

Bill as Introduced

HB 1498 - AS INTRODUCED

2010 SESSION

10-2556

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HOUSE BILL **1498**

AN ACT relative to obscured figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wendelboe, Belk 1

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the penalties for obscuring figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

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- 23 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Amendments

Amendment to HB 1498

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 1-2 with the following:

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not adopted

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1498

BILL TITLE: relative to obscured figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles.

DATE: January 12, 2009

LOB ROOM: 203 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:10 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:40 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. R. Williams, Jennifer Brown, C. Brown, Ingersoll, M. O'Brien, Hebert, LaPlante, Rhodes, Rokas, T. Soucy, Stuart, Nedeau, G. Katsakiores, J. Flanders, Veazey, Coffey, Hiker, Hinch and Umberger.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Wendelboe, Belk 1

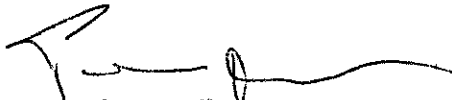
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Respectfully submitted,


Rep. C. Penn Brown,
Clerk

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Testimony

HB 1498

Dear Transportation Committee Member:

I know many of you wanted to know the outcome of my son's court date last week as it relates to the license plate issue. Please also understand that this bill, while brought forward when the issue became apparent to me, is NOT about my son but about the tens of thousands of our citizens who are now vulnerable to over zealous interpretation of this law.

The judge conceded in court that the law is a very gray area. That the work "obscured" is not defined in law. When I mentioned the legislation before you, the judge said "perhaps it would be good for the court to have clarity on this issue; you have every right to move forward". This was when he asked if I was happy with his resolution to the issue---which I said I was but that I intended to pursue it to protect others.

I would also like you to know that the officer testified that my son was very cordial during the stop. But he also objected to my going to the table with my son (all other people were allowed to have someone with them--- friends, parents, etc), he objected to me being a witness, he objected to me giving the pictures of other tag problems, and he objected to me outlining the legislative history of the statute. The judge over-ruled him on all but the tag pictures.

I would also like to point out to you that in 1957 the subchapter title of this section (168:1) was "INTENT TO CONCEAL IDENTITY". The laws of 1942 chapter 118 listed under "procedure" section 24 says "Except as herein otherwise provided, a complaint against a person for the violation of any provision of this title may be placed on file at the discretion of the court, if the violation appears to have been unintentional, OR if no person or property could have been endangered thereby. THIS SHOWS clear legislative intent that there was no intent to capture people who were not trying to "conceal their identity". This chapter was later rolled into 262 and the word "knowingly" added....I believe a further indication of actual intent to conceal identity.

The final resolution, since my son said he had placed the surround he bought at Wal-Mart on the tag five years ago, the judge found him "guilty" since he knowingly put it on. He then said that ,as I pointed out, he could place it on file as the 1922 statute points out, which is what he did. It will sit there for one year and unless he covers his tag again (he no longer owns the care) or commits a "MAJOR" traffic moving violation---it will go away as if it never existed, no fine. In a way, this was the wisest for the court because something placed on file can not be appealed.

From the NH Supreme Court "We are the final arbiters of the legislative intent as expressed in the words of the statute considered as a whole. We begin by examining the language of the statute, and ascribe the Plain and ordinary meaning to the words used. We interpret legislative intent from the statute as written and will neither consider what the legislature might have said nor add language the legislature did not see fit to include. We also interpret a statute in the context of the overall statutory scheme and not in isolation. If a statute is ambiguous, however, we consider legislative history to aid our analysis. Our goal is to apply statutes in light of the legislature's intended in enacting them, and in light of the policy sought to be advanced by the entire statutory scheme. (NH v Lamy)

I hope you will simply have the DOS draft amendment done at Leg Services and amend my bill and pass it. Thank you for your attention to this problem. While their language does not "FIX" the problem, it certainly takes away the financial incentive for over zealous officers to write \$150 tickets on something unintentional.

Fran Wendelboe Belknap District 1

**New Hampshire Department of Safety
Legislative Position Paper
Date: January 12, 2010**

Bill Title: RELATIVE TO OBSCURED FIGURES OR LETTERS ON NUMBER PLATES
ATTACHED TO MOTOR VEHICLES

Testimony before:

LSR#: 10-2556

BILL#: HB 1498

AMENDMENTS:

SAFETY'S POSITON	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUPPORT
	<input type="checkbox"/>	OPPOSE as written
	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO POSITION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUGGEST AMENDMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/>	REQUEST INFORMATION

Currently, the law as it is, does the following:

As proposed, the Bill is intended to do the following:

This bill modifies the penalties for obscuring figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles.

