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HB 635 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

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06/03

HOUSE BILL

635

AN ACT establishing a committee to study state rest areas.

SPONSORS: Rep. Patten, Merr 17; Rep. Burns, Merr 2

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the staffing of currently closed state rest areas.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study state rest areas.

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

- 1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the staffing of currently
2 closed rest areas.
- 3 2 Membership and Compensation.
- 4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:
- 5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
6 house of representatives.
- 7 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- 8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.
- 10 3 Duties. The committee shall study state rest areas that are currently closed to determine
11 whether they could be opened and staffed by volunteers and civic organizations.
- 12 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
13 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
14 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
15 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 16 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
17 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
18 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013.
- 19 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Amendments

Rep. Ramsey, Hills. 8
Rep. Chandler, Carr. 1
March 6, 2013
2013-0787h
06/10

Amendment to HB 635

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study state rest areas and relative to the solicitation
4 of requests for proposals for the naming rights to rest areas.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 5 with the following:

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8 6 New Paragraph; Rest Areas; Requests for Proposals. Amend RSA 12-A:43-b by inserting after
9 paragraph II the following new paragraph:

10 III. The department of resources and economic development and the department of
11 transportation may solicit requests for proposals to sponsor or purchase naming rights to any
12 New Hampshire rest area. Any proceeds from this section shall be used to operate existing rest
13 areas. All results of such requests for proposals shall be submitted to the long range capital
14 planning and utilization committee established in RSA 17-M:1 for approval.

15 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2013-0787h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Establishes a committee to study the staffing of currently closed state rest areas.
- II. Permits the department of resources and economic development and the department of transportation to solicit requests for proposals to sponsor or purchase naming rights to rest areas.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 635

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study state rest areas.

DATE: February 12, 2013

LOB ROOM: 201 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:30 am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Campbell, Cloutier, Ramsey, M. Mann, Irwin, Hammon, Higgins, Jack, Ebel, Piper, Ratzki, Graham, E. Tilton, G. Chandler, McConkey, Gionet, Friel, Kolodziej, Waterhouse and Milz.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Patten, Merr 17; Rep. Burns, Merr 2

TESTIMONY

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Rep. Richard Patten, prime sponsor, drove along Route 4 for many years. He is concerned that the Epsom rest area is overgrown. There is a similar situation on Route 25. When he calls the DOT he never reaches the person who can fix the problem. He believes there are four closed but if more he is interested in all whether closed permanently or temporarily. He is also chair of the NH grange and each year they take on a public service project. One grange took on the on the site on Route 2 and wrote letters to all authorities to no avail.

These are important outlets for those traveling long distance. They need the opportunity to stop, walk, walk their dog, give their kids a break, rest, etc. There are really no areas between Portsmouth and Concord, or even the VT border for this to take place. James Park in Epsom has been fenced off and is in shambles.

Need to do something. What? Adopt a highway? Ask churches and towns along the route? Find volunteers such as the Grange, Masons, Eagles, AL, garden clubs, etc? They could mow the grass and rake the leaves. Some have wetlands behind them. There maybe groups could put out bird feeders. Perhaps we could sell local NH crafts. A committee could investigate the pros and cons of volunteer groups opening them up. People liked to be asked to do something for their community. It won't hurt to ask.

The DOT would probably oversee the volunteers.

Jennifer Colispoti of DRED atated that Antrim, Rumney and Epsom are permanently closed. Shelburne, Lebanon, Littleton and Colbrook are temporarily closed. The temporarily closed are open from May to October. The centers were transferred two years ago from DOT to DRED as thought DRED could do more with tourist attraction. DOT still owns buildings so sort of a partnership. The permanently closed are still with DOT. Finances: funding comes to DOT through highway fund to manage current centers, just enough to mange what currently doing. They could not take on more. DRED does not supplement with any funds. They do have to cut off access as area is not watched by anyone so need to insure no illicit activities. She will provide a copy of their budget and a study done

in 2010 regarding centers. DRED does use volunteers in their other divisions so would have to discuss use in this situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mann

Rep. Maureen Mann,
Clerk

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Testimony

WIC Deferred Maintenance Assessment - January 18, 2012

Facility Name	Identified Major Issues	Approximate Cost
Colebrook	Consistent clear signage	\$4,000.00
	Repair or replace picnic tables	\$2,500.00
	Re-key door locks	\$2,000.00
	Update brochure rack system	\$1,200.00
	Doors and other surfaces need restaining	\$3,000.00
	Total	\$12,700.00
Shelburne	Update brochure rack system	\$1,200.00
	Paint shutters	\$3,000.00
	Parking lot striping	\$650.00
	Landscaping	\$5,000.00
	Repair or replace picnic tables	\$2,200.00
	Broken tiles	\$3,500.00
	Bare wires on electric pole	\$3,000.00
Total	\$18,550.00	
Littleton	Update brochure rack system	\$1,200.00
	Parking lot striping	\$1,850.00
	Repair or replace picnic tables	\$1,650.00
	Paint building	\$14,000.00
	Tiling needs regrouting	\$3,500.00
	Total	\$22,200.00
Lebanon	Several pay phones do not work	\$500.00
	Update brochure rack system	\$1,200.00
	Parking lot striping	\$2,000.00
	Repair or replace picnic tables	\$4,150.00
	Tile repair	\$3,500.00
Total	\$11,350.00	
Springfield	Parking lot striping	\$2,100.00
	Bathroom painting	\$6,000.00
	Repair or replace picnic tables	\$1,950.00
	Building paint	\$14,000.00
	Repair or replace benches	\$6,800.00
	Replace septic alarm control panel	\$5,000.00
Total	\$35,850.00	
Sutton	Consistent clear signage	\$4,000.00
	Update brochure rack system	\$1,200.00
	Water leak in bathroom	\$2,500.00
	Water bubbler out of order	\$400.00

