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**LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2016**

Bill Number: H.591 Name of Bill: Motor Vehicles; antique and classic vehicles, year of manufacture plates

Agency/Dept: VSP Author of Bill Review: Sgt. Aimee Nolan

Date of Bill Review: 1/27/2016 Related Bills and Key Players: Representative Quimby – Essex/Cal Co

Status of Bill: (check one)

☒ Upon Introduction ☐ As passed by 1<sup>st</sup> body ☐ As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Remain Neutral ☐ Support with modifications identified in # 8 below

**Analysis of Bill**

1. Summary of bill and issue it addresses.  
This bill proposes to authorize the display of year of manufacture license plates on antique or classic motor vehicles for model years prior to 1968.
2. Is there a need for this bill?  
This proposed bill makes changes to Title 23 VSA 373 – Exhibition Vehicles; Year of Manufacture Plates to state that registration plates issued prior to 1968 may be displayed on a motor vehicle that is registered under this section, so long as the issued plate is maintained within the vehicle.
3. What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?  
This bill would not affect the Vermont State Police fiscally or programmatically, as the law already exists and this proposal only changes the year original registration plates were issued (from prior to 1939 to prior to 1968). Further, this statute only applies to exhibition vehicles, therefore not regular motor vehicles.
4. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?  
This bill would have little to no implications on other state government departments. The price of exhibition registrations will remain at the current \$15.00 charge and one plate will continue to be issued, so there is no increase in costs or decrease in revenue generated from this statute.
5. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?  
There are no fiscal or programmatic implications for this bill.

**6. Other Stakeholders:**

**6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?**

Automobile Clubs and other entities which own or display antique cars for exhibition purposes. In speaking with Representative Quimby of Essex/Caledonia County, she advised a constituent proposed this change so that he may display his 1946 plate on his antique exhibition vehicle.

**6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?**

It is unlikely that any other groups or individuals would oppose the bill.

**7. Rationale for recommendation:**

The rationale for this bill being supported, is based primarily on the fact that there are 2,016 of the antique & exhibition/one-plate registration vehicles currently registered in Vermont. It is unknown how many of those 2,016 are displaying year of manufacture plates, rather than issued plates; however we know not more than 2,016 registrations would be affected by this statute. Because these vehicles are not used on public highways for transporting passengers or property (except to attend a function) there is no reason to oppose any year of manufacture license plates prior to 1968 to be allowed to be displayed on the vehicles. Further, allowing the year of manufacture plates keeps in line with the nature and aesthetics of antique vehicles.

**8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill.**

None

**9. Will this bill create a new board or commission AND/OR add or remove appointees to an existing one?**

If so, which one and how many?

Unknown

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document



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