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Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City,  
Cina of Burlington, Fegard of Berkshire, and McCullough of  
Williston

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; license plates; registration plates

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a new  
bicycle safety motor vehicle registration plate, with proceeds allocated to the  
Agency of Transportation's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program to improve the  
safety of bicycle riders in the State.

An act relating to the creation of the bicycle safety vehicle registration plate

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

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

§ 304d. BICYCLE SAFETY REGISTRATION PLATES

(a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue bicycle safety  
registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,  
on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, and on motor vehicles  
registered to State agencies under section 376 of this title, but excluding  
vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. Plates so

1 acquired shall be mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle. The  
2 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall utilize the graphic design recommended  
3 by the Green Mountain Bicycle Club for the bicycle safety registration plate to  
4 enhance public awareness of the State's interest in supporting bicycle safety.  
5 Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner and shall pay  
6 an initial fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In  
7 following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a  
8 bicycle safety registration plate shall pay a renewal fee of \$25.00. The  
9 Commissioner may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the  
10 provisions of this subsection.

11 (b) All fees collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be  
12 allocated to the Transportation Fund with all revenue exceeding initial  
13 development and administration costs allocated to the Agency of  
14 Transportation's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program and utilized to improve the  
15 safety of bicycle riders in the State.

16 (c) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall be charged by the Department  
17 of Corrections for the production of bicycle safety registration plates.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage, and the Commissioner of Motor  
20 Vehicles shall begin issuing bicycle safety registration plates pursuant to this  
21 act not later than January 1, 2021.