  
5 the owner, may be registered under the provisions of subsection 367(f) of this  
6 title or may be unregistered when used in accordance with subsection 370(b) of  
7 this title.

8 \* \* \*

9 (89) “Kei truck” means a kei vehicle that is designed, used, or  
10 maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

11 (90) “Kei vehicle” means a motor vehicle that has four wheels, an  
12 engine displacement of 660 cubic centimeters or less, an overall length of 130  
13 inches or less, an overall height of 78 inches or less, and an overall width of 60  
14 inches or less.

15 **Sec. 25.** 23 V.S.A. § 1044 is added to read:

16 § 1044. OPERATION OF KEI VEHICLES

17 (a) A kei vehicle registered as a pleasure car shall be subject to all  
18 provisions of this title that are applicable to pleasure cars.

19 (b) A kei truck registered as a farm truck shall be subject to all provisions  
20 of this title that are applicable to farm trucks.



- 1                    (vi) electrical systems and components;  
2                    (vii) windshield;  
3                    (viii) windows;  
4                    (ix) windshield wipers;  
5                    (x) vehicle body; and  
6                    (xi) in the discretion of the Commissioner, any other vehicle  
7 systems or components;

8                    (B) include the elimination of the on-highway road test for brakes  
9 and the headlamp aiming test; and

10                   (C) provide additional visual guidance regarding when certain  
11 conditions warrant failure of an inspection.

12                   (b) On or before August 1, 2026, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall:

13                   (1) file with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A.  
14 § 838 proposed amendments to the Inspection of Motor Vehicles rules (CVR  
15 14-050-022) necessary to implement the provisions of this section; and

16                   (2) adopt emergency rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 to implement the  
17 provisions of this section while permanent rule amendments are pending.

1 which shall be deemed to have met the standard for emergency rulemaking set  
2 forth in 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

3 \* \* \* Limited-Use Specialty Vehicles \* \* \*

4 **Sec. 27.** 23 V.S.A. § 4 is amended to read:

5 § 4. DEFINITIONS

6 Except as may otherwise be provided by law, and unless the context  
7 otherwise requires in statutes relating to motor vehicles and enforcement of the  
8 law regulating vehicles, as provided in this title and 20 V.S.A. part 5, the  
9 following definitions shall apply:

10 \* \* \*

11 (91) “Limited-use specialty vehicle” means a motor vehicle that is:

12 (A) built by either:

13 (i) a manufacturer that manufactures not more than 325 vehicles  
14 per year for sale in the United States; or

15 (ii) an individual and not for resale;

16 (B) maintained solely for occasional transportation, including  
17 exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and other similar uses; and

18 (C) not used for daily transportation.

1 **Sec. 28.** 23 V.S.A. § 375 is added to read:

2 § 375. LIMITED-USE SPECIALTY VEHICLES

3 (a) The Commissioner shall issue a certificate of registration for not more  
4 than 20 limited-use specialty vehicles per year.

5 (b) A vehicle that has been registered as a limited-use specialty vehicle  
6 shall not be permitted to be registered as any other type of vehicle.

7 (c) The annual fee for registration of a limited-use specialty vehicle shall be  
8 \$26.00.

9 (d) A vehicle registered under this section may be used on public  
10 highways:

11 (1) in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public  
12 interest; and

13 (2) for occasional transportation of passengers or property, not to exceed  
14 one day per week.

15 **Sec. 29.** 23 V.S.A. § 1222 is amended to read:

16 § 1222. INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEHICLES

17 \* \* \*

18 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a  
19 limited-use specialty vehicle registered pursuant to section 375 of this title  
20 shall undergo a safety inspection each year but shall not be required to undergo  
21 a visual emissions inspection or OBD systems inspection.



1 truck tractor a device that would, upon contact with a substantial object, permit  
2 the rear number plate to swing toward the front of the vehicle, provided such  
3 device automatically returns the number plate to its original rigid position after  
4 contact is released, and the ground clearance of the lower edges thereof shall  
5 be established by the Commissioner pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A.  
6 chapter 25.

7 \* \* \*

8 (e) Temporary and in-transit registration plates. A motor vehicle issued a  
9 temporary or in-transit registration plate under sections 312, 458, 463, and  
10 516–518 of this title operated on any highway shall have the temporary or in-  
11 transit registration plate displayed horizontally in a conspicuous place on the  
12 rear of the vehicle, including in the rear window. The temporary or in-transit  
13 registration plate shall be kept entirely unobscured, and the numerals and  
14 letters thereon shall be plainly legible at all times as provided pursuant to  
15 subsection (a) of this section.

16 \* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

17 **Sec. 31. EFFECTIVE DATES**

18 (a) Secs. 1 (nondriver identification cards), 3 (detained individuals'  
19 operator's licenses), and 5 (detained individuals' learner's permits) shall take  
20 effect on January 1, 2027.

1           **(b) This section and the remaining sections of this act shall take effect on**

2           **July 1, 2026.**

3           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

4           \_\_\_\_\_

5           Senator \_\_\_\_\_

6           FOR THE COMMITTEE