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CHAPTER 73 HB 461 - FINAL VERSION

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Approved: June 10, 2021 Effective Date: August 09, 2021

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE Transportation

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

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Date: April 15, 2021

HEARINGS

	Tuesday	04/20/2023	1
(Day)		(Date)	
Transport	ation	REMOTE 000	1:00 p.m.
(Name of Committee)		(Place) (Time)	
1:00 p.m.	HB 424	establishing a commission to study ways to redu driving.	ce texting while
1:15 p.m.	HB 461	relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and add Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to 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 yearsto be vehicle.	restrained in a motor

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

<u>Sponsors</u> :			
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	
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Rep. Yokela	Rep. Yakubovich	Rep. Abramson	Rep. Hill
Rep. O'Hara	Rep. Belanger		
HB 251-FN			
Rep. Fenton			

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

<u>Regina Birdşell</u> Chairman

Senate Transportation Committee Kirsten Koch 271-3266

HB 461, relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission.

Hearing Date: April 20, 2021

Time Opened: 1:15 p.m. Time Closed: 1:33 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 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.

Sponsors:

Rep. Packard

Who supports the bill: Rep. Judy Aron, Sullivan 7; Rep. Jason Osborne, Rockingham 4; Dan Goodman, AAA; Bill Alleman; Dan Bennett, NHADA; Traci Beaurivage, NHMRO.

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of Testimony Presented:

Representative Sherman Packard, Rockingham 5

- Rep. Packard said, this bill is a combination of two bills from last year.
 - Part one adds a representative from the motorcycle community onto the traffic safety commission.
 - Part two was requested by motorcycle franchise dealers. Motorcycles can have up to three auxiliary lights. The problem is a lot of motorcycles have main a headlight and two fog lights. On motorcycles with crash bars, owners like to add an extra two lights on the crash bars. Right now, owners can only add one light.

Representative Timothy Horrigan, Strafford 6

• Rep. Horrigan said he does not ride a motorcycle, but he enjoys seeing motorcycles at bike week.

- Rep. Horrigan clarified he is testifying in opposition to this bill even though he voted for this bill in the House.
- Rep. Horrigan said he wants motorcycle helmets to be required and that the relative organization in this bill, the NH Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (NHMRO), opposes helmets.
- Rep. Horrigan said, remove the NHMRO from this bill and replace the member with another motorcyclist from the public.

Dan Bennett, NH Auto Dealers Association (NHADA)

- Mr. Bennet testified in support in of this bill.
- Mr. Bennett said, the two issues in this bill are important.
- Mr. Bennett said, motorcycle lamping is done in pairs and motorcycles with better lighting are more easily seen by other drivers on the road. This addresses a two-fold visibility issue.
- Mr. Bennett said, the department of safety, the traffic safety commission, and NHMRO worked with the NH Auto Dealer Association on the language in this bill.
- Mr. Bennet said he disagrees with Rep. Horrigan about the commission. They are data driven, look at roadway safety and have productive discussions with varied interest groups.
- Mr. Bennett said, both bills passed last year.
- Mr. Bennett referred the committee members to pictures of lighting on motorcycles in his written testimony.
- Sen. Sherman asked, does this bill only impact the front of motorcycle? Would this restrict any lamps on the back? Would there be a need to change that as well?
 - Mr. Bennett said, this bill only affects the forward-facing lights. The only restrictions for the back bike are that flashing or blinking lights are not allowed on the back.
- Sen. Sherman asked, are there no additional issues on the rear of the motorcycles that the industry would like addressed on this bill?
 - Mr. Bennett said, we heard of none and know of none.
- Sen. Birdsell, why do we limit the number of lights on a motorcycle anyway?
 - Mr. Bennett said, there is a concept of excessive lamping where it could be blinding or distracting. On an annual inspection they do a headlight aim to check if lights are aiming too high or are too bright. We have to have some restrictions and controls.

Traci Beaurivage, NH Motorcycle Rights Organization (NHRMO)

- Ms. Beaurivage said, we are not an organization that runs around saying we don't want to wear helmets. I think that perception of us started in the 1960s when talks about not wearing helmets started.
- Ms. Beaurivage said, we got the office of highway safety involved, the rider's safety program, AAA, iHeartMedia, and the liquor commission. We now have a ride smart

program statewide. We have statewide PSAs coming out. We are promoting riding safely. We believe in rider's choice, but we are always talking about doing the right things for the community.

- Ms. Beaurivage said, I respectfully request that you allow us to be on this commission and I support the auxiliary lamping as well.
- Sen. Watters said, I appreciate what you say, and I want you to know that the attitudes expressed earlier are not shared by the Senate Transportation Committee.
- Sen. Birdsell said, I second that.

KNK Date Hearing Report completed: April 22, 2021 Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB461 on 2021-04-20

Support: 4 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 2

<u>Name</u>	Email Address	Phone	<u>Title</u>	Representing	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifing</u>	\$
Bennett, Dan	dbennett@nhada.com	603.545.4535	A Lobbyist	Myself	Support	Yes	4
Beaurivage, Traci	nhmropresident@gmail.com	603.714.4242	A Member of the Public	New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization	Support	Yes	4
Osborne, Rep. Jason	Not Given	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	4
Aron, Judy	judy.aron@leg.state.nh.us	603-843-5908	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	4

Testimony



The New Hampshire Auto Dealers Association is a statewide trade association,

representing the interests of the motor vehicle industry.

<u>NHADA consists of</u>: 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.

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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 NHMMRO'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.

