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Introduced by Representatives Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, and
McCullough of Williston

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; license plates

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to specify that
motor vehicles registered as pleasure cars shall only be required to display a
rear license plate.

An act relating to the display of license plates on pleasure cars

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

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 511 is amended to read:

§ 511. MANNER OF DISPLAY

(a) A motor vehicle operated on any highway shall have displayed in a
conspicuous place either one or two number plates as the Commissioner may
require, except that a vehicle registered at the pleasure car rate shall not be
required to display more than one plate. ~~Such~~ The number plates shall be
furnished by the Commissioner and shall show the number assigned to ~~such~~
the vehicle by the Commissioner. If only one number plate is furnished, ~~the~~
~~same~~ it shall be securely attached to the rear of the vehicle. If two are

1 furnished, one shall be securely attached to the rear and one to the front of the
2 vehicle. The number plates shall be kept entirely unobscured, and the
3 numerals and the letters thereon shall be plainly legible at all times. They shall
4 be kept horizontal, shall be so fastened as not to swing, ~~excepting however,~~
5 except that there may be installed on a motor truck or truck tractor a device
6 which would, upon contact with a substantial object, permit the rear number
7 plate to swing toward the front of the vehicle, provided ~~such~~ that the device
8 automatically returns the number plate to its original rigid position after
9 contact is released, and the ground clearance of the lower edges thereof shall
10 be established by the Commissioner pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A.
11 chapter 25.

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13 (c) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle unless a number plate or
14 plates and a validation sticker are displayed as provided in this section.

15 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 514 is amended to read:

16 § 514. REPLACEMENT NUMBER PLATES

17 (a) In case of the loss of a number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle to
18 which it was assigned shall forthwith notify the Commissioner ~~of Motor~~
19 ~~Vehicles~~ of such the loss, and he or she shall furnish ~~such the~~ the owner with a
20 new plate. The fees charged shall be \$12.00 for each plate. The owner of a
21 motor vehicle required to display front and rear number plates who has lost one