Facility Name	Identified Major Issues	Approximate Cost
	Paint building	\$6,500.00
	Total	\$14,600.00
N. Conway		
	Some lighting needs scaffolding	\$1,500.00
	Repair/replace railing	\$1,200.00
	Total	\$2,700.00
Sanbornton		
	Consistent clear signage	\$4,000.00
	Sidewalks paved	\$46,000.00
	Update brochure rack system	\$1,200.00
	Paint building	\$14,000.00
	repair or replace picnic tables	\$1,400.00
	Total	\$66,600.00
Canterbury		
	Repair or replace picnic tables	\$4,400.00
	Consistent clear signage	\$4,000.00
	Update brochure rack system	\$1,200.00
	Entry way paneling and paint	\$2,500.00
	Total	\$12,100.00
Hooksett North		
	Update ski report board	\$6,000.00
	Vending area needs repair	\$10,000.00
	Counter is worn	\$2,500.00
	Floors worn and chipped	\$8,500.00
	Total	\$27,000.00
Hooksett South		
	Vending area needs repair	\$10,000.00
	Counter is worn	\$2,500.00
	Floors worn and chipped	\$8,500.00
	Total	\$21,000.00
Salem		
	Window sills	\$4,000.00
	repair or replace picnic tables	\$7,150.00
	Total	\$11,150.00
Seabrook		
	Update outside kiosk	\$6,000.00
	Repair outbuildings	\$25,000.00
	Parking lot striping	\$8,400.00
	Total	\$39,400.00
	Grand Total	\$295,200.00

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 635

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study state rest areas.

DATE: March 7, 2013

LOB ROOM: 201

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. Ramsey/Chandler OLS Document #: 2013 0787h

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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

Moved by Rep. Graham

Seconded by Rep. Ramsey

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

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

Moved by Rep. Ramsey

Seconded by Rep. Chandler

Vote: 14-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: yes 15-0

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Maureen R. Mann, Clerk

Maureen Mann

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 635

Richard

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study state rest areas.

DATE: 3/2/13

LOB ROOM: 201

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. *Ramsey/Chandler* OLS Document #: *2013-0787*
 Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:
 Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions:

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

Moved by Rep. *Graham*

Seconded by Rep. *Ramsey*

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

Motions:

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

Moved by Rep. *Ramsey*

Seconded by Rep. *Chandler*

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

14-1

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: *yes 15-0*

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Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

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2013 SESSION

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Bill #: HB 635 Title: establishing a committee to study state rest areas
PH Date: 2, 12, 13 Exec Session Date: 3, 7, 13
Motion: OTR/A Amendment #: 2013 - 0187

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Campbell, David B, Chairman	✓	
Cloutier, John R, V Chairman	✓	
Ramsey, Peter E	✓	
Mann, Maureen R, Clerk	✓	
Irwin, Virginia	✓	✓
Ebel, Karen E	✓	
Hammon, Marcia	✓	
Higgins, Patricia C	✓	
Jack, Martin L	✓	
Piper, Wendy A		
Ratzki, Mario F	✓	
Graham, John A	✓	
Chandler, Gene G,	✓	
Gionet, Edmond D		
McConkey, Mark E		
Waterhouse, Kevin K,	✓	
Tilton, Franklin T	✓	
Kolodziej, Walter	✓	
Friel, William G		
Milz, David E		
TOTAL VOTE:	14-1	

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 7, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS to which was referred HB635,

AN ACT establishing a committee to study state rest areas. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Peter E Ramsey

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
Bill Number:	HB635
Title:	establishing a committee to study state rest areas.
Date:	March 7, 2013
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee felt strongly that our state rest areas have a critical mission to encourage and service the state's tourism industry. The operation of the rest areas has been by previous legislation, turned over to DRED, yet the ownership of the rest areas remains with DOT and the Turnpike System. A study committee is necessary to reconcile this transition and to prioritize which rest areas should be reopened. (Currently, four are closed due to lack of funding.) The amendment addresses the funding issue by enabling DRED and DOT to solicit proposals for sponsors or purchase of the naming rights for New Hampshire rest areas, which would require approval of the long range capital planning and utilization committee. Any proceeds would be used to operate existing rest areas.

Vote 14-1.

Rep. Peter E Ramsey
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

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Blurbs

Public Works & Highways

HB 635 establishing a committee to study state rest areas.

OTPW/A #0787h

14-1

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Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Peter Ramsey,
For the Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Ramsey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works & Highways

BILL NUMBER: HB 635

TITLE: establishing a committee to study state rest areas.

DATE: 3/7/13 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.
<u>0787</u>

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 14-1

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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

Rep. Peter Ramsey For the Committee

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Peter Ramsey

→ The amendment addresses the funding issue by ~~authorizing~~ ^{enabling} DDED and DOT to solicit proposals for sponsors or purchase of the naming rights to ~~the~~ NH rest areas, ~~any~~ which would require approval of the the long range capital planning & utilization committee. ~~Any~~ Any proceeds would be used to operate existing rest areas.