
Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 3, 2020

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred HB 1137,

AN ACT relative to the definition of "excessive speeding." Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: **RESOLVED**, that it is **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**.

Rep. Daniel Pickering

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Transportation
Bill Number:	HB 1137
Title:	relative to the definition of "excessive speeding."
Date:	March 3, 2020
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would have changed the definition of "excessive speeding" as found in RSA 259:98-a to "10 miles per hour or more above the speed limit, or 5 miles per hour or more above the speed limit where the speed limit is 70 miles per hour." The committee found this change to be unnecessary and impractical to enforce in a unanimous vote.

Vote 20-0.

Rep. Daniel Pickering
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

Transportation

HB 1137, relative to the definition of "excessive speeding." **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Daniel Pickering for Transportation. This bill would have changed the definition of "excessive speeding" as found in RSA 259:98-a to "10 miles per hour or more above the speed limit, or 5 miles per hour or more above the speed limit where the speed limit is 70 miles per hour." The committee found this change to be unnecessary and impractical to enforce in a unanimous vote. **Vote 20-0.**

Original: House Clerk

Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: TRANSPORTATION

BILL NUMBER: HB 1137

TITLE: relative to definition of "excessive speeding"

DATE: 2/27/20 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 have changed the definition of "Excessive Speeding" as found in RSA 259:98-a to "10 miles per hour or more above the speed limit or "5 miles per hour or more above a speed limit of 70 miles per hour. The committee found this change to be unnecessary and impractical to enforce in a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 20-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rep. Donald A. Pickering
For the Committee

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

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1137

BILL TITLE: relative to the definition of "excessive speeding."

DATE: February 27, 2020

LOB ROOM: 203

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Pickering

Seconded by Rep. Torosian

Vote: 20-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,



Rep Laura Telerski, Clerk



2020 SESSION

Transportation

Bill #: HB 1137 Motion: & TTL AM #: 20-0 Exec Session Date: 2/27/20

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Sykes, George E. Chairman	✓		
O'Brien, Michael B. Vice Chairman	✓		
Cleaver, Skip J.	✓		
Conley, Casey M. <i>Horrigan</i>	✓		
St. Clair, Charlie G.	✓		
Fenton, Donovan W. <i>Cannon</i>	✓		
Vail, Suzanne M. <i>Riel</i>	✓		
Klein-Knight, Nicole	✓		
Pickering, Daniel R.	✓		
Rich, Cecilia	✓		
Felerski, Laura D. Clerk <i>Souty Mackay</i>	✓		
Packard, Sherman A.	✓		
Smith, Steven D.	✓		
Sagne, Larry G.	✓		
Chirichiello, Brian K.	✓		
Valsh, Thomas C.	✓		
Crawford, Karel A. <i>Kevin MacDonald</i>	✓		
aware, Thomas W.	✓		
True, Chris <i>Plett</i>	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	20	0	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1137

BILL TITLE: relative to the definition of "excessive speeding."

DATE: February 18, 2020

LOB ROOM: 203 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:08 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:43 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Sykes, Telerski, Cleaver, Conley, St. Clair, Rich, Gagne, Chirichiello, Crawford, Laware, True and Torosian

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Ulery

TESTIMONY

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

1. Rep Jordan Ulery – prime sponsor. This bill came from discussion and observation in ways and means. Our roads are not designed for high speeds. Absolute max of 70mph in NH. All one needs to do is drive and see that the 70mph is average given speed. High speed is often the cause of crashes, but we don't hear it often enough. This bill speaks to changing the limit for excessive speed which is 15 mph over the limit to 10mph. Agencies need to be more aggressive in enforcement.
2. Bill Lambert, NHDOT – support. Traffic engineer. Recently established a work group to address speed culture we have. Engineering, education and enforcement need to work together to reverse the trend. 30 mph speed limit may be overused in rural village settings. I support raising stigma for speeding. Support concept of the bill. Torosian, what kinds of speeds are our roads designed to handle? 70 for the most part. The S curve in Manchester is an engineering challenge, use warning signs to warn drivers. True, aren't the roads engineered for higher speeds? I'd have to look at original design plans.
3. Captain William Haynes, NH State Police – This is a behavior issue. Nationwide issue. 33-35% of crashes are high speed. Not an infrastructure issue. What we are doing now doesn't work and we need to change behavior. Distractions didn't exist decades ago like now. People think 10-15 over is ok. Sykes, how would this bill treat advisory speed notices, drops in speed for S curve? Would be negligent driving, not for speed. Telerski, this bill just changes the definition for excessive speeding for violations? Yes, this should have a bigger impact for points and brings it to a "serious violation". I think we need to change the point structure also. Crawford, does officer have discretion to write ticket as appropriate? Bill doesn't remove discretion. Officer can write ticket for a lower amount. St. Clair, what is the definition of speed, any amount over? 10 over you will get stopped. St. Clair, you said speed is a problem, is that infraction over the limit by any amount? We look at crashes, and if 30% of crashes is caused by excessive speed, that is the problem. Torosian, is it safe to say that someone who isn't distracted is safer driving a higher speed? It depends, but there is also driving skill, vision, cognitive state, etc. Gagne, I remember "driving to endanger"? There is a reckless driving violation, but lots of variables and is an officer's discretion. Conley, what is the practical reality for excessive speeding? Excessive speeding is a serious violation on record which can add up and could risk suspension. Commercial drivers get

suspended for high speed violations. True, what is the ok amount to be over the limit? I can't answer that.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Telerski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Rep. Laura Telerski,
Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1137

BILL TITLE: relative to the definition of "excessive speeding."

DATE: 2.18.2020

ROOM: 203

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 11:08

Time Adjourned: 11:43

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Sykes, O'Brien, Tolerski, Cleaver, Conley, St. Clair, Fenton, Vail, Klein-Knight, Pickering, Rich, Packard, Steven Smith, Gagne, Chirichiello, Walsh, Crawford, Laware, Fine and Torosian

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Ulery

TESTIMONY

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

Horizontal lines for testimony input.

Bill as Introduced

HB 1137 - AS INTRODUCED

2020 SESSION

20-2134
11/10

HOUSE BILL **1137**

AN ACT relative to the definition of "excessive speeding."

SPONSORS: Rep. Ulery, Hills. 37

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill amends the definition of "excessive speeding" for purposes of the definition of "serious traffic violation" to include traveling at a rate that is 10 miles per hour over the speed limit, or 5 miles per hour over the limit where the speed limit is 70 miles per hour.

.....

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 Twenty

AN ACT relative to the definition of "excessive speeding."

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

1 1 Motor Vehicles; Serious Traffic Violation; Excessive Speeding. Amend RSA 259:98-a, I to read
2 as follows:

3 I. Excessive speeding, which means traveling at a rate that is [~~15~~] **10** miles per hour or more
4 above the speed limit, ***or 5 miles per hour or more above the speed limit where the speed limit***
5 ***is 70 miles per hour;***

6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.