

# Bill as Introduced

HB 260-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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2021 SESSION

21-0169  
11/04

HOUSE BILL            **260-FN**

AN ACT                relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Prout, Hills. 37; Rep. Conley, Straf. 13; Rep. J. Osborne, Rock. 4; Rep. Torosian, Rock. 14; Rep. Warden, Hills. 15; Rep. A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Rep. T. Lekas, Hills. 37

COMMITTEE:          Transportation

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that certain vehicles shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

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

1       1 Number Plates. Amend RSA 261:75, II to read as follows:

2       II. Every vehicle driven in or on any way in this state, if required to be registered hereunder,  
3 shall have displayed conspicuously thereon a number plate or plates to be furnished by the  
4 department, together with any current validation sticker issued by the department and which has a  
5 changeable designation of their effective period. The director may make special rules relative to the  
6 number of plates, the location of said plate or plates on the vehicle, and the material and design  
7 thereof, provided, however, that number plates for passenger vehicles shall have the state motto  
8 "Live Free or Die" written thereon, ***and further provided that an antique vehicle, as defined in***  
9 ***RSA 259:4, a custom vehicle, as defined in RSA 259:17-a, or a street rod, as defined in RSA***  
10 ***259:106-a, shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle.*** The  
11 plate shall be kept clean.

12       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 260-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
 AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  County  Local  None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	\$0	\$0
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Reflectorized Plate Fund			

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill eliminates the requirement for passenger vehicles to display a number plate on the front of the vehicle (requiring only a plate on the rear). It is assumed that the Division of Motor Vehicles would continue the current process of manufacturing two number plates per set as this bill only refers to passenger vehicles. The plate fee is \$4.00 and to the extent individuals choose to purchase and only display one plate, there would be a loss in revenue to the state reflectorized plate fund. The Department of Safety cannot estimate how many individuals will choose to only display one plate. Furthermore, the Department states there would be an indeterminable one-time programming cost to make this change in its registration system.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Safety

# 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: April 15, 2021

### HEARINGS

Tuesday		04/20/2021
(Day)		(Date)
Transportation	REMOTE 000	1:00 p.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
1:00 p.m.	HB 424	establishing a commission to study ways to reduce texting while driving.
1:15 p.m.	HB 461	relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission.
1:30 p.m.	HB 260-FN	relative to number plates for motor vehicles.
1:45 p.m.	HB 224	relative to tinted windows on motor vehicles.
2:00 p.m.	HB 251-FN	requiring children under the age of 2 years to be restrained in a motor vehicle.

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3. Or iPhone one-tap: 13126266799,,91892878760# or 19292056099,,91892878760#
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### EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

**Sponsors:**

**HB 424**

Rep. Torosian

Rep. Janigian

Rep. Gould

**HB 461**

Rep. Packard

**HB 260-FN**

Rep. Prout

Rep. Conley

Rep. Osborne

Rep. Torosian

Rep. Warden

Rep. A. Lekas

Rep. T. Lekas

**HB 224**

Rep. Yokela

Rep. Yakubovich

Rep. Abramson

Rep. Hill

Rep. O'Hara

Rep. Belanger

**HB 251-FN**

Rep. Fenton

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

Regina Birdsell  
Chairman

# Senate Transportation Committee

*Kirsten Koch 271-3266*

**HB 260-FN**, relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

**Hearing Date:** April 20, 2021

**Time Opened:** 1:33 p.m.

**Time Closed:** 2:07 p.m.

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

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill provides that certain vehicles shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle.

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Rep. Conley

Rep. Osborne

Rep. Torosian

Rep. Warden

Rep. A. Lekas

Rep. T. Lekas

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**Who supports the bill:** Rep. Tony Lekas, Hillsborough 37; Rep. Judy Aron, Sullivan 7; Rep. Peter Torosian, Rockingham 14; Rep. Aidan Ankarberg, Strafford 10; Bill Alleman.

**Who opposes the bill:** John Bryfonski, NH Association of Chiefs of Police; Elizabeth Sargent, NH Association of Chiefs of Police; Anthony Bean Burpee; Richard Stillman; Victoria Lapointe; Gary Fisher; Brenda Fisher; Jeff Sprankle; David Goldstein; Domenic Richardi; Steven Russo; Jeanne McFadden; Mark Chase; Christine; Maille; Bradley Osgood; Bill Alleman; Patrick Sullivan; Doug Hackett; John Parsons; Brian Levesque; Tara Laurent, Greenland PD; David Noyes; Joel Dolan; Holly Estey; David Croft; Dan Lindbom; Christopher Connelly; Robert Krieger; Charles Reynolds; Elizabeth Bielecki, NH DMV.

