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HOUSE BILL ***1406-FN***

AN ACT relative to red list bridges.

SPONSORS: Rep. Campbell, Hills 33; Rep. Graham, Hills 7; Rep. G. Chandler, Carr 1

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of transportation to maintain a list of bridges that are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

1 126:1 New Subdivision; Red List Bridges. Amend RSA 234 by inserting after section 25 the
2 following new subdivision:

Red List Bridges

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4 234:25-a Red List Bridges.

5 I. The commissioner of transportation shall establish and maintain a list of bridges that are
6 found, after inspection by the department, to be structurally deficient, which shall be known as red
7 list bridges.

8 II. Separate red lists shall be established and maintained for state-owned bridges and for
9 bridges owned by municipalities.

10 III. Both red lists under paragraph II shall specify whether a bridge is structurally deficient.
11 The department of transportation shall number and prioritize all state-owned red list bridges
12 relative to the need for repair or replacement.

13 IV. Any red list bridge that is closed as a result of a department of transportation
14 recommendation shall remain on the red list along with the date of closure and the reason it was
15 closed. Red list bridges shall be removed from the red list when the department certifies that the
16 bridge has been satisfactorily repaired or replaced, or the department permanently closes any state-
17 owned red list bridge, or when the governing body of the municipality permanently closes any
18 municipally-owned red list bridge.

19 234:25-b Inspection of Red List Bridges; Report.

20 I. The department of transportation shall inspect every state-owned bridge on the red list
21 biannually and every municipal bridge annually.

22 II. The department of transportation shall annually provide a complete list of state-owned
23 and municipally-owned red list bridges to the governor, the executive council, the speaker of the
24 house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the house and senate standing committees
25 with jurisdiction over highways and bridges. Additionally the department shall annually notify the
26 governing bodies of municipalities of any red list bridges owned by such municipality and any state-
27 owned red list bridge within such municipality. These reports and notifications shall be provided on
28 or before February 1 of each year.

29 126:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

30 Approved: June 16, 2014

Effective Date: August 15, 2014