

Senate Transportation Committee

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HB 222-FN, relative to official cover plates.

Hearing Date: March 16, 2021

Time Opened: 1:05 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:11 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Birdsell, Watters, Ricciardi, Ward and Sherman

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill permits the director to issue official cover plates to the clerk of the New Hampshire house of representatives. The bill also clarifies the number of sets of official cover plates that may be issued to any eligible person.

Sponsors:

Rep. Belanger

Who supports the bill: Rep. Steven Smith, Sullivan 11

Who opposes the bill: Robin Vogt

Who is neutral on the bill: Jeff Oberdank, NH DMV

Summary of Testimony Presented:

Rep. Steven Smith, Sullivan 11

- Rep. Smith introduced the bill and testified in support of the bill.
- Rep. Smith said, this bill allows for a special license plate for municipal officials.
- Rep. Smith said, the House amended this bill to include a plate for the Clerk of NH House. The House did not include Clerk of Senate because the House Committee members felt that it was under the Senate's authority to handle that. The Director of DMV was included to get plates too
- The bill allows for 2 sets of cover plates, which are either title or seat number plates.
- Rep. Smith said, the bill intentionally does not include an enforcement clause to return these cover plates. The plates are often kept long after they serve their purpose as vehicle plates and are often hung on walls. The DMV has accepted this practice. This bill codifies the existing process and adds the House Clerk.