

Bill as Introduced

HB 496-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0494
11/08

HOUSE BILL **496-FN**
AN ACT relative to license plate covers.
SPONSORS: Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 6
COMMITTEE: Transportation

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6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 496-FN FISCAL NOTE
 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2021-0631h)**

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Approved: May 25, 2021

Effective Date: January 01, 2022

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

Date: April 8, 2021

HEARINGS

	Tuesday	04/13/2021
	(Day)	(Date)
Transportation		REMOTE 000
(Name of Committee)		1:00 p.m.
		(Time)
1:00 p.m.	HB 100	relative to driving to the left of an unbroken painted line.
1:15 p.m.	HB 174	relative to reporting a collision between a cat and a motor vehicle.
1:30 p.m.	HB 421	relative to organ donation on a driver's license.
1:45 p.m.	HB 451-FN	relative to organizations authorized to issue decals for multi-use decal number plates and relative to gold star family decals for motor vehicles.
2:00 p.m.	HB 496-FN	relative to license plate covers.

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/96469454092>
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: 19292056099,,96469454092# or 13017158592,,96469454092#

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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 100

Rep. Steven Smith

Rep. Walsh

Rep. Packard

HB 174

Rep. Abbas

Rep. Kenney

Rep. Janigian

Rep. Burroughs

HB 421

Rep. Torosian

Rep. Janigian

Rep. Piemonte

Rep. Spillane

HB 451-FN

Rep. Packard

Rep. Burt

Rep. Shurtleff

Rep. Weyler

HB 496-FN

Rep. S. Pearson

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

Regina Birdsell
Chairman

Senate Transportation Committee

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

HB 496-FN, relative to license plate covers.

Hearing Date: April 13, 2021

Time Opened: 2:01 p.m.

Time Closed: 2:06 p.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill prohibits persons from attaching or permitting to be attached to a license plate any coverings that are colored, smoked, or tinted.

Sponsors:

Rep. S. Pearson

Who supports the bill: John Drury; Eric Pauer.

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of Testimony Presented:

Representative Steve Pearson, Rockingham 6

- Rep. Pearson said, this bill has to do with license plates that should not be applied to a vehicle that are colored, smoked, or tinted. It passed the House last year, but then was held up by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Rep. Pearson said, I believe these types of plate covers are not permitted in the inspection. As time has gone on, the tint and darkness has increased.
- Rep. Pearson said, this bill provide clarity to the existing the statute.
- Sen. Birdsell asked, what is prompting the tinted license plate covers?
 - Rep. Pearson, it maybe matches the color of the car. It matches the décor, and others do it to make it harder to read the license plate. People's motives are what they are. There seems to be a common element and that is difficult to identify plates.

KNK

Date Hearing Report completed: April 15, 2021

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB496 on 2021-04-13

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

Name	Email Address	Phone	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	S
Pauer, Eric	secretary@BrooklineGOP.org	603.732.8489	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4
Drury, John	jdrury@farmingtonpd.com	603.755.2731	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4

Voting Sheets

Senate Transportation Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # HB 496 FN

Hearing Date: 4/13/21

Executive Session Date: 4/13/21

Motion of: OTD 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"/>
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Motion of: Consent Calendar Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Sen. Ward

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred **HB 496-FN**

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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Ruth Ward
For the Committee

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Docket of hb496

01/11/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Transportation HJ 2 P. 51
02/03/2021	H	Public Hearing: 02/12/2021 01:00 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/98796113084 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
03/05/2021	H	Executive Session: 03/05/2021 11:30 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/99182085994
03/26/2021	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment # 2021-0631h (Vote 18-1; CC) HC 18 P. 25
04/07/2021	H	Amendment # 2021-0631h: AA VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 49
04/07/2021	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0631h: MA VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 49
04/07/2021	H	Reconsider (Rep. Osborne): MF VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 50
04/07/2021	S	Introduced 04/01/2021 and Referred to Transportation; SJ 11
04/08/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 04/13/2021, 02:00 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 19
04/14/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 04/22/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 20
04/22/2021	S	Ought to Pass: RC 23Y-1N, MA; OT3rdg; 04/22/2021; SJ 12
05/17/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 05/13/2021); SJ 16
05/17/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 104
05/27/2021	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 05/25/2021; Chapter 55; Eff: 01/01/2022

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 496-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)

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 # _____

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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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