

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 5, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred HB 222-FN,

AN ACT authorizing New Hampshire municipalities to issue decals for motor vehicle plates to municipal officers. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Steven Smith

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Transportation
Bill Number:	HB 222-FN
Title:	authorizing New Hampshire municipalities to issue decals for motor vehicle plates to municipal officers.
Date:	February 5, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2021-0224h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on

BILL TITLE: 222-FN authorizing New Hampshire municipalities to issue decals for motor vehicle plates to municipal officers

DATE: 2/5/21

LOB ROOM: 301-303

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of
Amendment # 2224H ____
(if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

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CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: _____
Karel A. Crawford
Rep Karel Crawford, Clerk

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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK**



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2021 SESSION

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Bill #: 222 **Motion:** OTP **AM #:** 2224h **Exec Session Date:** 2/5/21

<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		
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Public Hearing

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL TITLE: 222-FN authorizing New Hampshire municipalities to issue decals for motor vehicle plates to municipal officers

DATE: 1/29/21

LOB ROOM: 301-303

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 1:00 pm

Time Adjourned: 1:32

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

**Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Cody Belanger**

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Belanager example of who could have the plate -School board members and municipal members have plates

Q - 1. Chairman Walsh asked who in the municipalities would authorize the decal

A. Town clerk would provide the decal

2. Who would be the officers

A. For all elected officials

3. What happens when they are no longer an officer

A. would be happy to amend

Q. Rep. Gorski: Are the decals at no charge?

A. Paid for by the person

Q - Rep. Telerski: 1. Where would the profits go?

A. Funds to go into the general fund

2. This is listed in the Non-profit and do you think it should go somewhere else?

A. Not sure, maybe create a new section

Q - Rep. Hill: 1. These are not lifetime stickers ?

A. NO

2. Would it be also appointed officials?

A. yes

Rep. Sykes: Not sure how this will work with taking the DMV out of the picture

Q - Rep. Telerski Do you remember the history when the firefighters decal came about?

A. Chairman Walsh: no fiscal involvement except getting the plates

Jeff Oberdank - DMV Opposed to the bill

Note: Committee members not present are larger font

House Remote Testify

Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB222 on 2021-01-29

Support: 2 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 1 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>
Belanger, Cody	cody.belanger@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (0m)	No	1/25/2021 2:36 PM
Oberdank, Jeff	Jeffrey.A.Oberdank@dos.nh.gov	State Agency Staff	DMV	Neutral	Yes (0m)	No	1/29/2021 12:30 PM
Roy, Terry	terry.roy@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/25/2021 2:32 PM
Rathbun, Eric	ericrathbun@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/29/2021 12:34 AM

Testimony

**Representative Thomas Walsh, Chairman
N.H. House of Representatives Transportation Committee
New Hampshire Legislative Office Building, Room 203
Concord, NH 03301**

Dear Mr. Walsh and committee members

My name is Errol Peters of Landaff, NH. My son and I own a logging business in Northern Grafton County. We are self sufficient as we cut and transport our on products from the woods to the mill.

I am writing to ask you and the Transportation Committee to support HB 279 for a number of reasons. I was on the conference call network, but when called I could not get through. I could hear the proceeding perfectly.

First a little history as I understand it. The 34,000 lb axle weight limit was established by FMSCA with a maximum truck weight of 80,000 lbs. New Hampshire now allows us a 99,000 lb load limit if our truck and trailer meet certain criteria - size of axles, tire size and ply, brakes, frame, wheel spacing, etc. We have to be certified by a approved facility before we are allowed to register for the additional weight. In another words the State has approved us to be a safe vehicle.

We are not asking for more weight, just the chance to haul what we are allowed legally. With a legal load and a 40,000 lb rear axle limit I can travel in Vermont, who has a even greater axle limit, New Hampshire and Maine, whose limit is slightly more without worrying about be stopped and checked . I have been stopped and weighed in NH and had a legal gross load but was over axle. Then 6-7 miles further along after I crossed the border into Maine I was weighed again. I was legal all around. To me this is absurd. The roads and bridges are the safety equipment to our vehicles so we can haul this size load safely

I understand the Dot's concern. However, if their tri-axle axle weight limit when they vehicles were actually weighed many would not comply with the 34,000 lb axle limit. I am not talking about when they are doing emergency work, such as plowing and sanding. Just routine work. I understand the trucks hauling salt are well over all limits.

The Department of Safety testified that this additional weight would not make NH highways any more dangerous. The certified trucks have added numerous additions to haul these loads safely. I think they do a excellent job of trying to keep NH"S roads safe

For these reasons I would encourage you to report HB 279 out of committee as" OUGHT TO PASS."

Thank you taking the time to listen to me.

**Errol S. Peters
222 West End Road
Landaff, NH 03585**

Bill as
Introduced

HB 222-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0260
11/06

HOUSE BILL **222-FN**

AN ACT authorizing New Hampshire municipalities to issue decals for motor vehicle plates to municipal officers.

SPONSORS: Rep. Belanger, Rock. 9

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill adds New Hampshire municipalities to the list of organizations approved to issue decals for multi-use plates, provided that such decals are issued solely to municipal officers upon showing of proof of office.

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.

21-0260
11/06

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT authorizing New Hampshire municipalities to issue decals for motor vehicle plates to municipal officers.

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

- 1 New Paragraph; Multi-Use Decal Plates; Authorized Organizations. Amend RSA 261-B:9 by inserting after paragraph XV the following new paragraph:
XVI. New Hampshire municipalities, provided that such decals are issued solely to municipal officers upon showing of proof of office.
- 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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21-0260
12/8/20

**HB 222-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety

Fiscal Notes

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Amended 2/25/21

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2021-0224h)

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