

Bill as Introduced

HB 222-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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2021 SESSION

21-0260

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HOUSE BILL **222-FN**

AN ACT relative to official cover plates.

SPONSORS: Rep. Belanger, Rock. 9

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits the director to issue official cover plates to the clerk of the New Hampshire house of representatives. The bill also clarifies the number of sets of official cover plates that may be issued to any eligible person.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 official cover plates.

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

1 1 Number Plates; Official Cover Plates. Amend RSA 261:90 to read as follows:

2 261:90 Official Cover Plates. Upon payment of a fee, the director may issue and shall designate
 3 official cover plates with the reproduction of the state seal thereon to be affixed to a vehicle of United
 4 States senators from this state, representatives to congress from this state, the governor, members
 5 of the governor's council, the president of the senate, members of the senate, the speaker of the
 6 house of representatives, members of the house of representatives, *the clerk of the house of*
 7 *representatives*, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the President of
 8 the United States and members of his or her executive staff, and any ambassador or member of the
 9 foreign diplomatic corps. The fee for official cover plates shall be \$1 in addition to any other number
 10 plate manufacturing fee otherwise required. The official cover plates, exclusive of the seal, shall be
 11 white with green lettering, which shall alternate with red lettering every other biennium. Official
 12 cover plates shall have the title of the person requesting the plates, except for members of the
 13 governor's council whose plates shall have their council district numbers embossed on them, and
 14 members of the general court, whose plates shall have their house seat numbers or their senate
 15 district numbers embossed on them unless the president of the senate, for members of the senate, or
 16 the speaker of the house of representatives, for members of the house of representatives, shall
 17 designate a title for their plates. The president of the senate, or a designee, and the speaker of the
 18 house of representatives, or a designee, shall provide the director with input as needed on the cover
 19 plate design for members of the general court. The director shall not issue more than 2 sets of
 20 *house seat number or senate district number* official cover plates to any person. *The director*
 21 *shall not issue more than 2 sets of official cover plates bearing a title to any person.* Official
 22 cover plates may be attached only to vehicles registered in the name of the person issued the plates
 23 or the name of the spouse of a member of the general court, or any vehicle being operated by a
 24 member of the general court. Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the issuance of regular
 25 motor vehicle plates and the payment of the registration fee therefor. Official cover plates shall be
 26 manufactured at the state prison and the prison shall provide the plates to the department at the
 27 prison's cost.

28 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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Amended 2/25/21

HB 222-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2021-0224h)

AN ACT relative to official cover plates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation, as amended, has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2021 through 2024.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety

Amendments

Amendment to HB 222-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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5 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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13 *representatives*, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the President of
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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Transportation

Sen Regina Birdsall, Chair
Sen David Watters, Vice Chair
Sen Denise Ricciardi, Member
Sen Ruth Ward, Member
Sen Tom Sherman, Member

Date: March 11, 2021

HEARINGS

	Tuesday	03/16/2021
	(Day)	(Date)
Transportation	REMOTE 000	1:00 p.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
1:00 p.m.	HB 222-FN	relative to official cover plates.
1:15 p.m.	HB 298	adding a member to the aviation users advisory board.
1:30 p.m.	HB 305	relative to motorist service signs on limited access highways.
1:45 p.m.	HB 311	establishing a committee to study rail trail best management practices.
2:00 p.m.	HB 423	establishing a commission to study the implementation of enhanced automation of traffic lights.

Committee members will receive secure Zoom invitations via email.

Members of the public may attend using the following links:

1. Link to Zoom Webinar: <https://www.zoom.us/j/92298872492>
2. To listen via telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): 1-301-715-8592, or 1-312-626-6799 or 1-929-205-6099, or 1-253-215-8782, or 1-346-248-7799, or 1-669-900-6833
3. Or iPhone one-tap: 13126266799,,92298872492# or 19292056099,,92298872492#
4. Webinar ID: [922 9887 2492](https://www.zoom.us/j/92298872492)
5. To view/listen to this hearing on YouTube, use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjBZdtrjRnQdmg-2MPMiWrA>
6. To sign in to speak, register your position on a bill and/or submit testimony, use this link: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/remotecommittee/senate.aspx>

The following email will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: remotesenate@leg.state.nh.us or call (603-271-6931).