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

**Summary of Testimony Presented:**

**Representative Tony Lekas, Hillsborough 37**

- Rep. Lekas said, various cars are not designed to have a front plate. In order to install a front plate, you have to drill into the front bumper to make these changes, but drilling can damage the retail value of the car. Having a front plate can damage the aerodynamics of cars.
- Rep. Lekas said, out of state cars come through NH without a front plate. Prior testimony (in the House) established law enforcement and tolls are not significantly affected by this. State police did have opposition to this.



- Rep. Lekas said, the committee decided to make this bill apply to only antique vehicles, custom vehicles, and street rods. These vehicles are few in number.
- Sen. Birdsell said, I have two questions. What is a custom vehicle and what is considered a street rod?
  - Rep. Lekas said, I just looked it up. The RSA defines it as, “prior to 1949 and modeled for street road use. Not limited to substantial replacement.” There was period of classic street rods/racing cars that existed in the 1940s. Custom vehicles are defined similar, “at least 30 years old and modified from manufacturers design.” Antique is anything over 25 years old.

### **Representative Peter Torosian, Rockingham 14**

- Rep. Torosian testified in support of the bill.
- Rep. Torosian said, this bill is relatively straightforward. It originally intended to allow any vehicle to have one plate, but the house amended it to just allow it for specific cars.
- Rep. Torosian said, nineteen states in the country only require one license plate. We allow them all to drive in NH. We have no problems with those cars.
- Rep. Torosian said, in some vehicles installing a license plate does devalue the vehicle and creates some drag on the vehicle.

### **Representative Judy Aron, Sullivan 7**

- Rep. Aron testified in support of the bill.
- Rep. Aron said, the purpose of license plate is to (1) make sure the vehicle is properly registered; (2) it complies with NH law; (3) it proves the vehicle passed safety inspection; (4) it identifies the vehicle.
- Rep. Aron said, I offered the amendment in the House. This bill is a relief for antique car owners. These cars are typically driven to car shows and not widely used. Owners can use toll booths, so revenue will not be lost. It is unlikely antique cars would be used in criminal activity, so the argument against this bill for identification purposes is not strong.
- Rep. Aron said, the DMV can issue two plates. Then the owner can decide to only use one. Antique vehicles already have special plates anyways.
- Rep. Aron said, please vote OTP on this bill as amended by the House.

### **Elizabeth Bielecki, NH DMV**

- Ms. Bielecki said, the NH DMV opposes this bill. EZ pass has opposed this concept in the past due to law enforcement’s weakened ability to identify vehicles and lost revenue from tolls.
- Ms. Bielecki said, from a transaction perspective, under this bill the DMV would need to sell and issue two plates to all vehicles and leave it up to the owners to apply one or both

plates. If we have to modify the production of plates, it will significantly modify our system.

- Sen. Watters asked, do you need any change in this language to ensure what you propose in charging for and providing two plates?
  - Ms. Bielecki said, the way it is stated a vehicle is “required to display” the plate. It does not hurt to clarify that we will issue both plates and it is the owner’s discretion to apply one or two plates
- Sen. Watters asked, should we reference the statute that clarifies two plates? Could you give us language to do that?
  - Ms. Bielecki said, there are 16,500 vehicles that are considered to be antiques or street rods in NH.
- Sen. Watters said, were moving all electronic tolling, so requiring drives to go through booths is not an option. What is the sense of leakage on out of state folks without front license plates?
  - Ms. Bielecki said she did not know the answer but that she will follow up with DOT for some numbers.
- Sen. Sherman said, if you go through EZ pass without a front plate and do not attempt to go through a toll both, is that a violation?
  - Ms. Bielecki said, I would assume so. I will coordinate an answer for that question.
- Sen. Sherman said, I think driving any of these cars without an EZ pass transponder and without a front plate should be a violation, if it is not already.
  - Ms. Bielecki said, I believe you are correct. I will reach out to DOT to follow up on both questions.
- Sen. Birdsell read from the bill, “director may make special rules...” would that give you the authority to make the decision on two plates?
  - Ms. Bielecki said she did not know the answer. She said, it is more about the design or type of plate.
- Sen. Birdsell asked, if it doesn’t, would that be the area to make the changes to allow you to?
  - Ms. Bielecki said, my only concern is sometimes decisions of whether one or two plates is a legislative policy decision. It may be above our statutory authority.
- Sen. Birdsell asked, but is that where we could put the language?
  - Ms. Bielecki said, it would have to be very specific.

