

1 Introduced by Committee on Transportation

2 Date:

3 Subject: Motor vehicles; automated vehicles; public records requests

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make
5 miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles.

6 An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles

7 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

8 * * * Public Records Requests * * *

9 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 104(a) is amended to read:

10 ~~(a) The records of the registration of motor vehicles, snowmobiles, and~~
11 ~~motorboats, licensing of operators and registration of dealers, all original~~
12 ~~accident reports, and the records showing suspension and revocation of~~
13 ~~licenses and registrations and the records regarding diesel fuel, gasoline, and~~
14 ~~rental vehicle taxes shall be deemed official and public records, and shall be~~
15 ~~open to public inspection at all reasonable hours. The Commissioner shall~~
16 ~~furnish certified copies of the records to any interested person on payment of~~
17 ~~such fee as established by subdivision 114(a)(21) of this title. Notwithstanding~~
18 ~~section 114 of this title, information from the records of the Department may~~
19 ~~be made available to government agencies in the manner determined by the~~

1 ~~Commissioner and at the actual cost of furnishing the same. The records may~~
2 ~~be maintained on microfilm or electronic imaging. [Repealed.]~~

3 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 114 is amended to read:

4 § 114. FEES

5 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees for miscellaneous
6 transactions:

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| 7 | (1) Listings of 1 through 4 registrations | \$8.00 |
| 8 | (2) Certified copy of registration application | \$8.00 |
| 9 | (3) Sample plates | \$18.00 |
| 10 | (4) Lists of registered dealers, transporters, | |
| 11 | periodic inspection stations, fuel dealers, | |
| 12 | and distributors, including gallonage sold | |
| 13 | or delivered and rental vehicle companies | \$8.00 per page |
| 14 | (5) [Repealed.] | |
| 15 | (6) Periodic inspection sticker record | \$8.00 |
| 16 | (7) Certified copy individual accident crash report | \$12.00 |
| 17 | (8) Certified copy police accident crash report | \$18.00 |
| 18 | (9) Certified copy suspension notice | \$8.00 |
| 19 | (10) Certified copy mail receipt | \$8.00 |
| 20 | (11) Certified copy proof of mailing | \$8.00 |
| 21 | (12) Certified copy reinstatement notice | \$8.00 |

1	(13) Certified copy operator’s license application	\$8.00
2	(14) Certified copy three-year operating record	\$14.00
3	(15) [Repealed.]	
4	(16) Government official photo identification card	\$6.00
5	(17) Listing of operator’s licenses of 1 through 4	\$8.00
6	(18) Statistics and research	\$42.00 per hour
7	(19) Insurance information on crash	\$8.00
8	(20) Certified copy complete operating record	\$20.00
9	(21) Records not otherwise specified	\$8.00 per page
10	(22) List of title records and related data	
11	elements excluding any personally	
12	identifiable information—initial computer	
13	programming <u>Public records request for</u>	\$5,331.00 <u>\$100.00</u>
14	<u>Department records requiring custom</u>	<u>per hour, but not</u>
15	<u>computer programming</u>	<u>less than \$500.00</u>
16	(23) List of title records and related data	
17	elements excluding any personally	
18	identifiable information—record set on	
19	electronic media <u>Public records request for</u>	
20	<u>Department records requiring custom</u>	
21	<u>computer programming (updated)</u>	\$119.00

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* * * Junior Operator's License * * *

Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 607 is amended to read:

§ 607. JUNIOR OPERATOR'S LICENSE

(a) A junior operator's license may be issued initially only to persons who:

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(3) have:

(A) possessed a learner's permit for not less than one year;

(B) submitted on a form provided by the Department of Motor

Vehicles which is approved by the Commissioner, and certified by the operator's licensed parent or guardian, licensed or certified driver education instructor, or licensed person at least 25 years of age that there ~~has been:~~

(i) was at least 40 hours of practice behind the wheel, at least 10 of which ~~shall be~~ was nighttime driving; and that the operator was accompanied by ~~their~~ his or her licensed parent or guardian, a licensed or certified driver education instructor, or another licensed ~~person~~ individual at least 25 years of age, riding ~~beside the operator in the front passenger seat;~~ and

(ii) ~~have~~ (C) maintained a driving record without a learner's permit suspension, revocation, or recall for six consecutive months prior to licensure.

