

CHAPTER 127
SB 22 – FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL **22**

AN ACT exempting small trailers from inspection requirements; allowing qualified dealers to inspect trailers; and deleting a reference to highway enforcement officers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Rausch, Dist 19; Sen. Gilmour, Dist 12; Rep. Graham, Hills 7; Rep. Campbell, Hills 33

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Deletes a reference to highway enforcement officers.
- II. Exempts small trailers from inspection requirements.
- III. Allows qualified dealers to inspect trailers.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

1 127:1 Highway Patrol and Enforcement Officers. Amend RSA 266:1-a to read as follows:

2 266:1-a ~~[Highway Patrol and Enforcement Officers]~~ ***State Police Duties Relative to Vehicle***
3 ***Inspection.***

4 I. The ***director of the division of state police, with the approval of the*** commissioner of
5 safety shall ~~[establish a force of highway patrol and enforcement officers]~~ ***assign a suitable***
6 ***complement of state troopers*** to assist the director ***of motor vehicles*** in enforcing the motor
7 vehicle inspection laws and rules. A ~~[highway patrol and enforcement officer appointed by the~~
8 ~~commissioner]~~ ***state trooper assigned*** pursuant to this section shall have the powers of a peace
9 officer, certified under RSA 188-F:26, and shall have as ~~[his or her]~~ ***a*** primary function ***statewide***
10 enforcement duties related to the inspection process, including inspection station auditing,
11 investigation of alleged inspection station malfeasance, rejected vehicle follow-up, and sticker
12 monitoring. A ~~[highway patrol and enforcement officer appointed]~~ ***state trooper assigned*** under
13 this section shall have the authority to enter any motor vehicle inspection station authorized under
14 RSA 266:1, during the station's business hours, to fulfill his or her duties, and shall be assigned
15 other enforcement duties as determined by the commissioner.

16 II. The commissioner shall furnish suitable equipment to a ~~[highway patrol and enforcement~~
17 ~~officer]~~ ***state trooper***, as the commissioner deems necessary, to ~~[distinguish the officer as an~~
18 ~~individual acting in an official capacity. A highway patrol and enforcement officer appointed by the~~
19 ~~commissioner pursuant to this section shall be directly responsible to the director and shall be a~~
20 ~~classified employee]~~ ***carry out his or her duties under this section.***

21 127:2 New Section; Inspection of Trailers; Exemptions. Amend RSA 266 by inserting after
22 section 1-a the following new section:

23 266:1-b Inspection of Trailers, Exemptions.

24 I. Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, trailers of 10,000 pounds or less gross
25 vehicle weight rating not used in interstate commerce shall be exempt from periodic vehicle
26 inspection requirements, but shall be subject as other vehicles are to periodic roadside inspection by
27 law enforcement officers to determine that they have the proper required and fully functional safety
28 equipment.

29 II. The director may authorize properly qualified dealers holding utility dealer registrations

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1 to inspect trailers of more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, to determine whether they are
2 fit to be driven, and to issue inspection stickers, under rules adopted for this purpose pursuant to
3 RSA 541-A. This section shall not apply to full trailers as defined in RSA 259:37-a or semi-trailers
4 as defined in RSA 259:98, and shall not prohibit other official inspection stations from inspecting
5 trailers.

6 127:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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8 Approved: June 25, 2013

9 Effective Date: August 24, 2013