### **Chief John Drury, Farmington PD and NH Association of Chiefs of Police**

- Chief Drury testified in opposition of this bill.
- Chief Drury said, this is an issue for seeing license plate. Without a front plate it is difficult trying to catch plate numbers as cars are speeding by.
- Chief Drury said he supports the House amendment.
- Chief Drury said, please vote ITL on this bill.
- Sen. Watters asked to clarify that Chief Drury and the NH Association of Chiefs of Police were on the record as opposed to this bill.
  - *Note: Originally a representative of the NH Association of Chiefs mistakenly signed in support of this bill.*

- Chief Drury said he is in opposition to this bill.
- Sen. Watters said, so making this rarer is better, but you are still opposed?
  - Chief Drury said, yes, when observing a car at night without a front plate we are decreasing our chances of finding that vehicle. Obviously, a hot rod is a little bit easier.
- Sen. Sherman said, there was earlier testimony that it is harder to identify vehicles without front plates. I am surprised 16,500 vehicles in NH fit those classifications. Are you confident that you do not need to see a front plate?
  - Chief Drury said, it would be hard to identify a car if it is backed into a driveway. I would hope we would be able to identify an antique car today. I have a hard time putting a plate on an antique vehicle too.
- Sen. Birdsell asked, do we have data on pulling over antique cars?
  - Chief Drury said, I could tell you that data from Farmington, but not from other departments.

#### **Representative Tom Walsh, Merrimack 24**

- Rep. Walsh testified in support of this bill.
- Rep. Walsh said, there was significant support in the original bill, but concerns led us to the amendment. This bill, as amendment, gives relief to the people complaining about this for a long time.
- Rep. Walsh said he would like for this bill to include the cars of people who spend a lot on their cars, such as a Ferraris.
- Sen. Birdsell asked, do you have any data on pulling over custom vehicles?
  - Rep. Walsh said, no.
- Sen. Sherman asked, are cars like Ferraris considered custom?
  - Rep. Walsh said, no.

# Speakers

## Senate Remote Testify

### Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB260 on 2021-04-20

Support: 5    Oppose: 13    Neutral: 1    Total to Testify: 5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>?</u>
Oberdank, Jeff	Jeffrey.A.Oberdank@dos.nh.gov	Not Given	State Agency Staff	DMV	Neutral	Yes	✓
Drury, John	jdruy@farmingtonpd.com	603.755.2731	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	Yes	✓
Lekas, Tony	Rep.Tony.Lekas@gmail.com	603.305.5726	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 37	Support	Yes	✓
Torosian, Peter	FlyBirdAir@aol.com	603-340-6261	An Elected Official	Rockingham # 14	Support	Yes	✓
Aron, Judy	judy.aron@leg.state.nh.us	603.843.5908	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes	✓
Sargent, Elizabeth	esargent@sheehan.com	603-568-0213	A Lobbyist	NH Association of Chiefs of Police	Support	No	✓
Ankarberg, Aidan	Aidan.Ankarberg@leg.state.nh.us	603.770.1795	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	✓
Osgood, Bradley	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Sullivan, Patrick	Patsully@comcast.net	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Bryfonski, John	jbryfonski@bedfordnh.org	603.792.1330	A Member of the Public	NH ASSOCIATION CHIEFS OF POLICE	Oppose	No	✓
Hackett, Doug	doug.hackett@cornishnh.net	603.359.3943	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Parsons, John	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Levesque, Brian	blevesque@merrimacknh.gov	603.860.4478	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Laurent, Tara	tlaurent@greenlandpd.us	603.431.4624	A Member of the Public	Greenland Police Department	Oppose	No	✓
Noyes, David	pdchief@wvpublicsafety.com	603.236.4732	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Dolan, Joel	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Estey, Holly	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Croft, David	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Lindbom, Dan	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓

# Testimony



# Farmington Police Department

**John P. Drury, Chief of Police**

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Dear Senator Birdsell and Members of the Committee:

April 20, 2021

Below is testimony regarding HB 260-FN - Relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

I look forward to appearing before your Committee later today.

My name is John Drury, and I am the Police Chief in Farmington, New Hampshire. I have just started my 22<sup>nd</sup> year in law enforcement.

I am here to testify in **opposition** to HB 260-FN – Relative to number plates for motor vehicles – on behalf of myself and the NH Association of Chiefs of Police.