The present law prohibits knowingly obscuring or permitting to be obscured the figures of letters on any number plate attached to a motor vehicle, and establishes a fine of \$150 for any violation of this statute. HB 1498 seeks to amend this by stating that the figures and letters on a plate are only considered to be obscured if they are "unreadable" and states that the fine shall be waived if the obstruction is only to the figures or letters other than the plate number and numbered decals, and the person removes the obstruction within 10 days of the offense. The prohibition appears in two places in the Motor Vehicle Code, RSA 261:61, improper use; and RSA 261:176, failure to display plates, and HB 1498 would amend both places.

It is important to law enforcement and the victims of crimes that license plates on vehicles be easily readable from ordinary distances. Having the validation decal readable is important for enforcing the periodic registration requirements and ensuring that the

State receives the money it is due from registrations. Persons out to commit a crime such as a bank robbery, a child abduction or a string of burglaries frequently deliberately smear mud or make some other attempt to obscure the plate to avoid detection by witnesses.

The Department of Safety is not opposed to this bill, provided a slight amendment is made to the text. The bill leaves the present prohibitions and penalties in place for switching plates on vehicles (misuse of plates), obscuring the plate number or the validation decals, and in the case of someone who has something such as a license plate holder or an E-Z Pass transponder in such a way that it covers up "New Hampshire" or the plate type, such as Veteran, Handicap, Commercial, etc., it gives them a chance to rectify the problem within 10 days to avoid a fine. This is not unreasonable, in our view.

We would prefer that instead of the language that says the plate must be "unreadable" before the statute is violated, we suggest using the term "more difficult to read". The other problem with the bill as written is that there is no way to ensure that the individual has in fact rectified the problem, and we recommend requiring them to bring the vehicle to a state, county or local police officer and having that officer check the vehicle and sign a paper indicating that the problem was rectified. Forms for this purpose can be made available by the Department of Safety to law enforcement and available on line to motorists. Finally, as a housekeeping measure in line with the recommendations of the Legislative Commission studying the state's fine structure we recommend inserting after the amount of the fine the words, "plus penalty assessment" to be consistent with RSA 188-F. With those amendments, we are in support of the bill.

Since we believe adding these to the bill would not violate the sponsor's intent of giving someone a chance to rectify the problem rather than paying a fine, we suggest the following:

Proposed amendment to HB 1498:

Amend the bill to read as follows:

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Fiscal Impact:

