

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**February 22, 2022**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development to which was referred HB 1554-FN,**

**AN ACT relative to online payment of fees and fines relating to the operation of off highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

**Rep. Timothy Egan**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Resources, Recreation and Development</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>HB 1554-FN</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>relative to online payment of fees and fines relating to the operation of off highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles.</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>February 22, 2022</b>
<b>Consent Calendar:</b>	<b>CONSENT</b>
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2022-0548h</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee was unanimous in support of the need for a bill on allowing instate residents and visitors from out of state enjoying our tourism options, to easily renew their OHRV and snowmobile using internet commerce. This enabling legislation allows Fish and Game to work to ensure all OHRV and snowmobiles are registered; better track the registration data - thus better manage staffing demands; support the demand on local dealers who face registration pressures; and work with the OHRV and snowmobile riding clubs to make sure all riders are operating safe machines. The amendment clarifies that the bill will only affect registration fees and not the payment of fines.

Vote 20-1.

Rep. Timothy Egan  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Resources, Recreation and Development

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17 chapter.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2022-0548h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the executive director of fish and game to establish procedures for enabling online payment of registration fees.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1554-FN**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to online payment of fees and fines relating to the operation of off highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles.

**DATE:** February 9, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 305 -307

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Moved by Rep. Egan

Seconded by Rep. Gottling

AM Vote: 21-0

Amendment # 2022-0548h

Moved by Rep. Egan

Seconded by Rep. Gottling

Vote: 20-1

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Juliet Harvey-Bolia, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1554-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to online payment of fees and fines relating to the operation of off highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles.

DATE: 365-307 2-9-22

LOB ROOM: 305-307

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP  ITL  Retain (1st year)  Adoption of Amendment # 05484 (if offered)  Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Egan Secoded by Rep. Gottling Vote: 21-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. Egan Secoded by Rep. Gottling Vote: 20-1

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Moved by Rep. Secoded by Rep. Vote:

CONSENT CALENDAR:  YES  NO

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

Respectfully submitted: Juliet Harvey-Bolia  
Rep Juliet Harvey-Bolia, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Resources, Recreation and Development

Bill #: 1554-PM Motion: OTP AM #: 0540h Exec Session Date: 2-9-22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Renzullo, Andrew Chairman	✓		
Harb, Robert D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Hough, Gregg	.	✓	
Gould, Linda R.	✓		
Horgan, James F.	✓		
Creighton, Jim L.	✓		
Dodge, Dustin	✓		
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet Clerk	✓		
Healey, Robert V.	✓		
Mayville, Mary L.	✓		
Post, Lisa C.M.	✓		
Smith, Suzanne J.	✓		
Spang, Judith T. <i>Perez</i>	✓		
Grassie, Chuck W.	✓		
Gottling, Suzanne H.	✓		
Cohen, Bruce L.	✓		
Connors, Erika F.	✓		
Vail, Suzanne M.	✓		
Kelley, Eamon P.	✓		
Moran, Melbourne R. <i>Jack</i>	✓		
Egan, Timothy T.	✓		

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2022 SESSION

Resources, Recreation and Development

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Renzullo, Andrew Chairman	✓		
Harb, Robert D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Hough, Gregg	✓		
Gould, Linda R.	✓		
Horgan, James F.	✓		
Creighton, Jim L.	✓		
Dodge, Dustin	✓		
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet Clerk	✓		
Healey, Robert V.	✓		
Mayville, Mary L.	✓		
Post, Lisa C.M.	✓		
Smith, Suzanne J.	✓		
Spang, Judith T. <i>Perez</i>	✓		
Grassie, Chuck W.	✓		
Gottling, Suzanne H.	✓		
Cohen, Bruce L.	✓		
Connors, Erika F.	✓		
Vail, Suzanne M.	✓		
Kelley, Eamon P.	✓		
Moran, Melbourne R. <i>Jack</i>	✓		
Egan, Timothy T.	✓		

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Rep. Egan, Graf. 2  
February 7, 2022  
2022-0548h  
04/05

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2022-0548h

**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1554-FN**

**BILL TITLE:** (New Title) relative to online payment of fees relating to the operation of off highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles.

**DATE:** January 26, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 305 - 307                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:45 p.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 2:00 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. Renzullo, Harb, Harvey-Bolia, Hough, Gould, Creighton, Dodge, Healey, Mayville, Post, Suzanne Smith, Grassie, Gottling and Cohen

**Bill Sponsors:**

**Rep. Egan**  
**Rep. Dontonville**

**Rep. Thompson**  
**Rep. Massimilla**

**Rep. Merner**  
**Sen. Hennessey**

**TESTIMONY**

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

**Rep. Timothy Egan** introduced his bill which modernizes the transaction process for payments.

**Captain Michael Eastman, NH Fish and Game**, offered an amendment. Stores who offer the renewal convenience get to collect a small fee. He wishes to delete "fines" and add "renewal."

