

HB 1675-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1675-FN-A***

AN ACT                establishing a surcharge collected through E-Z Pass for electric vehicles as an alternative road toll.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Thompson, Coos 1; Rep. P. Schmidt, Straf. 19

COMMITTEE:          Public Works and Highways

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a surcharge collected through E-Z Pass for electric vehicles as an alternative road toll. The provisions are repealed in 2025.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                    establishing a surcharge collected through E-Z Pass for electric vehicles as an alternative road toll.

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

1            1 New Section; Road Toll; Alternative Road Toll for Electric Vehicles. Amend RSA 260 by  
2 inserting after section 32-c the following new section:

3            260:32-d Alternative Road Toll for Electric Vehicles. There is hereby established an additional  
4 \$.50 fee, to be assessed at every toll within the interagency toll collection system in New Hampshire,  
5 as defined in RSA 237:16-a, III, on any transponder attached to an electric vehicle, as defined in RSA  
6 236:132, II, registered within this state. Such toll charge shall be in addition to any toll charge  
7 assessed for any non-electric motor vehicle. Any toll charge collected pursuant to this section shall  
8 deposited into the highway fund pursuant to RSA 260:35, less apportionment A distributions under  
9 RSA 235:23, I.

10           2 New Section; Additional Use of E-Z Pass System; Alternative Road Toll. Amend RSA 237 by  
11 inserting after section 16-g the following new section:

12           237:16-h Additional Use of E-Z Pass System; Alternative Road Toll. The commissioner shall  
13 approve the use of the E-Z Pass system for the payment of the alternative road toll for electric  
14 vehicles established pursuant to RSA 260:32-d.

15           3 Prospective Repeal. The following are repealed:

16           I. RSA 260:32-d, relative to the alternative road toll for electric vehicles.

17           II. RSA 237:16-h, relative to additional use of the E-Z Pass system for alternative road tolls.

18           4 Effective Date.

19           I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect January 2, 2025.

20           II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

**HB 1675-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**     State             County             Local             None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Turnpike

**LOCAL:**

<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill, effective January 1, 2023, with a prospective repeal January 2, 2025, establishes an additional \$0.50 fee to be assessed at every toll within the interagency toll collection system in the state on any transponder attached to an electric vehicle. The Department of Transportation states revisions (e.g., changes to the E-ZPass account system, web site, revised applications, file process for the transferring funds) and their direct cost to the E-ZPass system to incorporate this change is indeterminable. The Department also states there may be increased administrative efforts needed relative to customer service issues, with costs indeterminable, during the period of the additional fee (January 2023 – December 2025).

While this bill will increase revenue to the state in FY 2023, FY 2024, and FY 2025, the amount is indeterminable as neither the Department of Transportation nor the Department of Safety have data relative to electric vehicle turnpike system usage. Also, pursuant to RSA 235:23 (“Apportionment A”), 12 percent of road toll and motor vehicle fees collected are distributed to municipalities, therefore, under this bill state expenditures and local revenue would increase in FY 2024, FY 2025, and FY 2026, by an indeterminable amount. For informational purposes,

the Department of Safety reports there are approximately 2,800 registered electric vehicles in the state (2021).

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