

1 S.296

2 Introduced by Senator MacDonald

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; inspections

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to:

7 (1) Impose a one-year surcharge on the inspection sticker fee to
8 reimburse designated inspection stations for their expenditures on the
9 equipment package required under the Department of Motor Vehicles'
10 Automated Vehicle Inspection Program (AVIP), and direct the Commissioner
11 of Motor Vehicles, on or before January 1, 2019, to reimburse each station for
12 costs incurred in purchasing one equipment package.

13 (2) Impose an ongoing increase in the inspection sticker fee with the
14 proceeds of the increase reserved for the Department to purchase up to one
15 AVIP equipment package, including replacements thereof as needed, that the
16 Department requires designated inspection stations to use.

17 An act relating to the Automated Vehicle Inspection Program

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

2 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

3 § 1230. CHARGE

4 (a) For each inspection certificate issued by the Department of Motor
5 Vehicles, the Commissioner shall be paid ~~\$6.00~~ \$10.25, provided that State
6 and municipal inspection stations that inspect only State or municipally owned
7 and registered vehicles shall not be required to pay a fee.

8 (b) All vehicle inspection certificate charge revenue shall be allocated to
9 the Transportation Fund with:

10 (1) ~~one-half~~ \$3.00 per inspection reserved for bridge maintenance
11 activities.

12 (2) \$1.00 per inspection reserved for the Department to purchase on
13 behalf of designated inspection stations one equipment package per station,
14 including periodic replacement of components thereof, that the Department
15 requires inspection stations to use in order to collect and manage inspection
16 data electronically under the Automated Vehicle Inspection Program (AVIP).
17 The Department shall purchase such equipment, including replacement
18 components, only when needed for the effective administration of AVIP or as a
19 result of the station's use of the equipment exercising ordinary care, and shall
20 not require any inspection station to purchase such equipment.

1 (3) \$3.25 per inspection reserved for the Department to reimburse
2 designated inspection stations for amounts such stations paid for the AVIP
3 equipment package that the Department required inspection stations to
4 purchase in order to collect and manage inspection data electronically. Each
5 station shall be eligible for reimbursement for one equipment package only.

6 Sec. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EQUIPMENT COSTS REQUIRED

7 UNDER THE AUTOMATED VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAM

8 On or before January 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
9 use amounts of the inspection sticker charge reserved pursuant to 23 V.S.A.
10 § 1230(b)(3) to reimburse designated inspection stations that purchased the
11 equipment package the Department required the stations to obtain in order to
12 collect and manage inspection data electronically under the Automated Vehicle
13 Inspection Program. In the case of purchases of equipment under the vendor's
14 monthly payment plan, the Department shall reimburse the station for the
15 monthly payments it has made and shall pay the vendor the balance owed. The
16 Commissioner may anticipate receipts of amounts reserved pursuant to
17 23 V.S.A. § 1230(b)(3), and shall use other amounts appropriated to the
18 Department, as may be necessary to make full and timely reimbursements as
19 required under this section. Each station shall be eligible for reimbursement
20 for one equipment package only.

1 Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

2 § 1230. CHARGE

3 (a) For each inspection certificate issued by the Department of Motor
4 Vehicles, the Commissioner shall be paid ~~\$10.25~~ \$7.00, provided that State
5 and municipal inspection stations that inspect only State or municipally owned
6 and registered vehicles shall not be required to pay a fee.

7 (b) All vehicle inspection certificate charge revenue shall be allocated to
8 the Transportation Fund with:

9 (1) \$3.00 per inspection reserved for bridge maintenance activities.

10 (2) \$1.00 per inspection reserved for the Department to purchase on
11 behalf of designated inspection stations one equipment package per station,
12 including periodic replacement of components thereof, that the Department
13 requires inspection stations to use in order to collect and manage inspection
14 data electronically under the Automated Vehicle Inspection Program (AVIP).
15 The Department shall purchase such equipment, including replacement
16 components, only when needed for the effective administration of AVIP or as a
17 result of the station's use of the equipment exercising ordinary care, and shall
18 not require any inspection station to purchase such equipment.

19 ~~(3) \$3.25 per inspection reserved for the Department to reimburse~~
20 ~~designated inspection stations for amounts such stations paid for the AVIP~~
21 ~~equipment package that the Department required inspection stations to~~

1 ~~purchase in order to collect and manage inspection data electronically. Each~~
2 ~~station shall be eligible for reimbursement for one equipment package only.~~

3 [Repealed.]

4 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018, except that Sec. 3 shall take effect
6 on July 1, 2019.