

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 18, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred HB 1489-FN,

AN ACT relative to motor vehicle title exemptions.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Karel Crawford

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Transportation
Bill Number:	HB 1489-FN
Title:	relative to motor vehicle title exemptions.
Date:	January 18, 2022
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would exempt vehicles that are seven years or older from needing a current certificate of title in order to be registered. Testimony from the N.H. Department of Motor Vehicles estimated the loss of revenue to the state would be \$5,380,975 and the loss of revenue to local municipalities \$430,478. A title is a formal document showing ownership, the average ownership of a vehicle is 12 years, banks will not finance a vehicle without a certificate of title.

Vote 14-0.

Rep. Karel Crawford
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Transportation

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1489-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to motor vehicle title exemptions.

DATE: January 18, 2022

LOB ROOM: 203

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Crawford

Seconded by Rep. Gorski

Vote: 14-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Karel Crawford, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # _____

BILL TITLE: *1489-FW relative to motor vehicle title*

DATE: *1/18/22* *Exemptions*

LOB ROOM: *201-203*

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____
- Interim Study (2nd year)
- (if offered)*

Moved by Rep. *CRAWFORD* Seconded by Rep. *Corstini* Vote: *14-0*

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____
- Interim Study (2nd year)
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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
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- Retain (1st year)
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- Interim Study (2nd year)
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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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- Interim Study (2nd year)
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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

Minority Report? Yes No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: *Karen Folsom*
Rep. Beth Folsom, Clerk

Rep. KAREN CRAWFORD



2022 SESSION

Transportation

Bill #: 1489-FN Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 1/18/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Walsh, Thomas C. Chairman	✓		
Gagne, Larry G. Vice Chairman	✓		
Smith, Steven D. <i>Absent</i>			
Crawford, Karel A. Clerk	✓		
Hill, Gregory G.	✓		
Thompson, Dennis J.	✓		
Ankarberg, Aidan	✓		
Gorski, Ted	✓		
O'Hara, Travis J. <i>Absent</i>			
Pitaro, Matthew <i>Absent</i>			
Sykes, George E.	✓		
Cleaver, Skip J.			
Fenton, Donovan W.	✓		
Rombeau, Catherine	✓		
Rich, Cecilia	✓		
Telerski, Laura D.	✓		
Fox, Dru	✓		
Stevens, Deb <i>Absent</i>			
Veilleux, Daniel T.	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	14	0	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL TITLE: HB 1489-FN relative to motor vehicle title exemptions

DATE: 1/18/22

LOB ROOM: 201-203

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:02 am

Time Adjourned: 10:13 am

Committee Members: Reps. Walsh, Gagne, Crawford, Smith, Hill, Thompson, Ankarberg, Gorski, O'Hara, Pitaro, Sykes, Cleaver, Fenton, Rombeau, Rich, Telerski, Fox, Stevens and Veilleux

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Santonastaso

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Ankarberg introduce the bill, exempts vehicles from a title 7 years

Priscille Vaughan – DMV/DOS opposes the bill lose 5 million dollars for the state and over 400,00 to towns, difficult to verify the odometer without the title. Difficult time to get a loan on a 7-year car without the title.

Rep. Telerski What is a title? A. proof of ownership, a lot of good information for consumer protection.

Dan Bennett, NH Automobile Dealers Assoc. oppose the bill, enclosed written testimony.

Rep. Thompson: What are other states law on title? A. I can get that to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Karel Crawford, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB1489 on 2022-01-18

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

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Archived: Friday, March 11, 2022 1:19:16 PM
From: [Matthew Santonastaso](#)
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:10:24 AM
To: ~[House Transportation Committee](#)
Subject: HB1489
Importance: Normal

Hello House Transportation Committee members

I was excited to introduce my bill to the committee this afternoon. Unfortunately I have become sick and I am not able to attend. Because of the short notice I haven't lined up anyone else to introduce it today.

Thank you
Matt

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 off-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.



HB1489 This bill exempts vehicles that are 7 years or older from needing a current certificate of title in order to be registered.

Motor Vehicle Titles Prevent Fraud, Protect Consumers & are Critical in the Vehicle Marketplace

- Motor vehicle titles prove ownership and track a vehicle through its life to ensure that a citizen's personal property is protected
- Without vehicle titles after 7 years NH would become a destination for stolen vehicle fraud
- The average age of vehicles on the road is over 12 years (per R.L. Polk)
- Over 85% of all vehicles on the road are financed. Vehicle titles are the major way that a bank/lender secures their interest when making a loan to a consumer. Without the ability for a lender to secure/prove the ownership of a vehicle the used marketplace would be decimated.

PLEASE VOTE ITL ON HB 1489 FN



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NHADA is a statewide trade association, established in 1921, representing the interests of the motor vehicle industry. Our membership consists of all the new-car and new-truck dealers in the state, along with motorcycle, recreational vehicle, farm equipment, used-car, snowmobile and OHRV dealers, and construction equipment dealers, as well as motor vehicle service, autobody repair, and motor vehicle parts sales facilities. Our members are over 500 small businesses in all corners of the state that employ over 14,000 citizens and make up close to 25% of the state's retail sales.

HB 1489-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2388

12/04

HOUSE BILL ***1489-FN***

AN ACT relative to motor vehicle title exemptions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Santonastaso, Ches. 14

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill exempts vehicles that are 7 years or older from needing a current certificate of title in order to be registered.

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.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT relative to motor vehicle title exemptions.

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

1 1 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Exempted Vehicles. Amend RSA 261:3, I(k)
2 to read as follows:

3 (k) Any motor vehicle whose manufacturer's model year is [~~before the year 2000~~] **7 or**
4 **more years old**, except heavy trucks and truck-tractors whose gross vehicle weight exceeds 18,000
5 pounds.

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

**HB 1489-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to motor vehicle title exemptions.

FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	(\$5,380,975)	(\$5,380,975)	(\$5,380,975)
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	(\$645,717)	(\$645,717)
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

LOCAL:

Revenue	\$0	(\$430,478)	(\$1,076,195)	(\$1,076,195)
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill amends RSA 261:3, which outlines the vehicles exempted from requiring a certificate of title, by changing the requirement from model year of 2000 or newer to when the vehicle is 7 years old or older. Based on these changes, any vehicle that is 7 years old or older, except heavy trucks and truck-tractors whose gross vehicle weight exceeds 18,000 pounds, will not be required to have a certificate of title regardless of circumstances to include salvage vehicles. Also, vehicles that have been repaired after being deemed a total loss will not be required to complete a salvage inspection or obtain a salvage title if it meets the new criteria. The mechanism for recognizing a vehicle as having prior damage such as flood, salvage, or odometer rollbacks will be removed for vehicles fitting the new criteria as well.

The Department of Safety has provided the following information relative to title fees collected over the last three calendar years on vehicles with a model year between 2000 and 2015:

Calendar Year	State Fees Collected	Municipal Fees Collected
2018	\$6,217,000	\$497,360
2019	\$5,415,800	\$433,264
2020	\$4,510,125	\$360,810

This data suggests a three-year rolling average of \$5,380,975 of state and \$430,478 local revenue decrease per year. Also, pursuant to RSA 235:23 (“Apportionment A”), 12 percent of road toll and motor vehicle fees collected are distributed to municipalities, therefore, under this bill state expenditures and local revenue would decrease by \$645,717 per year beginning FY 2024.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety