

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 19, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred HB 461,

AN ACT relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights

Organization to the traffic safety commission. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Steven Smith

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Transportation
Bill Number:	HB 461
Title:	relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission.
Date:	February 19, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill adds the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (NHMRO) to the traffic safety commission. The commission considers matters of road and vehicle safety. The members are state safety agencies and various stakeholder representatives. It makes sense to add motorcycle issues to this group. The focus on safety and training by the NHMRO will enhance the effectiveness of the commission. The bill also updates New Hampshire motor vehicle laws to match the recommendations of the NHTSA and allows for four forward facing lights on motorcycles instead of the current three light restriction.

Vote 19-0.

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Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Voting Sheets

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Report

2021 SESSION

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Bill #: HB 461 Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/19/21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Walsh, Thomas C. Chairman	X		
Gagne, Larry G. Vice Chairman —Rep. Torosian	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 —Rep. True	X		
Sykes, George E.	X		
Cleaver, Skip J.	X		
Fenton, Donovan W. —Rep. Grasse	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 461 relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission

DATE: 2/19/21

LOB ROOM: 301-303

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:30 am

Time Adjourned: 10:44 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. Grasse, True, Torosian

**Bill Sponsors:
Rep Smith**

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Smith: Does two things adds NH Motorcyclist to the traffic safety commission, all stake holders to represent any problems. Statue does not let you have more than 3 lights; this would allow more some bikes from the manufactory have 4 lights. would clean up the law

Traci Beaurivage – **support** President NH Motorcyclist rights organization, motorcyclist to put us on the commission, supported this last year but because of Covid. Started a motorcyclist task force, live free ride smart and safely.

Rep. OHara – do you see any hazard with any 4 lights coming at you? A no motorcycles should be seen

*Dan Bennett – NH Automobile Dealers Assoc **support** started 1 year ago about lamping, current law only allows 3 lights, but they come from the manufacture with 4 lamps. Not blinding LAD lights that are on jeeps. State is in support of this bill.

Rep. Hill – Is it your contention for the visibility of the operator or the traveling public A. both

Lt. Andrew Player NHSP –Troop G **support** – worked with them to help with the bill.

House Remote Testify

Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB461 on 2021-02-19

Support: 16 Oppose: 0 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>
Beaurivage, Traci	NHMROpresident@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization	Support	Yes (3m)	No	2/15/2021 12:53 PM
Bennett, Dan	dbennett@nhada.com	A Lobbyist	NH Automobile Dealers Association	Support	Yes (3m)	No	2/16/2021 12:14 PM
Baldasaro, Rep Al	Londonderry, NH mbaldasaro@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 10:18 AM
Vail, Suzanne	Nashua, NH Suzanne.vail@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 10:52 AM
Osborne, Jason	Auburn, NH houserepoffice@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 8:15 AM
Howard Jr., Raymond	Alton, NH brhowardjr@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 8:35 AM
Groetzinger, Tonda	Farmington, NH groetzinger6@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 8:51 AM
Player, Andrew	Concord, NH andrew.j.player@dos.nh.gov	State Agency Staff	Department of Safety	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 8:51 AM
Greene, Bob	Hudson, NH bob.greene@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 9:10 AM
Tudor, Paul	Northwood, NH	An	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 9:10

	paultudor.1strokingham@gmail.com	Elected Official						AM
Wells, Natalie	Warner, NH natalie.wells@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No		2/19/2021 9:41 AM
Boyd, Stephen	Hooksett, NH seboyd2020@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No		2/19/2021 9:47 AM
Littlefield, Richard	Laconia, NH littlefieldfornh@outlook.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No		2/19/2021 9:55 AM
POST, LISA CM	Lyndeborough, NH Lisa.Post@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No		2/19/2021 11:29 AM
Lekas, Tony	Hudson, NH Rep.Tony.Lekas@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 37	Support	No	No		2/19/2021 2:58 PM
Nunez, Hershel	Pelham, NH hershel.nunez@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No		2/19/2021 4:19 PM

Testimony

Archived: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:45:21 AM

From: [Dan Bennett](#)

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:49:24 PM

To: ~House Transportation Committee

Cc: [Thomas Walsh](#); [Larry Gagne](#); [Karel Crawford](#); [George Sykes](#); [Bradley Greenland](#); [Rebecca Stuart](#)

Subject: HB461: 2/19

Importance: High

Attachments:

HB 461 fact sheet Moto Lamps NHMRO.pdf ;

Dear Transportation Committee Members:

Please see the attached fact sheet/testimony for HB 461 that you will hear tomorrow.

NHADA Supports HB 461 and hopes that you will as well.

Thank you & please let me know if there are any questions that I can assist with.

Dan

[Dan Bennett, REM,IOM,CAE](#)

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HB 461 NHADA Supports

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The New Hampshire Auto Dealers Association is a statewide trade association, representing the interests of the motor vehicle industry.

NHADA consists of: all of the new-car and new-truck dealers in the state, along with motorcycle, snowmobile, on and of -road recreational vehicle, farm equipment, used-car, power equipment, and construction equipment dealers, as well as independent motor vehicle service, auto body repair, and motor vehicle parts sales facilities.



NHADA Supports HB 461

Synopsis: HB 461 allows motorcycle riders to be seen & be safe. HB 461 adds a critical road users voice, the NH Motorcyclists Rights Organization (NHMRO) to the Traffic Safety Commission.

Analysis: NHADA supports HB 461 for the following reasons:

- HB 461 will allow for greater rider visibility through additional auxiliary lamping
- Current state law prohibits motor vehicles, motorcycles included, from having greater than 3 auxiliary lamps.
- Adding auxiliary lamps on a motorcycle is a common practice by motorcyclists and usually done in even numbered pairs.
- Additional lamping allows for:
 - Rides to be better seen by other motorists
 - Allowing riders to better see the road
- The NH Motorcyclists Rights Organization represents a critical sector of road users, motorcycle riders, that are concerned with maintaining safe roads.
- As a current member of the Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) NHADA has been involved in many meetings and the topic of motorcycle safety as well as accidents and death are a topic of review. How to decrease those numbers is an important area of focus and we believe that NHMRO's voice is a critical one.
- Both of these bills passed the House Transportation easily last session.

This bill is supported by NHADA, New Hampshire Motorcyclists Rights Organization (NHMRO), & the Department of Safety (DOS)

Comments: Please support HB 461! Keep NH Roads and citizens safe.

The NH Automobile Dealers Association represents over 500 members and 14,000 employees involved in motor vehicle businesses in NH and strongly support HB 461. For further information please contact Dan Bennett, or Pete McNamara at 1-800-852-3372.

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Bill as
Introduced

HB 461 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0674
10/11

HOUSE BILL **461**

AN ACT relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission.

SPONSORS: Rep. Packard, Rock. 5

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill permits motorcycles to have a maximum of 4 auxiliary driving lamps mounted to the front of the motorcycle. This bill also adds a representative of the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission.

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.

21-0674
10/11

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission.

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

1 Motor Vehicles; Spot Lamps and Auxiliary Lamps. Amend RSA 266:37, II to read as follows:

II. ***Except as provided in paragraph II-a***, any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed 3 auxiliary driving lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than 12 inches nor more than 42 inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands, with such measurements to be made from the ground to the center of the lens, except that vehicles while used in the winter maintenance of ways may be driven with auxiliary head lamps higher than 42 inches above the surface upon which the vehicle stands provided such head lamps shall be aimed so that the top of the beam of light produced by these head lamps does not exceed the height of a horizontal line which is 42 inches high at a distance of 75 feet ahead of the head lamps of said vehicle.

II-a. Motorcycles as defined in RSA 259:63 may be equipped with not to exceed 4 auxiliary driving lamps mounted on the front of the motorcycle at a height of not more than 42 inches above the level surface upon which the motorcycle stands, with such measurements to be made from the ground to the center of the lens.

3 New Subparagraph; Traffic Safety Commission. Amend RSA 21-P:64, I(a) by inserting after subparagraph (14) the following new subparagraph:

(15) One representative of the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization.

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