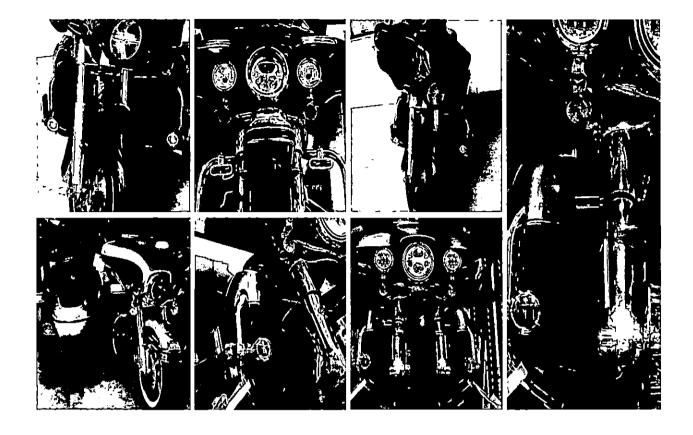
The NH Automobile Dealers Association represents over 500 members and 14,000 employees involved in motor vehicle businesses in NH and strongly support HB 461. For further information please contact Dan Bennett, or Pete McNamara at 1-800-852-3372.

HB 461 NHADA Supports

Relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission



NEW HAMPSHIRE AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION





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April 20, 2021

Senate Transportation Committee

Good afternoon Madam Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Traci Beaurivage and I am the President of New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization also known as NHMRO. I am here to respectfully request your support of HB 461.

Motorcyclists have never been represented on the NH Traffic Safety Commission and with over seventy thousand registered motorcycles in the state, we believe that we are a big part of the roadways and should be part of the commission.

Last session I spoke before the House Transportation Committee and they voted unanimously to add us to the commission. It also came out of the House floor the same. Unfortunately the pandemic hit and the bill got up in the chaos before the Senate could hear the bill. So the bill was presented again this year.

For those of you who are not familiar with NHMRO, I just want to share with you what we are working on that ties in with this. NHMRO started the RideSMART program and in 2019 NHMRO along with the NH Office of Highway Safety, The State Police, The Riders Education Program, NH Automobile Dealers Association, AAA of New England and I Heart Media, we started a motorcycle safety task force. Our #livefreeRideSMART program is State wide and we are running PSA's with our message during riding season. I have included the flyer that is being used along with our messing in dealers and other state agencies.

We feel that NHMRO would be a great asset to the Traffic Safety Commission and ask that you support HB 461.

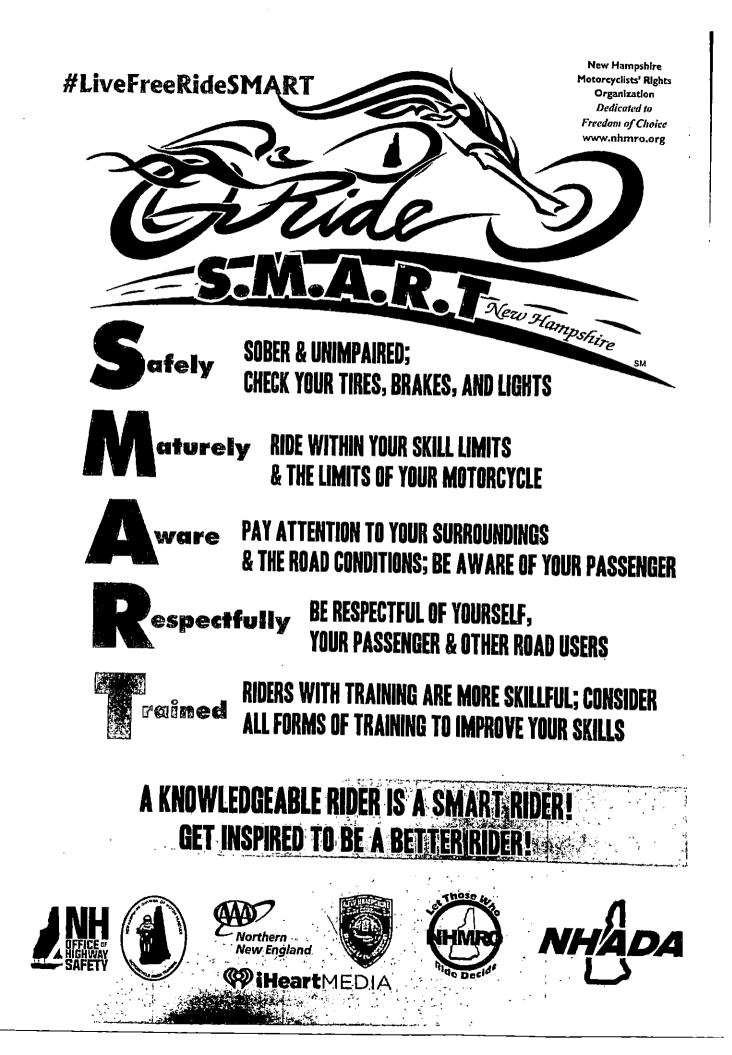
Thank you for your time,

Respectfully,

Traci Beaurivage

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Senate Transportation Committee EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

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, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Tom Sherman For the Committee

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Kirsten Koch 271-3266

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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TRANSPORTATION

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01/10/2021	Н	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Transportation HJ 2 P. 49
02/19/2021	Н	Public Hearing: 02/19/2021 10:30 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/98257633759 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
03/25/2021	Н	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 19-0; CC) HC 18 P. 25
04/07/2021	Н	Ought to Pass: MA VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 49
04/07/2021	Н	Reconsider (Rep. Osborne): MF VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 50
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04/15/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 04/20/2021, 01:15 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 20
04/28/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 05/06/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 22
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06/02/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 05/27/2021); SJ 18
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