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 222-FN

Rep. Belanger

HB 298

Rep. Weyler

Rep. Jack

Sen. Bradley

HB 305

Rep. Horrigan

HB 311

Rep. Suzanne Smith

HB 423

Rep. Torosian

Rep. Gould

Rep. L. Ober

Sen. Birdsell

Rep. R. Ober

Sen. Gannon

Rep. Torosian

Sen. Daniels

Rep. Weston

Rep. Gould

Rep. Janigian

Rep. True

Rep. Spillane

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

Regina Birdsell
Chairman

Senate Transportation Committee

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

HB 222-FN, relative to official cover plates.

Hearing Date: March 16, 2021

Time Opened: 1:05 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:11 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Birdsell, Watters, Ricciardi, Ward and Sherman

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill permits the director to issue official cover plates to the clerk of the New Hampshire house of representatives. The bill also clarifies the number of sets of official cover plates that may be issued to any eligible person.

Sponsors:

Rep. Belanger

Who supports the bill: Rep. Steven Smith, Sullivan 11

Who opposes the bill: Robin Vogt

Who is neutral on the bill: Jeff Oberdank, NH DMV

Summary of Testimony Presented:

Rep. Steven Smith, Sullivan 11

- Rep. Smith introduced the bill and testified in support of the bill.
- Rep. Smith said, this bill allows for a special license plate for municipal officials.
- Rep. Smith said, the House amended this bill to include a plate for the Clerk of NH House. The House did not include Clerk of Senate because the House Committee members felt that it was under the Senate's authority to handle that. The Director of DMV was included to get plates too
- The bill allows for 2 sets of cover plates, which are either title or seat number plates.
- Rep. Smith said, the bill intentionally does not include an enforcement clause to return these cover plates. The plates are often kept long after they serve their purpose as vehicle plates and are often hung on walls. The DMV has accepted this practice. This bill codifies the existing process and adds the House Clerk.

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB222 on 2021-03-16

Support: 1 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>S</u>
Smith, Steven	nhfirst@gmail.com	603.826.5940	An Elected Official	Sullivan 11	Support	Yes	3
Vogt, Robin	robin.w.vogt@gmail.com	603.969.5720	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	3

Voting Sheets

Senate Transportation Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # HB 222 FN

Hearing Date: 3/16/21

Executive Session Date: 5/25/21

Motion of: ITL Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Birdsell, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Watters, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ricciardi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: Consent Calendar Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Birdsell, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Watters, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ricciardi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

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Sen. Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reported out by: Sen. Birdsell

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred **HB 222-FN**

AN ACT relative to official cover plates.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

IS INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Regina Birdsell
For the Committee

This bill permits the director to issue official cover plates to the clerk of the New Hampshire house of representatives. The bill also clarifies the number of sets of official cover plates that may be issued to any eligible person. The committee unanimously determined that this bill is inexpedient to legislate. The committee learned that clerks in many other states do not have official cover plates. The committee believes that access to official cover plates should be reasonably limited.

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION

HB 222-FN, relative to official cover plates.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Regina Birdsell for the committee.

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB222

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) relative to official cover plates.*Official Docket of HB222.:*

Date	Body	Description
1/4/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Transportation HJ 2 P. 39
1/21/2021	H	Public Hearing: 01/29/2021 01:00 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/99305477189 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
1/27/2021	H	Executive Session: 02/05/2021 02:15 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/92807074926
2/17/2021	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0224h (Vote 19-0; CC) HC 12 P. 13
2/24/2021	H	Amendment #2021-0224h : AA VV 02/24/2021 HJ 3 P. 19
2/24/2021	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0224h: MA VV 02/24/2021 HJ 3 P. 19
3/4/2021	S	Introduced 03/04/2021 and Referred to Transportation; SJ 7
3/11/2021	S	Remote Hearing : 03/16/2021, 01:00 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 15
5/25/2021	S	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate; Vote 5-0; CC; 05/27/2021; SC 25A
5/27/2021	S	Inexpedient to Legislate, MA, VV === BILL KILLED ===; 05/27/2021; SJ 17

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 222-FN

Senate Committee: Transportation

Please include all documents in the order listed below and indicate the documents which have been included with an "X" beside

Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

Bill version as it came to the committee

All Calendar Notices

Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

N/A Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing none

Hearing Report

Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted): none

___ - amendment # (___) ___ - amendment # ___

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Executive Session Sheet

Committee Report

Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

___ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

___ Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)

___ Governor's Veto Message

All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

___ as amended by the senate as amended by the house

___ final version

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