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1 (c) Any junior operator's license may be renewed. Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of any other law, a renewed junior operator's license shall not be
3 ~~issued without a photograph or imaged likeness. Any person to whom a~~
4 ~~renewed junior operator's license has been issued shall, while operating a~~
5 ~~motor vehicle, carry upon his or her person the last license issued to him or her~~
6 ~~as well as the renewed license certificate~~ required to meet the requirements of
7 subsection 610(b) of this title.

8 * * * Photographic Licenses * * *

9 Sec. 4. 23 V.S.A. § 610(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) Each license certificate issued to a first-time applicant and each
11 subsequent renewal by that person shall be issued with the photograph or
12 imaged likeness of the licensee included on the certificate. The Commissioner
13 shall determine the locations where photographic licenses may be issued. A
14 person issued a license under this subsection that contains an imaged likeness
15 may renew his or her license by mail. Except that a renewal by a licensee
16 required to have a photograph or imaged likeness under this subsection must
17 be made in person so that an updated imaged likeness of the person is obtained
18 no less often than once every ~~eight~~ nine years.

19 * * * Commercial Driver License for Qualified Military Personnel * * *

20 Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 4108(d) is amended to read:

1 (d) At the discretion of the Commissioner, the knowledge test and the skills
2 test required under ~~49 C.F.R. § 383.113~~ 49 C.F.R. §§ 383.113 and 383.133, as
3 amended, and the tests required for a passenger endorsement or a tank vehicle
4 endorsement or a hazardous materials endorsement under 49 CFR §§ 383.117,
5 383.119, or 383.121, as amended, may be waived for a commercial motor
6 vehicle driver with military commercial motor vehicle experience who is
7 currently licensed at the time of his or her application for a commercial driver
8 license, if the test is substituted with an applicant's driving record in
9 combination with the driving experience specified in this subsection. The
10 Commissioner shall impose conditions and limitations to restrict the applicants
11 from whom alternative requirements for the skills test may be accepted. Such
12 conditions shall include the following:

13 * * *

14 Sec. 6. 23 V.S.A. § 4108(e) is amended to read:

15 (e) Obtaining a commercial learner's permit is a precondition to the initial
16 issuance of a commercial driver license. The issuance of a commercial
17 learner's permit also is a precondition to the upgrade of a commercial driver
18 license if the upgrade requires a skills test. A permit may be issued to an
19 individual who holds a valid Vermont driver's license who has passed the
20 vision and written tests required for the class of license authorizing the
21 operation of the type of vehicle for which the permit application is being made.

1 A commercial learner's permit holder is not eligible to take the commercial
2 driver license skills test in the first 14 days after initial issuance of the
3 commercial learner's permit. A permit shall be issued for a period of ~~six~~
4 ~~months~~ one year, and only one renewal or reissuance of a commercial learner's
5 permit may be granted within a two-year period.

6 * * * Foreign Driver's License Reciprocity * * *

7 Sec. 7. 23 V.S.A. § 208 is amended to read:

8 § 208. RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF NONRESIDENT

9 REGISTRATIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS; FOREIGN

10 VISITORS

11 As determined by the Commissioner, and consistent with section 601 of this
12 title, a motor vehicle owned by a nonresident shall be considered as registered
13 and a nonresident operator shall be considered as licensed or permitted in this
14 State if the nonresident owner or operator has complied with the laws of the
15 foreign country or state of his or her residence relative to the registration of
16 motor vehicles and the granting of ~~operators'~~ operator's licenses or learner's
17 permits. However, these exemptions shall be operative only to the extent that
18 under the laws of the foreign country or state of the owner's or operator's
19 residence like exemptions and privileges are granted to owners of motor
20 vehicles duly registered and to operators duly licensed or permitted under the
21 laws of this State, except that if the owner or operator is a resident of a country

1 not adjoining the United States, the exemptions shall be operative for a period
2 of not more than ~~30 days for vacation purposes~~ one year even if the country
3 does not grant like privileges to residents of this State.

4 Sec. 8. 23 V.S.A. § 601(a) is amended to read:

5 § 601. LICENSE REQUIRED

6 (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided by law, a resident shall not operate a
7 motor vehicle on a highway in Vermont unless he or she holds a valid license
8 issued by the State of Vermont. A new resident who has moved into the State
9 from another jurisdiction and who holds a valid license to operate motor
10 vehicles under section 208 of this title shall procure a Vermont license within
11 60 days of moving to the State. Except as provided in subsection 603(d) of
12 this title, licenses shall not be issued to nonresidents.

13 (2) In addition to any other requirement of law, a nonresident as defined
14 in section 4 of this title shall not operate a motor vehicle on a Vermont
15 highway unless:

16 (A) he or she holds a valid license or permit to operate a motor
17 vehicle issued by another U.S. jurisdiction; or

18 ~~(B) he or she holds a valid license or permit to operate a motor~~
19 ~~vehicle from a jurisdiction outside the United States and operates for a period~~
20 ~~of not more than 30 days for vacation purposes; or~~

1 (C) he or she holds a valid license or permit to operate a motor
2 vehicle from a jurisdiction outside the United States and:

3 (i) is at least 18 ~~or more~~ years of age, is lawfully present in the
4 United States, and has been in the United States for ~~less~~ not more than one
5 year; and

6 ~~(ii) the jurisdiction that issued the license is a party to the 1949~~
7 ~~Convention on Road Traffic, or the 1943 Convention on the Regulation of~~
8 ~~Inter-American Motor Vehicle Traffic; and~~

9 (iii) he or she possesses an international driving permit.

10 Sec. 9. 23 V.S.A. § 632(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) Before an operator's or a junior operator's license is issued to an
12 applicant for the first time in this State, or before a renewal license is issued to
13 an applicant whose previous Vermont license had expired more than three
14 years prior to the application for renewal, the applicant shall pass a satisfactory
15 examination, except that the Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, waive
16 the examination when the applicant holds a chauffeur's or operator's license in
17 force at the time of application or within one year ~~of~~ prior to the application in
18 some other ~~state~~ jurisdiction where an examination is required similar to the
19 examination required in this State.

20 * * * Replacement License * * *

21 Sec. 10. 23 V.S.A. § 613 is amended to read:

1 § 613. ~~DUPLICATE~~ REPLACEMENT LICENSE

2 (a) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license or error in a
3 license, the licensee shall forthwith notify the Commissioner who shall furnish
4 such licensee with a ~~duplicate~~ replacement on receipt of \$20.00. ~~A corrected~~
5 ~~license shall be furnished by the Commissioner upon request and receipt of a~~
6 ~~fee of \$20.00.~~

7 (b) A ~~duplicate~~ replacement license shall not be issued to any person who
8 has surrendered his or her license to another jurisdiction in connection with
9 obtaining a license in that jurisdiction.

10 * * * Designated Inspection Station Violations * * *

11 Sec. 11. 23 V.S.A. § 1231 is amended to read:

12 § 1231. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

13 (a) The Commissioner may impose an administrative penalty of not more
14 than \$500.00 for each violation against a designated inspection station or a
15 certified inspection mechanic who violates the laws relating to the performance
16 of periodic motor vehicle inspections or the official inspection manuals within
17 the prior three years.

18 * * *

19 (c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules establishing categories of
20 violations for which administrative penalties are to be imposed under this
21 section. Categories shall be based on the severity of the violation involved.

1 Penalties assessed for each determination of violation of the inspection rules
2 shall not exceed the following amounts per category:

3 (1) ~~Category 1.~~ Violation of State law relative to inspection (Category
4 1)—\$500.00.

5 (2) ~~Category 2.~~ Violation of a Category 2 inspection rule (~~fraud~~
6 ~~related~~)—\$300.00.

7 (3) ~~Category 3.~~ Violation of a Category 3 inspection rule (~~improper~~
8 ~~action~~)—\$250.00.

9 (4) ~~Category 4.~~ Violation of a Category 4 inspection rule
10 (~~records/equipment~~)—\$100.00.

11 (5) ~~Category 5.~~ Violation of a Category 5 inspection rule
12 (~~documentation~~)—\$50.00.

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14 Sec. 12. [Deleted.]