Thank you for allowing me to address this bill. As a car guy I dislike the front plate, as a police officer and a member of the Regional Accident Reconstruction Team, I MUST admit I love them. Over the years the front plate has made my job much easier. Route 11, 75 and 153 are Main State Roads that run through Farmington. When a neighboring Police Department issues a BOLO (Be on the lookout) we head out onto the roads and try to find the car. If we were to be looking for a red Toyota Prius with only rear plates on it, it would be difficult to find as we would have to position ourselves in a location to try and observe these as most rear plates are recessed under the trunk lid or a hatch or a space in the rear bumper or we just spin around and try and get behind the car to read the plate. Imagine trying to do this during rush hour with a long line of traffic all going 50 MPH or more.

New Hampshire plates are reflective and stand out very well. They are easy to read day or night. Many times, during a collision the front plate gets left behind at a scene or it gets imprinted into the other vehicle like a stamp. We have solved many hit and runs this way when we could read this or find the plate. This can also happen in low speed crashes. I personally witnessed one at about 15 MPH.

A car that is involved in a robbery often pulls into the business and with that video equipment we can read the plate and get a good description of the car. Banks do a great job at capturing the front plate and the driver, not so much the rear of the car. If a vehicle has a trailer on it, forget about getting rear plate information especially at the tolls. This would cost the State a lot of money in lost toll revenues.

Aerodynamics: I spoke to a mechanical engineer who also works part time for me, and he is also a member of the Strafford County Accident Reconstruction Team.

The wind drag is a function of the square feet of surface area that the frontal aspect of a car presents to the air driving through it. Unless removing the plate actually shrinks the profile of a car like hacking off a side mirror (and it won't if it's mounted on a bumper ahead of the radiator or engine), it won't change the wind resistance in a measurable fashion. The change would be much smaller than having a tire underinflated by 5psi, which itself usually goes unnoticed. For example, a Toyota Prius has a frontal area of about 24 square feet. Since the front plate is completely in front of all of the other parts of the car which will be impeding wind flow (even though perhaps a few inches behind the plate location in some parts), removing the plate won't change the drag force or the efficiency. Remember, you have all the rest of the car behind the plate; bumper, radiator, engine and fire wall.

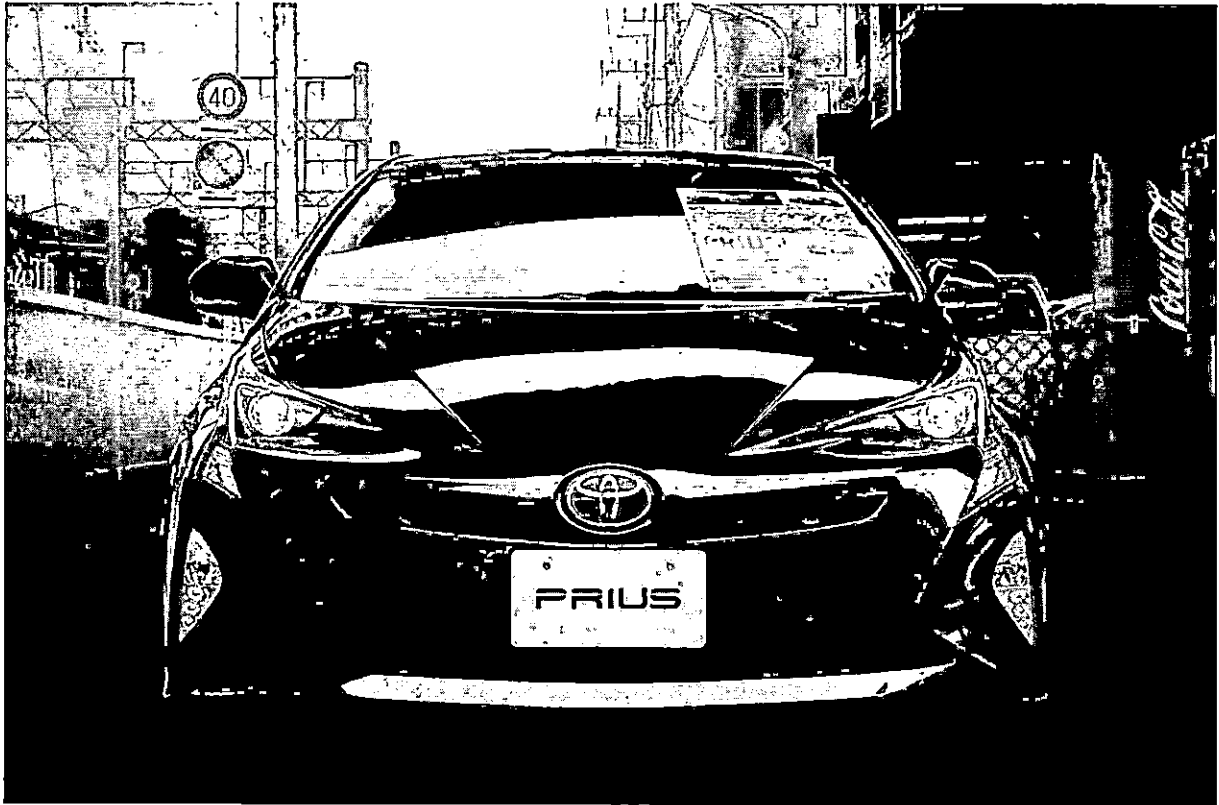
In closing, I must oppose this bill because the safety of the public outweighs my car guy vanity on any type of car, antique, hot rod, or custom.

