

HB 260-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

260-FN

AN ACT

relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Prout, Hills. 37; Rep. Conley, Straf. 13; Rep. J. Osborne, Rock. 4; Rep. Torosian, Rock. 14; Rep. Warden, Hills. 15; Rep. A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Rep. T. Lekas, Hills. 37

COMMITTEE:

Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that certain vehicles shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Number Plates. Amend RSA 261:75, II to read as follows:

2 II. Every vehicle driven in or on any way in this state, if required to be registered hereunder,
3 shall have displayed conspicuously thereon a number plate or plates to be furnished by the
4 department, together with any current validation sticker issued by the department and which has a
5 changeable designation of their effective period. The director may make special rules relative to the
6 number of plates, the location of said plate or plates on the vehicle, and the material and design
7 thereof, provided, however, that number plates for passenger vehicles shall have the state motto
8 "Live Free or Die" written thereon, ***and further provided that an antique vehicle, as defined in***
9 ***RSA 259:4, a custom vehicle, as defined in RSA 259:17-a, or a street rod, as defined in RSA***
10 ***259:106-a, shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle.*** The
11 plate shall be kept clean.

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 260-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	\$0	\$0
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Reflectorized Plate Fund			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill eliminates the requirement for passenger vehicles to display a number plate on the front of the vehicle (requiring only a plate on the rear). It is assumed that the Division of Motor Vehicles would continue the current process of manufacturing two number plates per set as this bill only refers to passenger vehicles. The plate fee is \$4.00 and to the extent individuals choose to purchase and only display one plate, there would be a loss in revenue to the state reflectorized plate fund. The Department of Safety cannot estimate how many individuals will choose to only display one plate. Furthermore, the Department states there would be an indeterminable one-time programming cost to make this change in its registration system.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety