

1 H.252

2 Introduced by Representatives Savage of Swanton and Gamache of Swanton

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; registration plates

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the
7 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue special “pet” license plates upon
8 payment of an additional fee, with most of the proceeds of the additional fee to
9 be allocated to a special fund and disbursed as grants to animal shelters and
10 rescue organizations.

11 An act relating to pet specialty license plates

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

13 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304d is added to read:

14 § 304d. PET REGISTRATION PLATES

15 (a) Upon application, the Commissioner shall issue pet registration plates
16 for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate; on trucks registered
17 for less than 26,001 pounds, but excluding vehicles registered under the
18 International Registration Plan; and on vehicles registered to State agencies
19 under section 376 of this title. Pet registration plates shall be mounted on the
20 front and rear of the vehicle. For design of the plates, the Commissioner shall

1 use the graphic design recommended by the Vermont Humane Federation to
2 enhance public awareness of the State's interest in supporting the work of the
3 State's animal shelters and rescue organizations. Applicants shall apply on
4 forms prescribed by the Commissioner, and shall pay an initial fee of \$20.00 in
5 addition to the annual fee for registration. In subsequent years, in addition to
6 the annual registration fee, the holder of a pet plate shall pay a renewal fee of
7 \$20.00.

8 (b) Initial fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be
9 allocated as follows:

10 (1) \$5.00 to the Transportation Fund; and

11 (2) \$15.00 to an animal shelter and rescue organization account within
12 the Animal Spaying and Neutering Fund created under 20 V.S.A. § 3816, with
13 monies in the account to be used to provide grants to support the work of
14 animal shelters and rescue organizations in Vermont.

15 (c) Renewal fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be
16 allocated as follows:

17 (1) \$3.00 to the Transportation Fund; and

18 (2) \$17.00 to the animal shelter and rescue organization account as
19 described in subdivision (b)(2) of this section.

20 (d) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall be charged by the Department
21 of Corrections for the production of pet registration plates.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.