

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 5, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Transportation to which was referred HB 352,

AN ACT relative to operation of recreational vehicles on state highways. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Ted Gorski

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Transportation
Bill Number:	HB 352
Title:	relative to operation of recreational vehicles on state highways.
Date:	March 5, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Safety to adopt rules relative to the safe operation of recreational vehicles on state highways. This bill may require certification training of drivers of these vehicles. This bill offers no concrete guidelines from the legislature, and relies solely on the Commissioner for the adoption of any rules on this topic.

Vote 10-9.

Rep. Ted Gorski
FOR THE MAJORITY

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Cc: Committee Bill File

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Transportation

HB 352, relative to operation of recreational vehicles on state highways. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for the **Majority** of Transportation. This bill requires the commissioner of the department of safety of safety to adopt rules relative to the safe operation of recreational vehicles on state highways. This bill may require certification training of drivers of these vehicles. This bill offers no concrete guidelines from the legislature, and relies solely on the commissioner for the adoption of any rules on this topic. **Vote 10-9.**

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Minority of the Committee on Transportation to
which was referred HB 352,**

**AN ACT relative to operation of recreational vehicles on
state highways. Having considered the same, and being
unable to agree with the Majority, report with the
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Laura Telerski

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Transportation
Bill Number:	HB 352
Title:	relative to operation of recreational vehicles on state highways.
Date:	March 5, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently there are no restrictions, road tests, or qualifications for a person driving a recreational vehicle (RV or oversize camper) in the state. This bill would authorize the Department of Safety to establish rules, such as an endorsement similar to a motorcycle or CDL license to ensure the safe operation of these vehicles on our roadways. The minority believes minor corrections are needed with the bill and the Department of Motor Vehicles testified they were willing to work with the committee to correct the issues. The minority would have supported a motion of Retain to work on the bill, but without that motion, we oppose the inexpedient to legislate motion in the hopes to advance this bill further and address the safety issues it addresses.

Rep. Laura Telerski
FOR THE MINORITY

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on

BILL TITLE: HB 352 relative to operation of recreational vehicles on state highways

DATE: 3/5/21

LOB ROOM: 301-303

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP X ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of
Amendment # _____
- Interim Study (2nd year) (*if offered*)

Moved by Rep. Gorski Seconded by Rep. Gagne Vote: 10-9

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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Amendment # _____
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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: _____ YES _____ NO

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

Respectfully submitted: Karel Crawford _____

Rep Karel Crawford, Clerk



2021 SESSION

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Bill #: HB 352 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:	10	9	

Public Hearing

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL TITLE: HB 352 relative to operation of recreational vehicle on state highways

DATE: 3/5/21

LOB ROOM: 301-303

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 9:08 AM

Time Adjourned: 9:22 AM

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. Leishman

TESTIMONY

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- Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted
- Rep. Leishman introducing bill. After an accident no requirements for operating a large recreational vehicles. Dept. of Safety received the bill and package but is not sure their position. Looking for a skill test to operate these recreational vehicles.
- There are a few states that do some kind of skill test.
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- Q. Rep. Aron Do you have any statistic of accidents that have occurred in NH
- A. No
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- Q Rep. Donavan -Do you think there should be something similar to a motorcycle license. A. That would be what I would be looking for
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- Q Re. Telerski 259:84.a could you tell us the difference between your bill under RSA 216-I: 1 Are you talking about a special endorsement or just driving large oversized campers. A. I was looking for the large vehicles that are close to the 26,000 lbs.

Director Bielecki – Director of DMV Neutral – Happy to work with the committee looking for more rule making

Rep. Telerski can you give us an example where the department has taken other roles for endorsement? A. CDL, School buses.

House Remote Testify

Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB352 on 2021-03-05

Support: 2 Oppose: 7 Neutral: 1 Total to Testify: 3

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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>
Collins, William	Hillsborough, NH wilcosig@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	Yes (5m)	No	3/4/2021 4:45 PM
Bielecki, Elizabeth	Concord, NH elizabeth.bielecki@dos.nh.gov	State Agency Staff	NH DMV	Neutral	Yes (2m)	No	3/4/2021 4:51 PM
Leishman, Peter	Peterborough, NH prleishman@aol.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (0m)	No	3/4/2021 8:11 PM
Mennella, Alexandra	Hooksett, NH amennella1@protonmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/4/2021 7:53 PM
Howard Jr., Raymond	Alton, NH brhowardjr@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/5/2021 8:13 AM
Axelman, Elliot	HOOKSETT, NH aluaxelman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 7:25 PM
Thomas, Nicholas	Manchester, NH nicholas.w.thomas@uconn.edu	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 9:09 PM
Diamond, Jim	Tamworth, NH jiminoregon@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/2/2021 7:39 AM
Elliott, John	Goffstown, NH john@AllyUSTrading.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/2/2021 12:08 PM
Pastoriza, Kris	Easton, NH krispastoriza@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/4/2021 10:17 AM