15 * * * Renewal of Identification Cards * * *

16 Sec. 13. 23 V.S.A. § 115(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at
18 midnight on the eve of the fourth birthday anniversary of the date of birth of
19 the applicant cardholder following the date of original issue, and may be
20 renewed every four years upon payment of a \$24.00 fee. A renewed
21 identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at midnight on the eve

1 of the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the cardholder following the
2 expiration of the card being renewed. At least 30 days before an identification
3 card will expire, the Commissioner shall mail first class to the cardholder or
4 send the cardholder electronically an application to renew the identification
5 card; a cardholder shall be sent the renewal notice by mail unless the
6 cardholder opts in to receive electronic notification. A person born on
7 February 29 shall, for the purposes of this section, be considered as born on
8 March 1.

9 * * * Renewal of Operator's Licenses * * *

10 Sec. 14. 23 V.S.A. § 601(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) All operator's licenses issued under this chapter shall expire, unless
12 earlier cancelled, at midnight on the eve of the second or fourth anniversary of
13 the date of birth of the ~~applicant~~ license holder following the date ~~they were~~
14 ~~issued~~ of issue. Renewed licenses shall expire at midnight on the eve of the
15 second or fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the license holder following
16 the date the renewed license expired. All junior operator's licenses shall
17 expire, unless earlier cancelled, at midnight on the eve of the second
18 anniversary of the date of birth of the ~~applicant~~ license holder following the
19 date ~~they were issued~~ of issue. A person born on February 29 shall, for the
20 purposes of this section, be considered as born on March 1.

21 * * * Display of Inspection Stickers * * *

1 Sec. 15. 23 V.S.A. § 203(a) is amended to read:

2 § 203. COUNTERFEITING, FRAUD, AND MISUSE; PENALTY

3 (a) A person shall not:

4 (1) counterfeit or cause to be counterfeited or have in his or her
5 possession any counterfeit number plate, validating sticker, marker, inspection
6 sticker, registration certificate, learner’s permit, nondriver identification card,
7 insurance identification card, or operator license, or alter or have in his or her
8 possession any altered number plate or marker; ~~or~~

9 (2) display or cause or permit to be displayed, or have in his or her
10 possession, any fictitious or fraudulently altered operator license, learner’s
11 permit, nondriver identification card, inspection sticker, or registration
12 certificate, or display for any fraudulent purpose an expired or counterfeit
13 insurance identification card or similar document; ~~or~~

14 (3) lend his or her operator license to any other person or knowingly
15 permit the use thereof by another; ~~or~~

16 (4) display or represent as his or her own any operator license, permit,
17 ~~inspection sticker,~~ or nondriver identification card not issued to him or her, ~~or,~~
18 ~~in the case of inspection stickers, not issued to him or her for the vehicle on~~
19 ~~which the sticker is displayed;~~ ~~or~~

20 (5) permit any unlawful use of an operator license, permit, or nondriver
21 identification card issued to him or her by the Commissioner; ~~or~~

1 (6) obtain or attempt to obtain a registration plate, validation sticker,
2 registration certificate, operator’s license, learner’s permit, nondriver
3 identification card, or duplicate copy of any of such documents by the use of
4 fraudulently obtained, fictitious, or altered identity documents or by the use of
5 identity documents not his or her own; ~~or~~

6 (7) obtain or attempt to obtain a registration plate, validation sticker,
7 registration certificate, certificate of title, operator’s license, learner’s permit,
8 nondriver identification card, duplicate copy of any of these documents, or
9 obtain or attempt to obtain any other permit, license, or special privilege from
10 the Department of Motor Vehicles through the submission of an application
11 containing false or fictitious information; ~~or~~

12 (8) lend his or her identity documents to aid an applicant in his or her
13 attempt to fraudulently obtain or actually obtain a registration plate, validation
14 sticker, registration certificate, operator’s license, learner’s permit, nondriver
15 identification card, or duplicate copy of such documents; or

16 (9) display on his or her vehicle an inspection sticker not issued to him
17 or her for the vehicle.

18 * * * Registration of Trailers and Semi-Trailers * * *

19 Sec. 16. 23 V.S.A. § 301 is amended to read:

20 § 301. PERSONS REQUIRED TO REGISTER

1 Residents, except as provided in chapter 35 of this title, shall annually
2 register motor vehicles owned or leased for a period of more than 30 days and
3 operated by them, unless currently registered in Vermont. Notwithstanding
4 this section, a resident who has moved into the State from another jurisdiction
5 shall register his or her motor vehicle within 60 days of moving into the State.
6 A person shall not operate a motor vehicle nor draw a trailer or semi-trailer on
7 any highway unless such vehicle is registered as provided in this chapter.
8 Vehicle owners who have apportioned power units registered in this State
9 under the International Registration Plan are exempt from the requirement to
10 register his or her trailers in this State.

