

# Bill as Introduced

HB 1447 - AS INTRODUCED

File

2012 SESSION

12-2264  
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HOUSE BILL **1447**

AN ACT relative to motorcycle number plates.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ward, Rock 13; Rep. Abrami, Rock 13; Rep. Copeland, Rock 13;  
Rep. Peckham, Rock 13

COMMITTEE: Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires that motorcycle number plates bear the "Live Free or Die" motto.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                   relative to motorcycle number plates.

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

1           1 Number plates. Amend RSA 261:75, I to read as follows:

2           II. Every vehicle driven in or on any way in this state, if required to be registered hereunder,  
3 shall have displayed conspicuously thereon a number plate or plates to be furnished by the  
4 department, together with any current validation sticker issued by the department and which has a  
5 changeable designation of their effective period. The director may make special rules relative to the  
6 number of plates, the location of said plate or plates on the vehicle, and the material and design  
7 thereof, provided, however, that number plates for passenger vehicles *or motorcycles* shall have the  
8 state motto "Live Free or Die" written thereon. The plate shall be kept clean.

9           2 Implementation. Number plates for motorcycles issued after the effective date of this act shall  
10 bear the "Live Free or Die" motto in the location where the word "motorcycle" had previously  
11 appeared.

12           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

# Speakers



# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1447

**BILL TITLE:** relative to motorcycle number plates.  
**DATE:** January 31, 2012  
**LOB ROOM:** 203      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:11 a.m.  
**Time Adjourned:** 10:15 a.m.

(please circle if present)

**Committee Members:** Reps. Packard, Hikel, Hinch, Tholl, Coughlin, Dwinell, Hogan, Jones, Lindsley, Marcus, Reed, Scontsas, Laware, Rhodes, Williams, Cloutier, Gagnon and Hawkes.

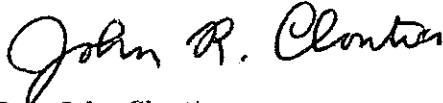
**Bill Sponsors:** Rep. Ward, Rock 13; Rep. Abrami, Rock 13; Rep. Copeland, Rock 13; Rep. Peckham, Rock 13

TESTIMONY

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

**Rep. Ward**, prime sponsor. Supports. Explained the purpose of introducing the bill which she stated was to correct an omission that happened when the original law mandating the state motto "Live Free or Die" was passed. The chair confirmed prime sponsor's statement.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. John Cloutier,  
Acting Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1447

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DATE: 1-31-12

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TESTIMONY

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1. Y: Rep. Joanne Ward, prime sponsor  
Explained the purpose  
of introducing the bill which she  
stated was to correct an omission  
that happened when the original  
law mandating the state motto "Eure  
Tree or Die" was passed. The  
chair confirmed prime sponsor's  
statement

Hearing ended at 10:15 am

# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1447

**BILL TITLE:** relative to motorcycle number plates.

**DATE:** February 7, 2012

**LOB ROOM:** 203

**Amendments:**

Sponsor: Rep.

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

Moved by Rep. Williams

Seconded by Rep. Hinch

Vote: 14-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

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

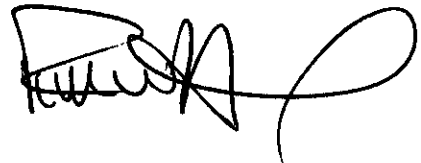
**CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:** unanimous Cloutier/Jones

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

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard W. Hinch, Clerk



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1447

BILL TITLE: relative to motorcycle number plates.

DATE: 2-7-12

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. Williams

Seconded by Rep. Hinch

Vote: 14-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

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

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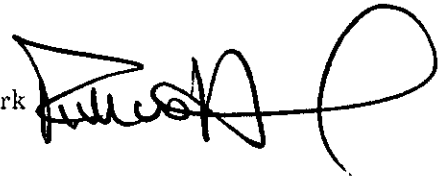
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Cloutier  
Sones

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# Committee Report

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**February 8, 2012**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

The Committee on TRANSPORTATION to which was referred HB1447,

AN ACT relative to motorcycle number plates. Having considered the same, report the same with the following

Resolution: **RESOLVED**, That it is **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**.

**Rep. Robert W Williams**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	TRANSPORTATION
Bill Number:	HB1447
Title:	relative to motorcycle number plates.
Date:	February 8, 2012
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill requires that motorcycle number plates bear the "Live Free or Die" motto. The committee concluded that this bill was unnecessary. The Department of Safety is following current law which makes it mandatory that all passenger plates are to bear the motto. They are prepared, when there is the need for a new issue of motorcycle plates, to make them with "Live Free or Die" taking the place of the word "Motorcycle" on the current plate. The bill, if passed, would be an unneeded expense as it would require making new plates before the current inventory of plates is depleted.

Vote 14-0.

Rep. Robert W Williams  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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Cc: Committee Bill File



## CONSENT CALENDAR

### TRANSPORTATION

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Blurb

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ITL CC 14-0

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Respectfully submitted,  
Rep. Williams

For the committee

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

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*Robert W. Williams*

*SP*