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Memo To: Senate Committee on Transportation  
From: Andrew Collier, Commissioner Department of Motor Vehicles  
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Subject: Proposed language regarding front license plates

The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) respectfully submits the following position regarding the proposed amendment to the front plate language in S.326 As Introduced.

DMV supports removal of the requirement to produce and display front license plates. By removing the front license plate, it will allow organizations to produce and sell their own commemorative license plates that may be displayed by motorists. Enacting language directing the creation of a new plate series for Vermont Green FC would create broader operational and policy implications as it would require the department to evaluate and potentially accommodate similar requests from other organizations that have already expressed interest in their own specialty plates. This would significantly expand administrative obligations and create a precedent for additional plate programs.

Additionally, the anticipated revenue generated from the Vermont Green FC plate would not be sufficient to offset the design production and programming costs associated with launching and maintaining a new plate series.

**Cost Implications:**

Currently, the DMV pays the Department of Corrections \$6.98 per pair of plates (front and rear). Transitioning to a single rear plate would reduce costs to \$4.30 per plate, with approximately 300,000 plates printed annually. To clarify approximately 500,000 plates are printed annually. 300,000 plates are normal registration pairs. The 200,000 remaining plates are specialty plates, municipal plates, law enforcement plates, and reprints of plates.

**Legislative Reference:**

Please note that the DMV does not support S.234 related to this proposal.