11 Sec. 17. [Deleted.]

12 Sec. 18. [Deleted.]

13 Sec. 19. [Deleted.]

14 Sec. 20. [Deleted.]

15 * * * Automated Vehicle Testing * * *

16 Sec. 21. 23 V.S.A. chapter 41 is added to read:

17 CHAPTER 41. AUTOMATED VEHICLE TESTING

18 § 4201. SHORT TITLE

19 This chapter may be cited as the Automated Vehicle Testing Act.

20 § 4202. DEFINITIONS

21 As used in this chapter:

1 (1) “Automated driving system” means the hardware and software that
2 are collectively capable of performing the entire dynamic driving task on a
3 sustained basis, regardless of whether it is limited to a specific operational
4 design domain, this term is used specifically to describe a level 3, 4, or 5
5 driving automation system.

6 (2) “Automated vehicle” means a motor vehicle that is equipped with an
7 automated driving system that is designed to function at a level of driving
8 automation of level 3, 4, or 5 pursuant to SAE J3016. The term includes a
9 highly automated vehicle.

10 (3) “Automated vehicle tester” or “tester” means an individual,
11 company, public agency, or other organization that is testing automated
12 vehicles on public highways in this state pursuant to this chapter including but
13 not limited to an automated vehicle manufacturer, municipal or state agency,
14 institution of higher education, fleet service provider, or automotive equipment
15 or technology provider.

16 (4) “Dynamic driving task” means all the real-time operational and
17 tactical functions required to operate an automated vehicle in traffic on a
18 highway. The term does not include functions relating to planning for the use
19 of the vehicle, including the scheduling of a trip or the selection of a
20 destination or waypoint.

1 (5) “Highly automated vehicle” means a vehicle equipped with an
2 automated driving system that is designed to function at a level of driving
3 automation of level 4 or 5 pursuant to SAE J3016.

4 (6) “Manufacturer” means an individual or company that designs,
5 produces, or constructs vehicles or equipment. Manufacturers include original
6 equipment manufacturers (OEMs), multiple and final stage manufacturers,
7 individuals or companies making changes to a completed vehicle before first
8 retail sale or deployment (upfitters), and modifiers (individuals or companies
9 making changes to existing vehicles after first retail sale or deployment).

10 (7) “Minimal risk condition” means a condition in which an automated
11 vehicle operating without a human driver, upon experiencing a failure of its
12 automated driving system that renders the automated vehicle unable to perform
13 the dynamic driving task, achieves a reasonably safe state which may include,
14 bringing the automated vehicle to a complete stop.

15 (8) “Operational design domain” means a description of the specific
16 domain or domains in which an automated driving system is designed to
17 properly operate, including types of roadways, ranges of speed, weather, time
18 of day, and environmental conditions.

19 (9) “Public highway” means a State or municipal highway as defined in
20 19 V.S.A. § 1(12).

1 (10) “SAE J3016” means the document published by SAE International
2 on September 30, 2016 as “Taxonomy and Definitions for Terms Related to
3 Driving Automation Systems for On-Road Motor Vehicles” and any
4 subsequent versions.

5 (11) “Operator” means an individual employed by or under contract
6 with an automated vehicle tester who has successfully completed the tester’s
7 training on safe driving and the capabilities and limitations of the automated
8 vehicle and automated driving system, can take immediate manual or remote
9 control of the automated vehicle being tested, is 21 years of age or greater, and
10 holds an operator’s license for the class of vehicle being tested.

11 § 4203. TESTING OF AUTOMATED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC

12 HIGHWAYS

13 (a) An automated vehicle shall not be operated on public highways for
14 testing until the Traffic Committee as defined in 19 V.S.A. § 1(24) approves a
15 permit application for automated vehicle testers that defines the scope and
16 operational design domain for the test and demonstrates the ability of the
17 automated vehicle tester to comply with the requirements of this section.

