

Bill as Introduced

HB 271-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

2011 SESSION

11-0010
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HOUSE BILL ***271-FN-A***

AN ACT establishing number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers.

SPONSORS: Rep. Jennifer Coffey, Merr 6; Rep. Hikel, Hills 7; Rep. Rhodes, Hills 22

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers.

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

- 1 1 New Section; Number Plates for Firefighters and Emergency Medical Care Providers. Amend
2 RSA 261 by inserting after section 91-a the following new section:
3 261:91-b Number Plates for Firefighters and Emergency Medical Care Providers. The director
4 shall design and issue special number plates to be affixed to the personal vehicles of certified
5 firefighters and licensed emergency medical care providers. The plates shall include a rendering of
6 the Maltese cross with a caduceus. The plates shall retain the "live free or die" logo. Such plates
7 shall be issued only upon application and upon payment of a \$60 fee that shall be in addition to the
8 regular motor vehicle registration fee and any other number plate fees otherwise required. Plates
9 shall be renewed on an annual basis for \$60 per set. For each original and renewal fee collected
10 under this section, the department shall forward \$36 to the fire standards and training and
11 emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d and shall forward the remainder,
12 after any amount necessary to recover production and administrative costs associated with the
13 plates, to the highway fund. Each application by a firefighter for issuance or renewal of number
14 plates under this section shall include a letter from the applicant's fire chief verifying his or her
15 status as a certified firefighter. Each application by an emergency medical care provider for issuance
16 or renewal of number plates under this section shall include verification that the applicant holds a
17 valid National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians license. No vehicle shall be granted
18 access to an emergency scene solely because the vehicle bears number plates issued under this
19 section.
20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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HB 271-FN-A - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT establishing number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Safety states this bill will increase state restricted revenues by \$88,500 in FY 2012 and each year thereafter; increase state restricted expenditures by \$112,655 in FY 2012 and \$9,803 in FY 2013 and each year thereafter; and increase local revenues by \$4,248 in FY 2013 and each year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on county and local expenditures or county revenues.

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers. The Department of Safety states there are approximately 1,400 certified firefighters and 4,500 licensed emergency medical care providers that would be eligible to purchase these plates. Although the Department is unable to accurately predict the number of persons who would actually purchase these plates, for purposes of estimating the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation, the Department estimates 25% of the eligible population, or 1,475 pairs of plates would be issued and that one plate type would cover both firefighters and licensed emergency medical care providers.

The proposed legislation requires payment of \$60 per pair of plates and an annual renewal fee of \$60. For each fee collected, the Department shall forward \$36 (60%) to the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund with the remaining \$24 (40%) being forwarded to the highway fund. This results in a total estimated increase of state restricted revenue of \$88,500 in FY 2012 and each year thereafter, of which \$53,100 would be allocated to the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund and \$35,400 would be allocated to the highway fund.

The Department notes that, pursuant to RSA 235:23, 12% of the revenue described above would be allocated to local highway aid in the following fiscal year. Consequently, the Department estimates that the proposed legislation would increase local revenues by \$4,248 in FY 2013 and each year thereafter.

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The Department states the costs associated with the initial production of the plates, which would be borne by the highway fund, and would be incurred in FY 2012 consists of:

612 hours of consultant work for programming changes	\$107,100
1 Roll of sheeting	\$ 2,000
1,475 pairs of plates mailed at \$2.41 per pair	<u>\$ 3,555</u>
Total FY 2012 Expenditures	\$112,655

In FY 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter, highway fund expenditures would increase by the costs of sheeting and mailing as well as the allocation of 12% of the highway fund revenue to localities as required by RSA 235:23. This results in an estimated increase in highway fund expenditures of \$9,803 in FY 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter.

The proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund expenditures.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 271 FNA

BILL TITLE: Establishing number plates for firefighters and Emergency Medical care providers

DATE: 02/01/11

LOB ROOM: 203

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:45 am

Time Adjourned: 11:10 am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Packard, Hikel, Hinch, Tholl, Coughlin, Dwinell, Hogan, Jones, Lindsley, Marcus, Reed, Scotsas, Rhodes, Williams, Cloutier, Clagnon and Hawkes.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Coffey, Merr6; Ref. Hikel, Hills 7; Rep. Rhodes, Hills 22

TESTIMONY

*Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep COFFEY introduces bill. It is a matter of pride and self pride. She is an EMT. Chief complaints in the past was loosing the identify of NH plates, Need for 1 amendment. Change the word license to certification.

if generic plate bill would pass do you still want to go forward with this bill (Rep. Packard) Yes this is a matter of professional and personal pride. questions on number of firefighters certified or non certified. All EMTS require Certification. Possible need to strike Certification from bill.

Rep. SIMARD supports the bill but is concerned about the \$60 fee. Possibly impacting taxpayers. Concerned about the symbols on the plate. are both the cross and the medical symbol going to be on the pate no matter which, profession is using the plate.

Kevin OBRIEN Chief of policy and planning for Dept. of Safety. Opposes. cost is very expensive (\$100,000). Questions how many persons would sign up for plates due to possibly putting the families in danger because of persons who have issues. Questions about reducing costs.

Kathleen Mulchael-Hayes NH DOT objects to using highway funds to produce the plates

Respectfully submitted,


John F. Tholl Jr.
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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 271-FN-A

BILL TITLE: establishing number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers.

DATE: March 2, 2011

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. Scentsas

Seconded by Rep. Tholl

Vote: 13-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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: 13-0

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John Tholl, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 271-FN-A

BILL TITLE: establishing number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers.

DATE: 3-2-11

LOB ROOM: 203

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. 9 OLS Document #:

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

Moved by Rep. SCONTAS

Seconded by Rep. Tholl

Vote: 13-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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: 13-0

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John Tholl, Clerk

TRANSPORTATION

Bill #: HB 271-FW-A Title: establishing number plates for firefighters & emergency medicalPH Date: 2 / 1 / 11Exec Session Date: 3 / 2 / 11Motion: ITL

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Packard, Sherman A, Chairman	✓	
Hikel, John A, V Chairman	✓	
Hinch, Richard W	✓	
Tholl, John E	✓	
Coughlin, Sean E	✓	
Dwinell, Richard J	✓	
Hogan, Timothy		
Jones, Kyle D	✓	
Lindsley, Mark H	✓	
Marcus, Bruce		
Reed, Michael T		
Scotsas, Lisa E	✓	
Rhodes, Brian D		
Williams, Robert W	✓	
Cloutier, John R	✓	
Gagnon, Raymond G	✓	
Hawkes, Samuel L	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	13-0	

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 3, 2011

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on TRANSPORTATION to which was referred HB271-FN-A,

AN ACT establishing number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers. Having considered the same, report the same with the following

Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Lisa E Scontsas

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	TRANSPORTATION
Bill Number:	HB271-FN-A
Title:	establishing number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers.
Date:	March 3, 2011
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill will be covered under the multi-plate bill and is not necessary.

Vote 13-0.

Rep. Lisa E Scontsas
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION

HB271-FN-A, establishing number plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Lisa E Scantsas for TRANSPORTATION. This bill will be covered under the multi-plate bill and is not necessary. **Vote 13-0.**

Blurbs

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ITL 13-0 CC

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Rep. Scontsas

J.P.

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Transportation

BILL NUMBER: HB 271-FN-A

TITLE: establishing number of plates for ^{fire} trucks & emergency medical care providers.

DATE: 3-2-11 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:

This bill ^{would be} covered under the Multi-Plate Bill and is not necessary.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 13-0

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Rep. [Signature]
For the Committee