

HB 222-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL ***222-FN***

AN ACT relative to official cover plates.

SPONSORS: Rep. Belanger, Rock. 9

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED 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.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Number Plates; Official Cover Plates. Amend RSA 261:90 to read as follows:

2 261:90 Official Cover Plates. Upon payment of a fee, the director may issue and shall designate
3 official cover plates with the reproduction of the state seal thereon to be affixed to a vehicle of United
4 States senators from this state, representatives to congress from this state, the governor, members
5 of the governor's council, the president of the senate, members of the senate, the speaker of the
6 house of representatives, members of the house of representatives, ***the clerk of the house of***
7 ***representatives***, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the President of
8 the United States and members of his or her executive staff, and any ambassador or member of the
9 foreign diplomatic corps. The fee for official cover plates shall be \$1 in addition to any other number
10 plate manufacturing fee otherwise required. The official cover plates, exclusive of the seal, shall be
11 white with green lettering, which shall alternate with red lettering every other biennium. Official
12 cover plates shall have the title of the person requesting the plates, except for members of the
13 governor's council whose plates shall have their council district numbers embossed on them, and
14 members of the general court, whose plates shall have their house seat numbers or their senate
15 district numbers embossed on them unless the president of the senate, for members of the senate, or
16 the speaker of the house of representatives, for members of the house of representatives, shall
17 designate a title for their plates. The president of the senate, or a designee, and the speaker of the
18 house of representatives, or a designee, shall provide the director with input as needed on the cover
19 plate design for members of the general court. The director shall not issue more than 2 sets of
20 ***house seat number or senate district number*** official cover plates to any person. ***The director***
21 ***shall not issue more than 2 sets of official cover plates bearing a title to any person.*** Official
22 cover plates may be attached only to vehicles registered in the name of the person issued the plates
23 or the name of the spouse of a member of the general court, or any vehicle being operated by a
24 member of the general court. Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the issuance of regular
25 motor vehicle plates and the payment of the registration fee therefor. Official cover plates shall be
26 manufactured at the state prison and the prison shall provide the plates to the department at the
27 prison's cost.

28 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 222-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2021-0224h)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation, as amended, has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2021 through 2024.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety