

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 5, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred HB 175,

AN ACT relative to reciprocal driver education. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Karel Crawford

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Transportation
Bill Number:	HB 175
Title:	relative to reciprocal driver education.
Date:	March 5, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would require the Commissioner of the Department of Safety to issue a driver's license to any individual who can provide satisfactory evidence of the completion of a course of driver education approved by the state in which the courses were offered. This bill is unnecessary as the Department of Motor Vehicles already handles these reciprocal driver education requests. They also provide the information on their website on the requirements that are needed for driver education in New Hampshire and additional documentation that might be needed to complete the NH Driver Education requirements. We were told that the Department of Motor Vehicles handles about 20 of these requests a year.

Vote 19-0.

Rep. Karel Crawford
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Transportation

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Voting Sheets



2021 SESSION

TRANSPORTATION

Bill #: HB-175 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 3/5/21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Walsh, Thomas C. Chairman	X		
Gagne, Larry G. Vice Chairman	X		
Crawford, Karel A. Clerk	X		
Smith, Steven D.	X		
Hill, Gregory G.	X		
Aron, Judy F.	X		
Ankarberg, Aidan	X		
Gorski, Ted	X		
O'Hara, Travis J.	X		
Pitaro, Matthew	X		
Sykes, George E.	X		
Cleaver, Skip J.	X		
Fenton, Donovan W.	X		
Pickering, Daniel R.	X		
Rich, Cecilia	X		
Telerski, Laura D.	X		
Fox, Dru	X		
Stevens, Deb	X		
Veilleux, Daniel T.	X		
TOTAL VOTE:	19	0	

Public Hearing

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL TITLE: HB-175 relative to reciprocal driver education

DATE: 2/12/21

LOB ROOM: 301-303

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 1:30 pm

Time Adjourned: 2:06

Committee Members: Reps. Walsh, Gagne, Crawford, **Smith, Hill, Aron, Ankarberg, Gorski, O'Hara, Pitaro, Sykes, Cleaver, Fenton, Pickering, ~~Riek~~, Telerski, Fox, Stevens and Veilleux Rep. Newman**

**Bill Sponsors:
Rep Comtois**

TESTIMONY

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

Constituent contacted her son completed driver ed in Maryland but was rejected in Tamworth and spoke to Trooper Bosh and then no one returned their call at the DMV.
Difference between Maryland and NH has 4 hours driving difference.

*Sharon Cameron NHDEA opposes the bill

Rep. Gorski Can you describe the process and how it works? A : I get DMV approval before I complete their certificate

Trp. DuPont NHSP – Supervisor Driver Education program opposed 263:20 each has their own geography, each program is different, review and approve the transfer of out of state programs. 5 or 6 north Carolina NH required 10 and Caroline only 6.

Rep. Hill: Do we do anything for snow and ice? Yes I wish we could.

Rep. Aron Puzzled with this requirement we assume they know what they are doing, why does that make a difference? A. Each state has there own unique programs.

Rep, Telerski How many transfer request do you receive? Last year 20 or 30. Part of this process is easy.

Rep, O'Hara if a child is 16 in Florida and moves up here that have to provide that they have taken a driver ed program. Make sure they have restrictions.

Rep. Sykes Isn't it true that the whole reason for DE is we are trying to protect are the youth of this state A. agree

Rep. Aron thinking about how hard to find someone to do the driving? Not that hard, has not found anyone to do this requirement.

Cap. Haynes program assessment will happen this year and look at our current programs.

Director Bieleckie – out of state drivers are equivalent to NH reciprocity meets NH standards.

Rep. Hill There should be a page on web site that explains what you need to do here to satisfy, we already have that, Wouldn't it have solved this with the case we heard? Not everyone can interrupt them to see how they apply to their situation.

House Remote Testify

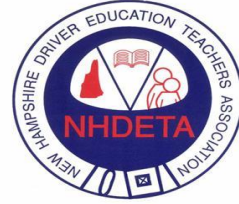
Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB175 on 2021-02-12

Support: 7 Oppose: 2 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 2

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Comtois, Barbara	barbara.comtois@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (5m)	No	2/9/2021 4:35 AM
Cameron, Sharon	sharon.cameron@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	NH Driver Education Teachers Association	Oppose	Yes (3m)	No	2/9/2021 12:38 PM
Axelman, Elliot	aluaxelman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/11/2021 1:25 PM
Mennella, Alexandra	amennella1@protonmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/11/2021 6:47 PM
Thomas, Nicholas	nicholas.w.thomas@uconn.edu	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/11/2021 8:46 PM
Rathbun, Eric	ericsrathbun@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/12/2021 6:57 AM
Dupont, Trooper Richard	richard.h.dupont@dos.nh.gov	State Agency Staff	NH Division of Motor Vehicles and Department of Safety	Oppose	No	No	2/12/2021 12:51 PM
Howard Jr., Raymond	brhoward@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/12/2021 9:12 AM
Layon, Erica	erica.layon@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Rockingham 6	Support	No	No	2/8/2021 9:54 AM

Testimony



2021 Testimony on NH HB 175

The NH Driver Education Teachers Association opposes NH HB 175.

The DMV already has a system in place to evaluate other states programs and ensure public safety on our roads by insisting on standards equivalent to NH's requirements.

What the DMV already does works very well and NHDETA doesn't support, nor see any need, for any changes to the system.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Cameron
President
NH Driver Education Teachers Association

Bill as
Introduced

HB 175 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0132

11/04

HOUSE BILL **175**

AN ACT relative to reciprocal driver education.

SPONSORS: Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. Howard, Belk. 8; Rep. Mason, Merr. 2

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of safety to issue a driver's license to any individual who can provide satisfactory evidence of completion of a course of driver education approved by the state in which the course was offered.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~
 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 One

AN ACT relative to reciprocal driver education.

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

- 1 1 Driver Education; Reciprocity. Amend RSA 263:20 to read as follows:
2 263:20 Driver Education; Reciprocity. The provisions of RSA 263:19 shall not prevent the
3 issuance of a driver's license to any individual who can provide satisfactory evidence of completion of
4 a course of driver education, approved by the state in which the course is offered[~~,-provided that the~~
5 ~~commissioner of safety shall determine that such course is essentially equivalent to the state's~~
6 ~~minimum standards~~]. The commissioner shall [take all reasonable steps to] facilitate [appropriate]
7 interstate driver education. The commissioner shall include in its report pursuant to RSA 20:7, a
8 report to the general court on the progress of reciprocal driver education.
9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.