Testimony

Archived: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:20:05 AM

From: [Peter Leishman](#)

Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 8:34:22 AM

To: [~House Transportation Committee](#)

Subject: House Bill HB 352

Importance: Normal

Attachments:

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Good morning,

Please see attached documents containing information on Special Driver's License Requirements for Large RVs that I will be referencing during my testimony in support of HB 352.

Peter Leishman
Hillsborough 24



Special Driver's License Requirements*

State Equipment and Road Use Law Summaries

*States that Require a Special Driver's License to Drive/Tow Larger RVs

State/Cite	Motorhome	Combinations	Other Information
California West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 12804.9 §12804.12 §12804.15 13 CA ADC § 147.00	>40'	Towing a TT GVWR >10,000 lb, or a FW/GVWR >15,000 lb Single vehicle > 26,000 GVWR Any vehicle towing more than one vehicle	Testing: Physician's Health Report, every two years Knowledge test Skills test in vehicle Pre-trip test (visual inspection)
Illinois 92 IL ADC 1030.30 625 ILCS 5/6-500	GVW >16,000 lb	GVWR >16,000 lb towing any vehicle	Testing: Knowledge test Skills test in vehicle
Kansas K.S.A. 8-234b K.S.A. 8-240 K.S.A. 8-2,127	GVWR >26,000 lb	GVWR >26,000 lb	Testing: Skills test in vehicle
Maryland MD Code, Transportation, § 16-104.1	GVW >26,000 lb	GVWR >26,000 lb	Testing: Skills test in vehicle
Nevada NV ADC 483.110	GVWR >26,000 lb	GVWR >26,000 lb towing any vehicle	Testing: Skills test in vehicle Endorsement: "J" to tow vehicle with GVWR >10,000 lbs. "X" restriction to operate a vehicle with airbrakes, unless successfully completing a knowledge and skills test in vehicle
North Carolina N.C.G.S.A. § 20-7	GVWR >26,000 lb	GVWR >26,000 lb towing any vehicle GVWR <26,001 lb towing GVWR >10,000 lb	Testing: Skills test
Pennsylvania 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 1504	GVWR >26,000 lb	GVWR >26,000 lb towing any vehicle	Testing: Skills test in vehicle

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State/Cite	Motorhome	Combinations	Other Information
South Carolina Code 1976 § 56-1-130	GVW >26,000 lb	GVW >26,000 lb	Testing: Skills test in vehicle Medical Examiner Certification (requirement on Driver License)
Texas V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 521.081 § 521.082 § 521.203	GVWR >26,000 lb	GVWR >26,000 lb towing any vehicle	Testing: Skills test in vehicle Knowledge test Affidavit – operator will not drive a CMV
Wyoming W.S.1977 § 31-7-109	GVWR >26,000 lb	GVWR >26,000 lb towing any vehicle	Testing: Skills test in vehicle or Affidavit of Ability

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Difficulties of Driving an RV

Although an RV does not require a commercial driver's license to operate, they can be very cumbersome and difficult to control, since they do not handle as smoothly on the road as a passenger car. Because they are larger, they not only need more clearance space on the road, but also require a longer stopping distance.

Some of the common reasons for RV accidents include:

- The driver sideswiping another vehicle
- The driver hitting another vehicle while making a turn
- A fire caused by a gas leak
- A blown tire
- Mechanical problems such as brake failure

Bill as
Introduced

HB 352 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0502
11/04

HOUSE BILL **352**

AN ACT relative to operation of recreational vehicles on state highways.

SPONSORS: Rep. Leishman, Hills. 24

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of safety to adopt rules relative to the safe operation of recreational vehicles on state roads and highways.

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.

21-0502
11/04

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to operation of recreational vehicles on state highways.

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

1 New Paragraph; Commissioner of Safety; Rulemaking; Recreational Vehicles. Amend RSA 21-P:14 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph:

XI. The commissioner of safety shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the safe operation of recreational vehicles as defined in RSA 216-I:1, VIII on state roads and highways. Such rules may include provisions for certification of drivers of such vehicles.

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