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CHAPTER 261 CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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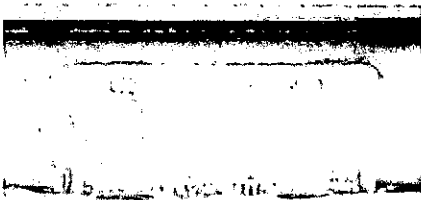
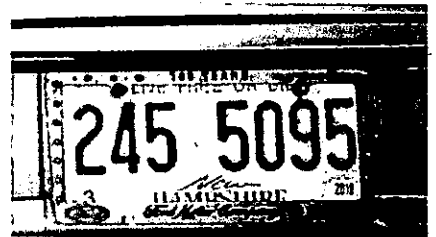
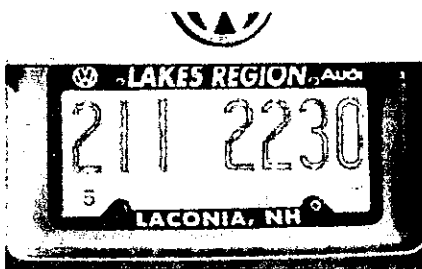
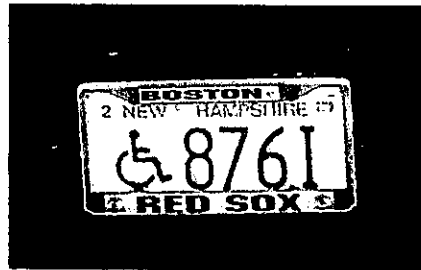
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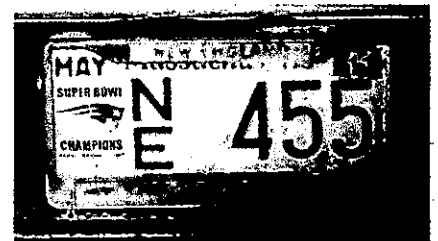
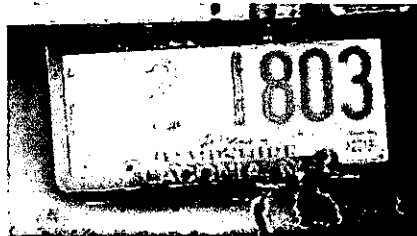
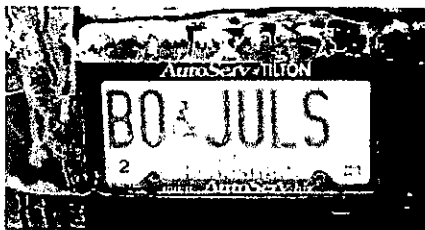
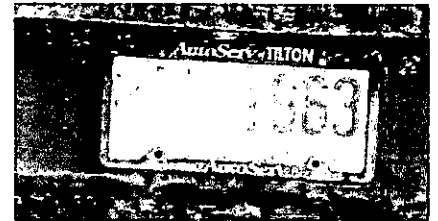
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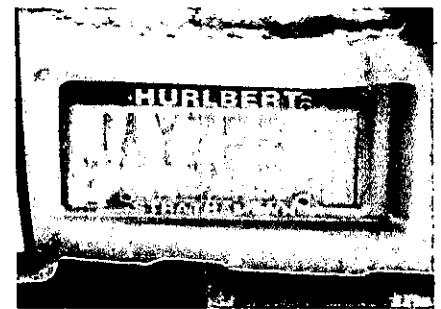
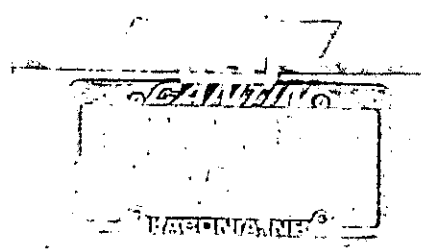
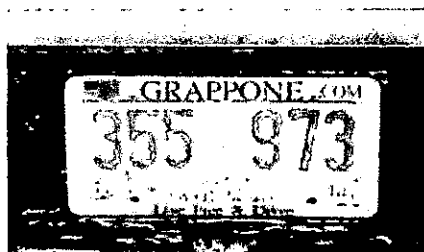
