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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2015

Bill Number: H.240 Name of Bill: An Act relating to misc. technical corrections to laws governing motor vehicle, motorboats, and other vehicles.

Agency/ Dept: AOT/DMV Author of Bill Review: Robert Ide

Date of Bill Review: 04-13-15 Related Bills and Key Players _____

Status of Bill: (check one): ☐ Upon Introduction ☐ As passed by 1st body ☒ As passed by both

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 make miscellaneous technical corrections to laws governing motor vehicles, motorboats, and other vehicles. This bill has minimal impact as the majority of the changes are in grammar, capitalization and incorrect cross references. The only sections with some substance are:

Section 38: repeals the chapter of law governing traffic offenses, which were replaced in 1990 with "traffic violations" governed under 23 V.S.A. chapter 24.

Section 39: explains the effect of the repeal of the traffic offense chapter on old traffic offense tickets that may be outstanding. Repeal of the traffic offense chapter does not extinguish the enforceability of the traffic offense tickets. However, such tickets are civil, not criminal violations, and are enforced in accordance with current procedures.

2. Is there a need for this bill?

Yes, the majority of the changes are in grammar, capitalization and incorrect cross references.

Section 38 repeals 23 V.S.A. chapter 23 (traffic offenses)

Section 39 discusses the "Effect of the repeal"

3. What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?

Minimal.

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?

VT Judicial Bureau- creates a manner to address the old style traffic tickets that are misdemeanor offenses by removing the District Courts and placing the jurisdiction of these tickets under the Judicial Bureau.

District Courts- removes these tickets from their jurisdiction allowing them to focus on other issues.

5. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it? (for example, public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc)

The public will be in favor of this as it makes clearing up old style tickets much easier.

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6. Other Stakeholders:

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

The Court System should be asked for testimony.

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

The Court System should be asked for testimony.

7. Rationale for recommendation:

Due to many statutory language changes over the years, many of the cross references between statutes are incorrect. Some of them lead you to a section of law repealed many years ago.
Processing of old style tickets is a difficult and most times a convoluted process. This change will make them easier to address.

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

None, we support the bill as written

Gubernatorial appointments to board or commission?

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document: _____ *Date:* _____