I respectfully ask that you find this bill Inexpedient to Legislate.

Thank you for your consideration and your time,  
Sincerely,

Chief John Drury  
Farmington NH  
Chief of Police





## Kirsten Koch

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**From:** MulcaheyHampson, Kathleen <Kathleen.MulcaheyHampson@dot.nh.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 5:42 PM  
**To:** Regina Birdsell; David Watters (watterssenate@gmail.com); Denise Ricciardi; Ruth Ward; Tom Sherman  
**Cc:** Kirsten Koch; Tricia Melillo; Andrew Prout; Sheehan, Victoria; Cass, William; CorcoranJr, John; Bielecki, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** HB 260 - Questions related to DOT  
**Importance:** High

Hi Chair Birdsell and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

I was listening on the YouTube site to the Senate Transportation Committee hearing this afternoon for HB 260, which would allow a rear plate on antique, hot rod, and custom vehicles. But when questions arose related to DOT, I was unable to chime in on time, (which likely rests on my tech-challenges and not the electronic hearing system). I am reaching out to respond to the DOT-related questions.

Senator Sherman asked whether a vehicle with one (or two plates) without a transponder commits a violation, since it is not paying the toll. As with many DOT related questions, I cannot give you a short yes or no answer. It depends, but essentially the transaction only becomes a violation if payment is not made.

When NH E-ZPass began in 2005 until about 2009, failing to pay the toll at the time of use in a dedicated E-ZPass lane was considered a violation. However, the system has changed over time to encourage use of the dedicated E-ZPass lanes and to be more customer-friendly.

People are encouraged to open an E-ZPass account and use a transponder for the 30% passenger discount. Non-account holders may use the dedicated E-ZPass lanes with several convenient ways to pay the toll, but they do not receive the 30% discount.

Before using the Turnpike System, a customer can go on-line and pre-fund tolls with a "plate account" that is tied to their license plate. When the plate is read at a toll facility, the toll is deducted from the existing funds they posted to their plate.

If a user of the System does not have an E-ZPass account or has not pre-funded their plate on-line, then the toll will not be paid at the time of use. In this circumstance, the registered owner can pay the toll on-line within 7 days of use without any additional fee.

Failure to pay on-line within 7 days results in a Notice of Unpaid Transaction being mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. The Notice requests payment of the toll plus \$1.00 fee, payable within 30 days. Failure to pay the notice within 30 days results in a second Notice of Unpaid Transaction, which requests payment of the toll plus \$1.50 fee, payable in 30 days. Failure to pay the second notice within 30 days results in a third notice, a Violation Notice, which requests payment of the toll plus a \$25.00 administrative fee.

So for 7 days after the toll transaction, there is no fee attached and the transaction is not considered a violation. Failure to pay results in escalating fees, which can increase to a violation. But it is no longer considered a violation to use the Turnpike System if the toll is paid afterwards within the allotted time frames.

Senator Watters asked about the amount of toll revenue lost in NH from the 19 states that only require one plate. The Department is not able to parse that information to respond to this question. However, in regard to issues with a one plate system, the State of Pennsylvania requires only one plate. Pennsylvania Turnpike resorted to All Electronic Tolling (AET - no manned toll booths) due to the pandemic and is now keeping AET in place. But the one plate system is causing an issue in their toll collection process.