18 (b) Prior to approving a permit application, the Traffic Committee will
19 conduct a hearing to provide for comments from the public.

20 (c) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Traffic Committee regarding an
21 automated vehicle test permit may appeal to the Civil Division of the Superior

1 Court of Washington County under Rule 74 of the Vermont Rules of Civil
2 Procedure.

3 (d) No municipality may, by ordinance, resolution, or any other means,
4 prohibit or regulate the testing of an automated vehicle on class 1, 2, 3, and 4
5 town highways within its boundaries that is operating in compliance with this
6 chapter and otherwise complies with all laws of the municipality.

7 (e) The automated vehicle tester shall make approved automated vehicle
8 test permits readily available to law enforcement and municipalities within the
9 operational design domain designated in the permit.

10 (f) Following completion of an automated vehicle test, the automated
11 vehicle tester shall submit a report to the Traffic Committee summarizing
12 results and observations related to safety, traffic operations, interaction with
13 roadway infrastructure, comments from the public, and any other relevant
14 matters.

15 (g) An automated vehicle tester shall not test an automated vehicle on a
16 public highway unless:

17 (1) The operator is:

18 (A) seated in the driver's seat of the automated vehicle;

19 (B) monitoring the operation of the automated vehicle; and

20 (C) capable of taking immediate manual control of such automated
21 vehicle.

1 (2) The automated vehicle tester:

2 (A) registers each automated vehicle to be tested with the

3 Commissioner pursuant to Title 23, chapter 7;

4 (B) submits to the Commissioner, in a manner and form directed by
5 the Commissioner, proof of liability insurance, self-insurance, or a surety bond
6 of at least five million dollars for damages by reason of bodily injury, death, or
7 property damage caused by an automated vehicle while engaged in automated
8 vehicle testing;

9 (C) has established and enforces a zero-tolerance policy for drug and
10 alcohol use by operators while engaged in automated vehicle testing. The
11 policy shall include provisions for investigations of alleged policy violations
12 and the suspension of drivers under investigation;

13 (D) has conducted background checks for all operators pursuant to
14 section 751 of this title, which may be inspected by the Commissioner of
15 Motor Vehicles or designee pursuant to section 752 of this title; and

16 (E) has certified that the legislative bodies of the municipalities
17 where an automated vehicle will be tested have been notified when the
18 operational design domain of the vehicles being tested includes class 1, 2, 3, or
19 4 town highways as classified pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 302 and that the
20 proposed testing has been coordinated with those municipalities.

21 (3) The operator and automated vehicle tester shall:

1 (A) comply with any provision of State and local traffic laws
2 concerning the operation of motor vehicles;

3 (B) comply with standards established by the National Highway
4 Traffic Safety Administration regarding automated vehicles and be capable of
5 providing proof of exemptions or waivers to such standards;

6 (C) report to the Agency of Transportation and the applicable law
7 enforcement agency, within 10 business days after any motor vehicle crash
8 involving the testing of the automated vehicle which results in personal injury
9 or property damage; and

10 (D) satisfy any other requirements and permit conditions as
11 determined by the Traffic Committee as necessary to ensure the safe operation
12 of such automated vehicles.

13 (h) Notwithstanding subsection (g) of this section, a highly automated
14 vehicle may be tested on a public highway without an operator inside the
15 vehicle if the operator or automated vehicle tester can take immediate remote
16 control of the highly automated vehicle being tested and the vehicle can
17 achieve a minimal risk condition.

18 (i) An automated vehicle testing permit may be voided and invalidated for
19 the trip by a law enforcement officer that determines there is a violation of any
20 condition specified in the terms of the automated vehicle test permit or that the
21 continuation of the trip would be unsafe.

1 designee, and the Commissioner of Public Safety or his or her designee and is
2 responsible for establishing speed zones, parking and no parking areas, rules
3 for use of limited access highways, approval of the testing of automated
4 vehicles as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4202 on public highways, and other traffic
5 control procedures.

6 * * * Automated Vehicle Testing Implementation * * *

7 Sec. 23. AUTOMATED VEHICLE TESTING IMPLEMENTATION

8 (a) As soon as practicable, but no later than January 1, 2021, the Agency of
9 Transportation shall publish an Automated Vehicle Testing Guide and
10 application form to support review by the Traffic Committee and consistent
11 with the requirements of 23 V.S.A. § 4203 as added in Sec. X of this act.

