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SENATE BILL **248**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study policies and procedures for the development and maintenance of state-owned abandoned rail corridors and relative to images of vehicle registration plates taken at toll facilities.

SPONSORS: Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Rep. Leishman, Hills 24; Rep. Packard, Rock 5; Rep. Renzullo, Hills 37

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study policies and procedures for the development and maintenance of state-owned abandoned rail corridors.

This bill also permits images of vehicle registration plates to be taken at toll facilities and requires the destruction of such images if the toll has been paid in full at the tollbooth.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

AN ACT establishing a committee to study policies and procedures for the development and maintenance of state-owned abandoned rail corridors and relative to images of vehicle registration plates taken at toll facilities.

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

1 317:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study policies and
2 procedures for the development and maintenance of state-owned abandoned rail corridors.

3 317:2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

6 (b) Four members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the
7 house transportation committee, one of whom shall be a member of the resources, recreation and
8 development committee, and one of whom shall be a member of the house finance committee,
9 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

10 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
11 the duties of the committee.

12 317:3 Duties. The committee shall:

13 I. Identify and address ways to improve policies and procedures for the development and
14 maintenance of state-owned abandoned rail corridors for non-motorized recreational use.

15 II. Make recommendations in regard to the transfer of oversight from the department of
16 transportation to the department of resources and economic development, bureau of trails.

17 317:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson
18 from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member.
19 The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.
20 Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

21 317:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
22 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
23 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2014.

24 317:6 Failure to Pay a Toll. Amend RSA 236:31-b to read as follows:

25 236:31-b Failure to Pay a Highway Toll. Any person who fails, neglects, or refuses to pay the
26 toll or charge for the use of any bridge, highway, or part thereof, or utilizes a toll facility that is
27 equipped with a toll collection monitoring system without having an E-Z Pass transponder mounted

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1 on the vehicle, shall have an image taken of the vehicle registration plate and be subject to the
2 provisions of RSA 236:31. When a *full* cash payment is made *at the tollbooth*, ~~[no such]~~ *and the*
3 *vehicle exits the toll booth, the* image (i) shall *not* be ~~[taken]~~ *retained for more than 3*
4 *seconds, after which it shall be irretrievably destroyed, and no record of the image or its*
5 *destruction shall be kept; (ii) shall not be made available or disclosed to any individual,*
6 *person, entity, or government or any component thereof; and (iii) shall not be subject to a*
7 *subpoena or any administrative or court order.*

8 317:7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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10 Approved: August 1, 2014

11 Effective Date: August 1, 2014