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8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Motor vehicles; registration certificates; number plates; support local
11 agriculture plate for farm-to-plate investment program

12 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to establish a “support local
13 agriculture” registration plate with proceeds to benefit the Vermont
14 farm-to-plate investment program.

15 An act relating to establishing a “support local agriculture” motor vehicle
16 registration plate benefiting the Vermont farm-to-plate investment program

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

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

2 § 304d. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: VERMONT

3 FARM-TO-PLATE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

4 (a) The commissioner shall, upon application, issue “support local
5 agriculture” registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the
6 pleasure car rate, on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles
7 registered to state agencies under section 376 of this title, but excluding
8 vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. Plates so
9 acquired shall be mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle. The
10 commissioner of motor vehicles shall utilize the graphic design recommended
11 by the Vermont sustainable jobs fund program in consultation with the
12 Vermont sustainable agriculture council for the special plates to enhance the
13 public awareness of the state’s interest in supporting agricultural development.
14 Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the commissioner of motor
15 vehicles, and shall pay an initial and renewal fee of \$20.00 in addition to the
16 annual fee for registration. The commissioner may adopt rules under
17 chapter 25 of 3 V.S.A. to implement the provisions of this subsection.

18 (b) Fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated as
19 follows:

20 (1) \$5.00 to the transportation fund.

1 (2) \$15.00 to the Vermont sustainable jobs fund program for deposit in
2 the Vermont farm-to-plate investment program created in 10 V.S.A. § 330.

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

5 (1) \$17.00 to the Vermont sustainable jobs fund program for deposit in
6 the farm-to-plate investment program created in 10 V.S.A. § 330.

7 (2) \$3.00 to the transportation fund.

8 (d) The department of motor vehicles shall be charged by the department of
9 corrections for the production of the “support local agriculture” registration
10 plates.