12 (b) The Agency of Transportation may adopt rules to implement the
13 provisions of 23 V.S.A. chapter 41 as added in Sec. X of this act.

14 * * * Application for Certificate of Title * * *

15 Sec. 24. 23 V.S.A. § 2015(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) If the application refers to a vehicle purchased from a dealer, it shall
17 contain the name and address of any lienholder holding a security interest
18 created or reserved at the time of the sale and the date of his or her security
19 agreement and be signed by the dealer as well as the owner, and the dealer
20 shall promptly mail or deliver the application to the Commissioner unless title
21 is in the possession of a lienholder at the time of sale, in which case the dealer

1 shall have until 30 calendar days after the date the dealer acquired the vehicle
2 to mail or deliver the application to the Commissioner. The dealer shall not be
3 entitled to the extension if the lien on the vehicle was granted by the dealer to
4 finance vehicle inventory acquisition.

5 * * * Resale by Dealer * * *

6 Sec. 25. 23 V.S.A. § 2024 is amended to read:

7 § 2024. RESALE BY DEALER

8 If a dealer buys a vehicle, and holds it for resale, and obtains the certificate
9 of title from the owner or the lienholder ~~within 10 days after receiving the~~
10 vehicle, then the certificate need not be sent to the Commissioner. When the
11 dealer transfers the vehicle to a person, other than by the creation of a security
12 interest, he or she shall simultaneously execute the assignment and warranty of
13 title by filling in the spaces on the certificate of title or as prescribed by the
14 Commissioner or if title is held by a finance source execute a form prescribed
15 by the Commissioner that provides proof of the transfer but does not release
16 the lien. The certificate shall be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner with
17 the transferee's application for a new certificate.

18 * * * Application for Registration by the Dealer * * *

19 Sec. 26. 23 V.S.A. § 459 is amended to read:

20 § 459. NOTICE, APPLICATION, AND FEES TO COMMISSIONER

1 (a) Upon issuing a number plate with temporary validation stickers, a
2 temporary number plate, or a temporary decal to a purchaser, a dealer shall,
3 ~~within~~ have 15 calendar days, or up to 30 calendar days as applicable pursuant
4 to subsection 2015(b) of this title, to forward to the Commissioner the
5 application and fee, deposited with him or her by the purchaser, together with
6 notice of such issue and such other information as the Commissioner may
7 require.

8 (b) If a number plate with temporary validation stickers, a temporary
9 registration plate, or a temporary decal is not issued by a dealer in connection
10 with the sale or exchange of a vehicle or motorboat, the dealer may accept
11 from the purchaser a properly executed registration, tax, and title application,
12 and the required fees for transmission to the Commissioner. The dealer shall,
13 ~~within~~ have 15 calendar days, or up to 30 calendar days as applicable pursuant
14 to subsection 2015(b) of this title, to forward to the Commissioner the
15 application and fee together with such other information as the Commissioner
16 may require.

17 * * * Title to Motor Vehicle Anti-Theft Provisions * * *

18 Sec. 27. 23 V.S.A. § 2083 is amended to read:

19 § 2083. OTHER OFFENSES

20 (a) A person who:

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1 (2) knowingly fails to mail or deliver a certificate of title or application
2 for a certificate of title to the Commissioner within ~~20~~ 30 days after the
3 transfer or creation or satisfaction of a security interest shall be subject to the
4 penalties prescribed in subdivision (5) of this subsection;

5 (3) knowingly fails to deliver to his or her transferee a certificate of title
6 within ~~20~~ 30 days after the transfer shall be subject to the penalties prescribed
7 in subdivision (5) of this subsection;

8 * * *

9 (5) knowingly violates any provision of this chapter, except as provided
10 in subdivision (6) of this subsection or section 2082 of this title, shall be fined
11 not more than \$2,000.00, or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both;
12 or

13 * * *

14 (b) Absent a showing of a knowing failure to deliver as provided in
15 subdivision (a)(3) of this section, a person who fails to deliver to his or her
16 transferee a certificate of title within ~~40~~ 30 days after the transfer commits a
17 traffic violation and shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than
18 \$1,000.00.

19 * * * Effective Dates * * *

20 Sec. 2X. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.