

HB 412 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **412**

AN ACT re-establishing a commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll for the funding of improvements to the state's highways and bridges and their resulting improvements.

SPONSORS: Rep. McConkey, Carr. 8; Rep. Ebel, Merr. 7

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill re-establishes a study commission on revenue alternatives to the road toll for the funding of improvements to state highways and bridges.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT re-establishing a commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll for the funding of improvements to the state's highways and bridges and their resulting improvements.

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

1 1 Commission to Study Revenue Alternatives to the Road Toll. RSA 21-J:49 is repealed and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

3 21-J:49 Commission to Study Revenue Alternatives to the Road Toll

4 I. There is established a commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll for the
5 funding of improvements to the state's highways and bridges and their resulting improvements to
6 the environment.

7 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

8 (a) 6 members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
9 representatives: 2 of whom shall be members of the house public works and highways committee;
10 one of whom shall be a member of the house science, technology and energy committee; and one of
11 whom shall be a member of the house ways and means committee.

12 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

13 (c) The commissioner of the department of revenue administration, or designee.

14 (d) The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee.

15 (e) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.

16 (f) The commissioner of the department of transportation, or designee.

17 (g) One member from the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association, appointed by
18 that association.

19 (h) One member representing an energy and transportation related non-profit
20 organization, appointed by the governor.

21 (i) One member of the public, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

22 III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
23 attending to the duties of the commission.

24 IV. The commission shall:

25 (a) Study alternatives to the road toll for electric-powered, hybrid, and fuel-efficient
26 vehicles, and may study other emerging vehicle fuels and technologies, for funding improvements to
27 the state's highways and bridges, ensuring that all motor vehicles contribute proportionally to their
28 impact on New Hampshire's highway infrastructure, including vehicles registered out of state that
29 may no longer be subject to the road toll.

30 (b) Study the impact the various fuel-efficient technologies have on the environment.

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1 (c) Consider the interim report of the commission on taxation of alternative fuel and
2 electric-powered motor vehicles of November 1, 2012, and the final report of the commission to study
3 future sustainable revenue sources for funding improvements to state and municipal highways and
4 bridges, dated November 1, 2010.

5 (d) Track current road toll revenues and, as it deems appropriate, analyze related
6 programs developed in other states and recommend legislation.

7 (e) Consider the 2019-2020 federally-funded study of a prior road usage fee in New
8 Hampshire.

9 (f) Evaluate the future funding needs for the operation and maintenance of, and
10 improvements to, state and municipal roadways.

11 V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
12 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting
13 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members
14 of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

15 VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
16 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
17 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2023.

18 2 Repeal. RSA 21-J:49, relative to the commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll
19 for the funding of improvements to the state's highways and bridges and their resulting
20 improvements to the environment, is repealed.

21 3 Effective Date.

22 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2023.

23 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.