

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 14, 2019

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Transportation to
which was referred HB 395,

AN ACT relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

Having considered the same, report the same with the

following resolution: **RESOLVED**, that it is

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Laura Telerski

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk

Cc: Committee Bill File

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Transportation
Bill Number:	HB 395
Title:	relative to number plates for motor vehicles.
Date:	February 14, 2019
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 13-7.

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Transportation

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 395

TITLE: relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

DATE: 2.5.19 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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ⁱⁿ Front ~~car~~
Readers on many toll booths.
Amber Alerts

COMMITTEE VOTE: 13-7

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Rep. L. P. [Signature]
Laura Telerski For the Committee

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

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**Having considered the same, and being unable to agree
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Rep. Steven Smith

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

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Rep. Steven Smith
FOR THE MINORITY

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Maffucci, Dianna

From: Sykes, George
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 4:09 PM
To: Maffucci, Dianna; Smith, Steven
Subject: Fwd: [Tiny Scanner] Doc Feb 05, 2019, 14:58

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Can you help us fix it?

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Representative Steven Smith

**Senior Republican Advisor, NH House
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On Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 5:29 PM Sykes, George <George.Sykes@leg.state.nh.us> wrote:
Here you go.

MINORITY REPORT

COMMITTEE: Transportation

BILL NUMBER: 395

TITLE: Number Plates For motor vehicles

DATE: 2.5.2019 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. _____

(see attached)

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

The primary opposition ^{requiring only a rear plate} to this bill is that it is a safety issue. We have asked the department of safety for years to provide examples from Vermont or any other state that went to one plate. [They have failed to do so.] Many cars are not manufactured with a front plate bracket. By requiring a front plate, dealers are forced to destroy the bumper cover by drilling holes into it. On some vehicles, cooling openings are obstructed by the (cover)

COMMITTEE VOTE: 13-7

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Rep. Steven Smith
For the Minority

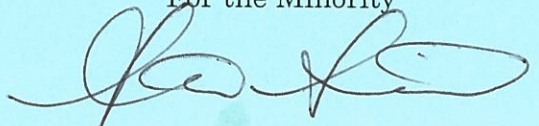


plate damaging the engine. On ~~high~~
some high end cars, this cannot be done.

NH municipalities under current law are permitted to issue commemorative front plate celebrating 250th anniversaries. This practice has gone on for years and not one safety issue related to this was brought up.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 395

BILL TITLE: relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

DATE: February 5, 2019

LOB ROOM: 203

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Telerski

Seconded by Rep. Klein

Vote: 13-7

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,



Rep Laura Telerski, Clerk

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Report

2019 SESSION

Transportation

Bill #: HB 395 Motion: FTL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2-5-2019

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Sykes, George E. Chairman	13		
O'Brien, Michael B. Vice Chairman	1		
Cleaver, Skip J.	2		
Conley, Casey M. - Davis	3		
St. Clair, Charlie G.		1	
Fenton, Donovan W.	4		
Vail, Suzanne M.	5		
Klein-Knight, Nicole	6		
Pickering, Daniel R.	7		
Rich, Cecilia	8		
Telerski, Laura D. Clerk	9		
Packard, Sherman A.		2	
Smith, Steven D.		3	
Gagne, Larry G.	10		
Chirichiello, Brian K.	11		
Walsh, Thomas C.		4	
Crawford, Karel A.	12		
Laware, Thomas W.		5	
True, Chris		6	
Torosian, Peter E.		7	
TOTAL VOTE:	13	7	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 395

BILL TITLE: relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

DATE: January 29, 2019

LOB ROOM: 203

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 11:27 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:55 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Sykes, O'Brien, Telerski, Cleaver, Conley, St. Clair, Vail, Klein, Pickering, Rich, Packard, Steven Smith, Gagne, Chirichiello, Walsh, Crawford, Laware and True

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Prout

Rep. Conley

Rep. Torosian

Rep. Warden

Rep. A. Lekas

Rep. T. Lekas

TESTIMONY

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

1. *Rep. Andrew Proust – prime sponsor. No front plate, better mileage, less cost. Car enthusiasts prefer not to drill into front bumper. 19 other states already have rear plate only law. 7 states don't require it for certain plate types. Bill would allow two plates if desired. *Written testimony (Amendment A & B)
2. Major John Encarnacio, NH State Police – opposes bill. Countless crimes that have been identified by front plate by both police and public. Only true reason to have plates is to identify the car in case of crime. Front plate is critical in many cases.
3. Rep. Alicia Lekas – co sponsor for fuel efficiency. Front plate adds drag, etc. 3-5% efficiency.
4. William Cass, DOT – oppose. Concerns are for capturing plates for EZ Pass toll collection. 60% of captured images are front plates, getting images of front and back are important for accuracy. Back is often obscured due to trailers, bikes, etc. Will provide information on how many tolls go uncollected due to no front plate.
5. Chris Ialuna, DMV – bureau chief of registration bureau. Not taking a position, but has same concerns law enforcement has. Both plates would still have to be manufactured not knowing if the owner would want one or two – so no cost reduction on manufacturing. Over 20k vehicles in state are considered antique.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Laura D. Telerski,
Clerk

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Testimony

A

Representative Andrew Prout
6 Raven Drive, Hudson, NH 03051

House Transportation Committee
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

January 29th, 2019
Re: Written testimony in support of HB395

To the honorable members of the committee,

This bill will eliminate the requirement for a passenger vehicle to display a front license plate.

The mounting of a front license plate can have a significant effect on the value of certain vehicles. This is especially true with collectable cars, higher end sports cars, and imported vehicles that may not have been designed for a North American shaped license plate. The amount of resale value lost can often exceed the amount of the fine for failure to mount the front plate, even repeated offenses.

Enforcement of this requirement is already problematic. To stop and cite a driver for not having a front license plate, an officer must identify that the vehicle is not from another jurisdiction without a front plate requirement and does not have a New Hampshire plate type that is rear-only (for example, the 20 and 60 day temporary plates).

HB1154 in 2016 enabled the use of automated License Plate Readers (LPRs) technology. That law mitigates the effect that no front license plate may have on law enforcement, as equipped officers will still be able to identify vehicles at a greater distance and with a shorter window of opportunity to view the plate than previous manual methods.

Vehicles with only rear license plates are already on our roads. 19 states and 9 (out of 13) of the Canadian provinces/territories do not require front license plates. 7 additional states have exemptions for certain vehicle types or categories. Our neighbor Vermont recently effectively repealed the requirement to have a unique front license that is useful for identification, first temporarily in 2012 but was then made permanent in 2016. [1]

Additionally, car manufacturers have been seeking to optimize the aerodynamic profile of their vehicles to maximize the fuel efficiency in the face of more stringent EPA guidelines. Ford vehicle engineering manager Jeff Lewis speaking about the EPA MPG rating on Ford trucks is quoted as saying "We get fuel economy 1/100th at a time, and we work really hard, looking at all the details, to get those hundredths." [2] A custom car hobbyist in Oregon attempting to achieve a 100 MPG vehicle provided more detailed information on the front plate's affect on his project, claiming that it reduced his fuel efficiency by 3-5% depending on the mounting angle. [3] This bill could have a positive environmental impact by reducing the emissions of vehicles.

This bill would, over time, reduce the number of new license plates manufactured and would allow a cost savings to the taxpayer who will not have to purchase front plates from the state.

Front license plates on passenger vehicles are unnecessary, harm the environment, damage the resale value of cars, are costly to taxpayers, and the lack of them will not significantly hinder law enforcement goals. I ask that you vote in favor of an ought to pass recommendation.

Representative Andrew Prout
Prime Sponsor, HB395

References:

1. "One License Plate vs. Two in New Hampshire: An evidence-based fact sheet for a single license plate requirement", fact sheet compiled by a traffic engineering graduate student for 2018-HB1628. Available at <http://andrewprout.com/HB1628/Rear-Only-Plates-for-NH.pdf>
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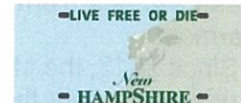
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One License Plate vs. Two in New Hampshire

An evidence-based fact sheet for a single license plate requirement



HB 1628

This bill provides that a passenger vehicle with an E-Z Pass transponder with an active account shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle, the standard already followed by 40% of other states¹.

Summary

Law enforcement and toll systems in New Hampshire are already designed to accommodate vehicles without front license plates². Visitors to NH are already using our roads without consequence.

Current policy in NH does not value front license plates. Unlike rear license plates, front license plates are not required on certain vehicles (such as new purchases and motorcycles), nor are they required to be illuminated, acknowledging through policy that their use is not as valued³.

Eliminating the front license plate would also prevent people from avoiding detection of unregistered vehicles by splitting plate pairs on two vehicles¹.

Existing Laws

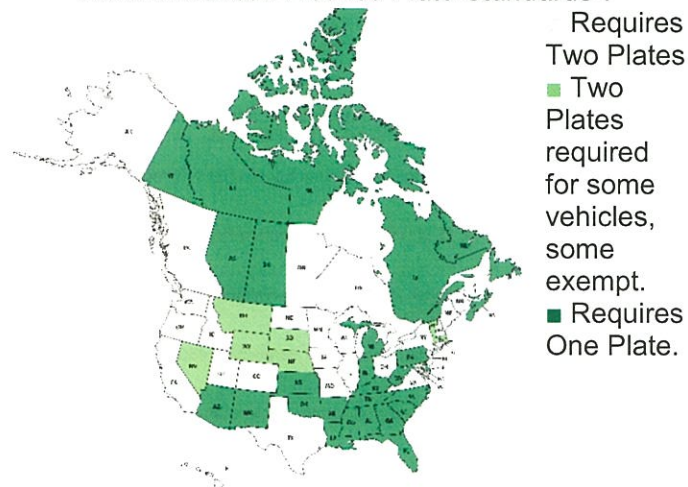
Title XXI - Motor Vehicles

Chapter 261 - Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles

Section 261:75 - Number Plates⁴

II. "Every vehicle driven in or on any way in this state, if required to be registered hereunder, shall have displayed conspicuously thereon a number plate or plates to be furnished by the department, together with any current validation sticker issued by the department and which has a changeable designation of their effective period...."

North American License Plate Standards⁵:



Evidence

Safety, Fraud, and Auto. License Plate Readers

There is currently no study that indicates that front plates lead to a decrease in crime, any change in safety, or an increase in police efficacy. Also, the most online information attempting to suggest otherwise is both uncited and published by lobbyists for major license plate manufacturer 3M⁶.

It is estimated that an individual officer can read and identify 10-40 plates during an eight-hour shift while a patrol car equipped with Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology can identify approximately 10,000 vehicle plates during that same shift¹.

With the recent passing of automatic license plate readers in the State of New Hampshire (House Bill 1154-FN, approved May 19, 2016)⁷, the use of front license plates has become even less relevant than before.

According to a 2012 report done by Texas A&M Transportation Institute, a two license plate system increase of possibility of vehicular fraud secondary to the lax law enforcement that allows one to take one pair of license plates and split them between two vehicles¹.

Taxpayer Savings

A change to a single license plate system 50% reduction in aluminum and other materials used to produce license plates, as well as reduction in the negative impact of aerodynamic design of millions of vehicles⁸.

The cost savings over time to a switch to a one plate requirement would be substantial over time. As a comparison, the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget estimated switching to a single plate requirement in Virginia would result in a state government savings of \$2.3 million per year⁹. The implementation cost of the measure was estimated at a relatively paltry \$13,000 in one-time costs.

Tolls

A recent \$7.2 million E-ZPass system upgrade to the cameras was done in E-ZPass lanes in many parts of New Hampshire². The new toll plaza cameras have brighter LED flashes and are aimed directly at front *and* rear license plates. Because the front and/or rear plate can be captured, rear-only plates are acceptable in New Hampshire and no further modifications to toll plaza cameras would have to be made.

Case Studies from Other States:

Vermont

Since 2012, the state of Vermont has allowed drivers to cover their (otherwise required) front license plate with a non-unique "Vermont Strong" license plate cover thereby removing the utility of the front license plate entirely. This option was originally intended to be temporary, but was effectively made permanent in 2016¹⁰. Vermont is currently conducting an audit of the costs of front license plates in order to review their required status in the 2018 legislative session.

Indiana

Indiana stopped requiring two license plates in 1943 due to a metal shortage during World War II and has never changed their policy since¹¹. Graig Lubsen, spokesman for the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, which oversees Indiana license plates and registration, said Indiana had required two license plates many years ago, but wouldn't even consider going back to that. "We don't find it [front plates] necessarily beneficial," Lubsen said, "and that it works for customers not to pay for a second license plate."

Kentucky

Lieutenant David Jude, official spokesperson for the Kentucky State Police said that he understands how extra license plates might help police officers track

vehicles¹². However, he said the one plate Kentucky law has not hindered police in his state.

Florida

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) isn't advocating for dual plates¹³. FHP operates under the department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. A spokesperson for the FHP state, "The state believes requiring a single plate is sufficient." States like Florida who support single plates cite the possibility of vehicle fraud, the expense of issuing two plates and aesthetics.

Alberta, Canada

Alberta discontinued the front license plate back in 1992¹⁴. Since then, Amy Hewko, Public Affairs Officer with Service Alberta, said there have been no problems identifying vehicles using only the rear plate. There was no associated rise in motor vehicle crime, and motor vehicle theft has seen the continuation of a longer-term general downward trend.

Car Value

Many passenger vehicles are not equipped to mount license plates to the front of the vehicle, forcing drivers to use other aftermarket modifications such as adhesive strips or drilling holes in the front bumper in order to mount front license plates¹⁵.

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HB 395 - AS INTRODUCED

2019 SESSION

19-0399

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HOUSE BILL **395**

AN ACT relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

SPONSORS: Rep. Prout, Hills. 37; Rep. Conley, Straf. 13; Rep. Torosian, Rock. 14; Rep. Warden, Hills. 15; Rep. A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Rep. T. Lekas, Hills. 37

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a passenger vehicle shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle.

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 Nineteen

AN ACT relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

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

- 1 1 Number Plates. Amend RSA 261:75, II to read as follows:
- 2 II. Every vehicle driven in or on any way in this state, if required to be registered
- 3 hereunder, shall have displayed conspicuously thereon a number plate or plates to be furnished by
- 4 the department, together with any current validation sticker issued by the department and which
- 5 has a changeable designation of their effective period. The director may make special rules relative
- 6 to the number of plates, the location of said plate or plates on the vehicle, and the material and
- 7 design thereof, provided, however, that number plates for passenger vehicles shall have the state
- 8 motto "Live Free or Die" written thereon, *and further provided that a passenger vehicle shall*
- 9 *only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle.* The plate shall be
- 10 kept clean.
- 11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.