

SB 139 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL        **139**

AN ACT            relative to the department of safety inventory fund.

SPONSORS:        Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Rep. Welch, Rock 13;  
Rep. Pantelakos, Rock 25

COMMITTEE:      Finance

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioners of the department of corrections and safety to enter into a written agreement for reimbursement to the department of corrections for the manufacture of number plates.

This bill is a request of the department of corrections.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                   relative to the department of safety inventory fund.

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

1           1 Administration of Transportation Laws; Inventory Fund. Amend RSA 228:25, I to read as  
2 follows:

3           I. There is hereby established an inventory fund in the department of safety consisting of the  
4 initial appropriation of \$1,000,000 which sum is hereby authorized as a revolving fund comprised of  
5 funds in the highway fund that are not otherwise appropriated and into which shall be deposited  
6 additional revenues derived from the number plate manufacturing fee established in this paragraph.  
7 The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department. The prison shall  
8 purchase such raw materials as may be required and agreed to by the commissioner of safety in  
9 order for the commissioner of safety to issue fully reflectorized motor vehicle number plates. This  
10 purchase shall be a charge against the inventory fund and the prison shall be responsible for the  
11 control and accountability of the raw materials so charged. Said number plates shall be  
12 manufactured at the state prison. The prison shall be furnished out of said inventory account the  
13 raw materials necessary to manufacture said plates and upon receipt of the finished plates by the  
14 department of safety shall be reimbursed for their direct and indirect costs. ~~[The commissioner of~~  
15 ~~safety shall, biennially, request the commissioner of administrative services to review and approve~~  
16 ~~said cost rates.] ***The commissioner of the department of corrections and the commissioner of***  
17 ***the department of safety shall enter into a written agreement which specifies the annual***  
18 ***reimbursement to the department of corrections for direct and indirect costs related to the***  
19 ***manufacture of number plates. The agreement shall be subject to annual review by the***  
20 ***commissioners and shall contain a provision governing the adjustment of reimbursement***  
21 ***rates based on the average change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers,***  
22 ***Northeast Region, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States***  
23 ***Department of Labor.*** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner of safety  
24 shall charge, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, a number plate manufacturing  
25 fee of \$4.00 per plate at the time of issuing said reflectorized motor vehicle number plates or  
26 replacement reflectorized number plates. Said additional charge shall not give the registrant any  
27 title or other property interest in said plates. The commissioner of safety or assistant commissioner  
28 may request from time to time delivery of the number plates from the prison and shall reimburse the  
29 inventory fund by a transfer from revenue. At least 6 months prior to subsequent general issue, a  
30 transfer from revenue shall be made for all remaining finished plates in inventory. The~~

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1 commissioner of safety shall report to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of  
2 the house of representatives, no later than 90 days after the close of the second fiscal year of each  
3 biennium, the year ending balance in the inventory fund and the department's recommendation as to  
4 when the next general issue of number plates should commence, the estimated cost of such a general  
5 issue, and the estimated annual cost to support routine plate issue and replacement without a new  
6 general issue.

7       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.