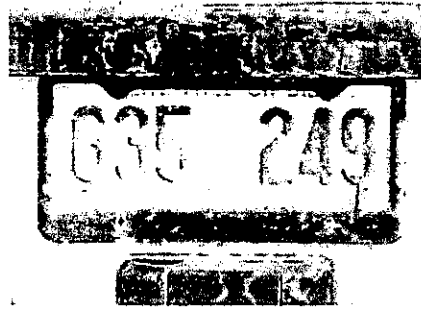
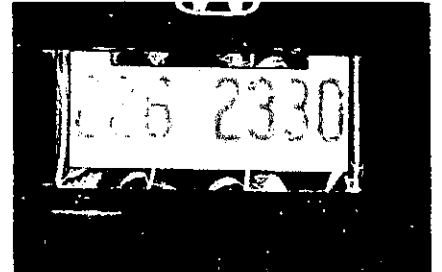
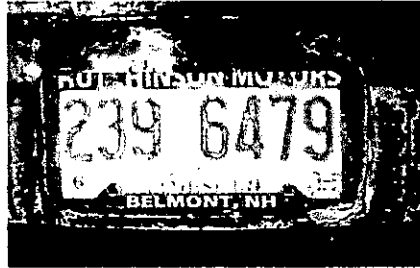
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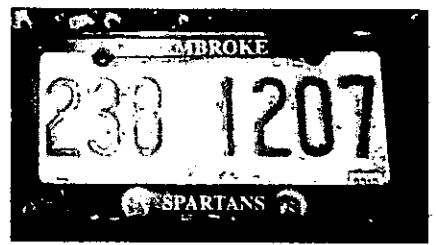
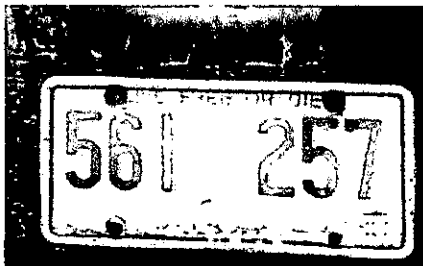
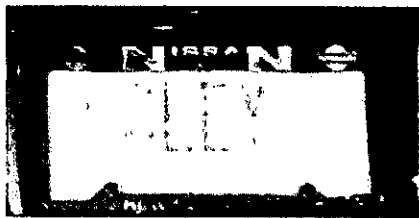
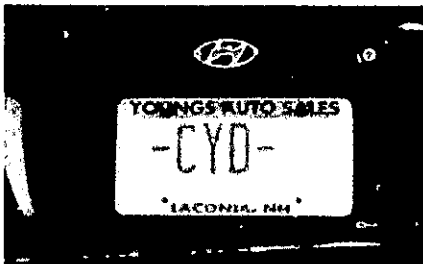
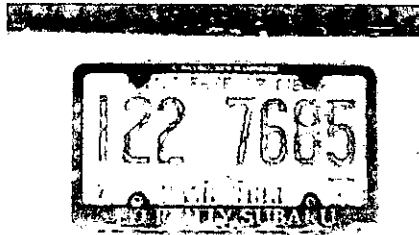
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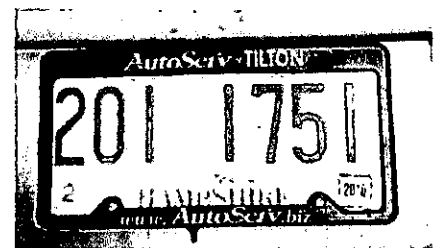
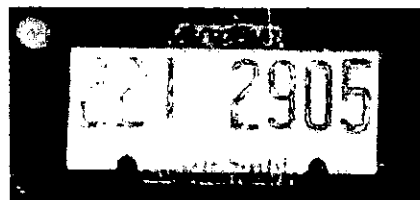
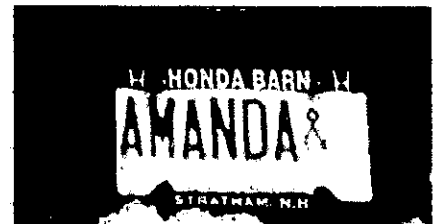
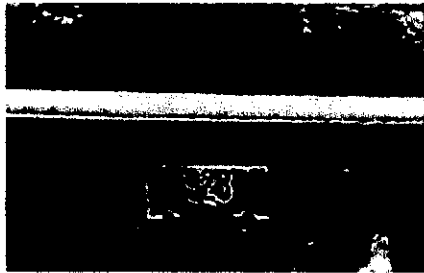
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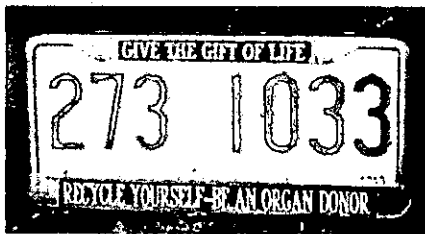












Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1498

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DATE: January 19, 2010

LOB ROOM: 203

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Nedeau

Seconded by Rep. Ingersoll

Vote: 12-2 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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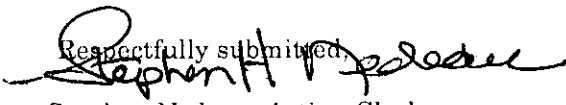
Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Stephen Nedeau, Acting Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1498

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DATE: 1/19/10

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Nedea

Seconded by Rep. Ingersoll

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

12-24-2

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

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Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. ~~C. Pennington~~ Brown, Clerk

TRANSPORTATION

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Motion: I.T.L. Amendment #: _____

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Williams, Robert W, Chairman	✓	
O'Brien, Michael B, V Chairman	✓	
Brown, Jennifer M	NOT PRESENT	
Brown, C. Pennington, Clerk	NOT PRESENT	
Ingersoll, Paul H	✓	
Hebert, Roger G	NOT PRESENT	
LaPlante, Roland H	NOT PRESENT	
Rhodes, Brian D	✓	
Rokas, Theodoros V	✓	
Soucy, Timothy A	✓	
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1498 RECOMMITED

BILL TITLE: relative to obscured figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles.

DATE: February 2, 2010

LOB ROOM: 203

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. O'Brien OLS Document #: 2010 0393h

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, (TL) Interim Study (Please circle one.) Amendment 2010-0393h

Moved by Rep. Hinch

Seconded by Rep. Rokas

Vote: voice unanimous (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, (TL) Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Hinch

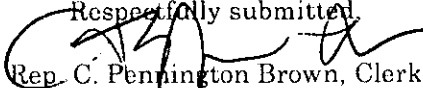
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Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: Rokas
Nedeau, 2nd

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.) Voice

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Respectfully submitted,

Rep. C. Pennington Brown, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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Moved by Rep. ~~Ingersoll~~ Hindch #3.
Seconded by Rep. Rokas
Vote: Voice ^{unanimous} (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, TTL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Hindch
Seconded by Rep. Rokas
Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

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Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. C. Pennington Brown, Clerk

TRANSPORTATION

Bill #: HB 1498 Title: Relative to obscured figure or letter on # plates

PH Date: 1/1/

Exec Session Date: 2, 2, 10

Motion: ITL

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Williams, Robert W, Chairman	X	
O'Brien, Michael B, V Chairman	X	
Brown, Jennifer M	—	
Brown, C. Pennington, Clerk	X	
Ingersoll, Paul H	X	
Hebert, Roger G	X	
LaPlante, Roland H	—	
Rhodes, Brian D	X	
Rokas, Theodoros V	X	
Soucy, Timothy A	X	
Stuart, Richard T	X	
Nedeau, Stephen H	X	
Katsakiores, George N	—	
Flanders, John W	X	
Veazey, John A	—	
Coffey, Jennifer R	X	
Hikel, John A	X	
Hinch, Richard W	X	
Umberger, Karen C	X	

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Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

January 20, 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on TRANSPORTATION to which was referred HB1498,

AN ACT relative to obscured figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles. Having considered the same, report the same with the following Resolution: **RESOLVED**, That it is **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**.

Rep. Stephen H Nedeau

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	TRANSPORTATION
Bill Number:	HB1498
Title:	relative to obscured figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles.
Date:	January 20, 2010
Consent Calendar:	NO
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The present law prohibits knowingly obscuring or permitting to be obscured the figures or letters on any number plate. The transportation committee feels current law is enough and we should let the present law stand. RSA 261:61 the fine for a violation of this section shall be \$150.00.

Vote 12-2.

Rep. Stephen H Nedeau
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

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Blurb

HB 1498 relative to obscured figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles.

Regular Calendar ITL

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Rep. Stephen Nedeau
for the committee



COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: TRANSPORTATION

BILL NUMBER: HB 1498

TITLE: relative to obscured figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles.

DATE: 11/19/10 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
- OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No. _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

The present law prohibits knowingly obscuring or permitting to be obscured the figures of letters on any number plate. The Transportation Committee feels current law is enough and we should let the present law ^{is} ~~stand~~ _{stand} fine. RSA 261:61 THE FINE FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE \$150.00

Rule

COMMITTEE VOTE: 12 - 2

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. Stephen H. Mademan
For the Committee

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 3, 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on TRANSPORTATION to which was referred HB1498,

AN ACT relative to obscured figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles. Having considered the same, report the same with the following Resolution: **RESOLVED**, That it is **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**.

Rep. Richard W Hinch

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	TRANSPORTATION
Bill Number:	HB1498
Title:	relative to obscured figures or letters on number plates attached to motor vehicles.
Date:	February 3, 2010
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The present law prohibits knowingly obscuring or permitting to be obscured the figures or letters on any number plate. The committee was unanimous in its belief that we should let the present law stand. RSA 261:61 sets the fine for a violation of this section at \$150.

Vote 15-0.

Rep. Richard W Hinch
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION

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INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

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Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

Blurb

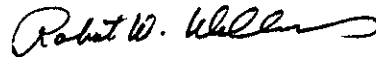
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Consent Calendar ITL

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15-0

Rep. Richard Hinch
for the committee



COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: _____

BILL NUMBER: HB1498

TITLE: Rel. to Obscured Figures, et al

DATE: 2/2/10

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
- OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No. _____

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 15-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Rep. Richard W. Hinch

For the Committee