One of the legislators testified in support of HB 260 stating that users with one plate would use the manned toll booths. However, New Hampshire is moving towards All Electronic Tolling, meaning there will not be manned toll booths.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

My Best,

Kathy

Kathleen Mulcahey-Hampson

Legislative Liaison

Senior Hearings Examiner, NHDOT

## Kirsten Koch

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**From:** Judy Aron  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:54 PM  
**To:** Regina Birdsell; David Watters; Ruth Ward; Denise Ricciardi; Tom Sherman; Kirsten Koch  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB260 - Please OTP

Testimony - HB260

4/20/2021

Senate Transportation Committee

Dear Senate Transportation Committee Members,

I am speaking to you today in support of the House recommendation of OTP/A for HB260. Let me just start by reminding everyone what the purpose of license plates are for our vehicles. The purpose of a license plate is to (1) make sure the vehicle is properly registered (2) shows that it has passed a safety inspection (3) complies with NH law and (4) is used for identification. This amended bill allows antique, custom and street rod vehicles to operate with only a rear license plate as opposed to all other vehicles which will continue needing both a front and rear plate.

Why would we want to do this? The original bill asked that NH require only 1 license plate for ALL NH registered vehicles. I offered the amendment which would require only certain vehicles to have 1 license plate instead of ALL vehicles. The amended version was passed by the House. This amended bill with its proposed change in statute is a relief for owners of vintage and special vehicles who have expressed issues regarding having to have both front and rear license plates. They have long complained about the problems having 2 plates pose with regard to aesthetics, investment value, and technical issues on their special vehicles. Investment value on antique cars may be affected by having to drill holes in bumpers or place mounts where it might damage the historical integrity of the vehicle.

Since antique, custom and street rod cars are mostly driven to car shows and are not widely or typically used, there is really no problem with them having just 1 license plate on the rear of their vehicle. The State of NH will really not lose any significant amount of tolling revenue as a result of these special vehicles only having a rear plate and in actuality the owners could still use the manned toll booths instead of driving through tolling gantries.

People will say that we need 2 plates on a car in order for law enforcement to identify a vehicle used in a crime. But if you think about it, it doesn't seem too likely that any antique, custom or street rod vehicle would be used in any sort of criminal activity since they would tend to be easily recognized and identified simply by their "out of the ordinary" look. So the argument regarding identification is not a very strong one in this case.

In terms of the Department of Motor Vehicles dealing with this change, they can simply still issue 2 plates and the owner only uses 1 plate or they can issue 1 plate instead of 2 for the vehicles that qualify when they are registered. It will be a rule change for the NH DMV and they would be able to work out the details of how 1 plate registration would work for this relatively small percentage of vehicles. They already deal with having a special plate for antique vehicles.

The fact is that this is a simple bill, and has very little impact otherwise in our state. I hope that you will vote OTP on this bill as amended from the House and help alleviate some issues for antique, custom and street rod car enthusiasts in NH.

Thank you,

Judy Aron  
NH State Representative  
Sullivan County District 7  
(Acworth, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, Washington)  
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# Voting Sheets

# Senate Transportation Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # HB 260 FN

Hearing Date: 4/20/21

Executive Session Date: 4/27/21

Motion of: OTP Vote: Withdrawn - by Ward

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

Motion of: ITL Vote: 4-1

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Reported out by: Sen. Ward

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

# Committee Report



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred **HB 260-FN**

AN ACT relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

IS INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

BY A VOTE OF: 4-1

Senator Ruth Ward  
For the Committee

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

**TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 260-FN**, relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Ruth Ward for the committee.

Docket of hb260		
01/09/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Transportation HJ 2 P. 41
01/21/2021	H	Public Hearing: 01/29/2021 03:00 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/99305477189">https://www.zoom.us/j/99305477189</a> / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
01/27/2021	H	Executive Session: 02/05/2021 02:15 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/92807074926">https://www.zoom.us/j/92807074926</a>
02/19/2021	H	Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment # 2021-0208h (Vote 10-9; RC) HC 18 P. 61
02/19/2021	H	Minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate
04/09/2021	H	Amendment # 2021-0208h: AA VV 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 62
04/09/2021	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0208h: MA RC 210-163 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 62
04/13/2021	S	Introduced 04/08/2021 and Referred to Transportation; SJ 12
04/15/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 04/20/2021, 01:30 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 20
04/27/2021	S	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate, 05/06/2021; SC 22
05/06/2021	S	Inexpedient to Legislate, RC 20Y-3N, MA === BILL KILLED ===; 05/06/2021; SJ 14

# Other Referrals

**Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives**

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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)

Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

Hearing Report

N/A 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):

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**Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}**

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

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**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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