

1 H.68

2 Introduced by Representative Frenier of Chelsea

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; definition of “resident”; license; registration;
6 revenues

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
8 definition of “resident” applicable throughout the motor vehicle laws, with the
9 purpose of increasing revenues to the State of Vermont from licensing and
10 registration fees.

11 An act relating to the definition of “resident” in the motor vehicle laws

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

13 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE

14 The purpose of this bill is to increase revenues to the State of Vermont by
15 increasing the number of motor vehicle operators and owners licensed and
16 registered in Vermont.

17 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 4(30) is amended to read:

18 (30) “Resident,” for purposes of this title only, means any person living
19 in the State who intends to make the State his or her principal place of domicile
20 either permanently or for an indefinite number of years. Any person who has

1 registered to vote in this State shall be considered a resident under this title.

2 Without limiting the class of nonresidents under the provisions of this

3 subdivision, persons who live in the State for a particular purpose involving a

4 defined period of time, including students, migrant workers employed in

5 seasonal occupations, and persons employed under a contract with a fixed

6 term, are not residents for purposes of this title only, unless the person has

7 registered to vote. Also in addition thereto, any foreign partnership, firm,

8 association, or corporation having a place of business in this State shall be

9 deemed to be a resident as to all vehicles owned or leased and which are

10 garaged or maintained in this State.

11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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