**Mr. Steven Wilkie** spoke in favor of the bill with the amendment.

**Dan Bennett** supported the bill with the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Juliet Harvey-Bolia

Clerk



# House Remote Testify

Resources, Recreation and Development Committee Testify List for Bill HB1554 on 2022-01-26

Support: 3 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Hennessey, Sen Erin	Senate District 1, NH peter.oneill@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	1/18/2022 10:57 AM
ploszaj, tom	Center Harbor, NH tom.ploszaj@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	1/21/2022 2:21 PM
Hennessey, Erin	Senate District 1, NH peter.oneill@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	1/25/2022 10:38 AM

Rep. Egan, Graf. 2  
January 25, 2022  
2022-0274h  
04/05

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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.



### **HB1554-FN: NHADA Supports IF Amended**

This bill requires the executive director of fish and game to establish procedures for enabling online payment of fines and registration fees.

### **NHADA IS SUPPORTIVE OF ON-LINE RENEWAL REGISTRATION**

- NHADA has had multiple conversations with the bill sponsor, Fish & Game, NHOHVA, and NHSA on the legislation. All have agreed that on-line registration is a good idea while keeping intact the physical registration agent component as well.
- NHADAs amendment suggestion clarifies that from the current bill language. Please see the below suggestion:

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### **PLEASE Consider the NHADA Amendment Suggestion**



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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.*



# Online Payments

Prime Sponsor Testimony on HB1554  
Jan.25, 2022

Thank you Chairman Rennzullo and Committee on Recreation, Resources and Development. I am here to speak to HB 1554 relative to online payment of fee and fines relating to the operation of off highway recreational vehicle and snowmobiles.

The Fish & Game department touches many NH resident and visitors who are outdoor enthusiasts. And the modernization of the of our states infrastructure will go a long way in serving this community with convenience, data research and education.

Offering hunters, fisherman and the variety of motorized riders the ability to pay for registrations in advance of the trip is essential. With the busy lives we all have, this creates convince and increases the opportunity for people to follow the rules. It allows OHRV riders to register in advance of the season, helping Fish & Game estimate ridership, prepare for enforcement staffing demands. It gives a snowmobiler an opportunity to register their sled before coming up the night of a big snowstorm. Or an angler whose license lasted and became an offender, the opportunity pay their fine once the leave the state keeps us from losing revenue while tracking infractions for future awareness of run changes and program education.

And this bill does not do away with the time honored tradition of people doing their registration at their local club or getting a license at the neighborhood bait shop, it just adds the modern web based world for those that prefer that method.

This bill that is important to supporting our valuable tourism economy, easing the burden on small businesses, modernizing our transaction process for the consumer and the agency and supporting our under staffed fish and game department.

It is enabling legislation done in consultation with Fish & Game and the communities that they serve.

This is a simple bill that can have a tremendous positive impact in NH residents and and the visitors who come to enjoy our mountains, woods, lakes, streams and trails.

## Heather Goley

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**From:** Alex Koutroubas <alex@dennehybouley.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 7:58 PM  
**To:** ~House Environment and Agriculture Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 1454

Dear Environment and Agriculture Committee:

**Re: HB 1554, would require new landfills to be sited a certain minimum distance from any perennial river, lake, or coastal water of New Hampshire.**

The American Council of Engineering Companies of New Hampshire (ACEC- NH) is the voice of the engineering industry. ACEC is an association of 75 engineering and related firms. These companies employ over 1500 NH citizens who are engaged in a wide range of public and private engineering works that contribute to the economic viability and quality of life in the state.

ACEC-NH is opposed to HB 1454, for the following reasons:

- This legislation is a preemptive strike aimed squarely at derailing a single project in the town of Dalton.
- The bill would create two different sets of regulations, one for new landfills and one for the expansion of existing landfills.
- NH has a lack of landfill capacity that has been validated by experts.

The fact that this legislation will not apply to any landfill expansion is a clear indication that HB 1454's sole purpose is to prevent the siting of the Granite State landfill. If the sponsors of this bill truly believed that there are holes in the current NHDES landfill siting rules that threaten public health and the environment, then this legislation would apply to all landfills in the state.

Solid waste has been and continues to be an issue that is managed regionally. The management of solid waste does not stop at a state line.

Currently, NH recycles about 18% of the waste it generates. In addition, almost 10% of NH generated waste is exported to other states.

According to the Northeast Resource Recovery Association who markets recyclables for many communities in NH, nearly all the recyclables that generated in NH are sorted and processed at transfer stations and then they are hauled out of state. Other than the Keene transfer station which takes in and sorts a limited number of mixed recyclables, there are no facilities that mechanically process recyclables in the state. If the Granite State Landfill moves forward, the company has pledged to build a recycling plant in NH.

In recent months, the NH Municipal Association said the following: "Prohibiting new landfills hardly seems like a solution. Trash must go somewhere. Existing landfills have finite capacity, and recycling options are drying up, at least temporarily. When the existing facilities are full, the principal option remaining for municipalities will be to send their waste to out-of-state facilities at dramatically increased cost."

The former chair of the legislatively created committee to study recycling and solid waste management Karen Ebel, said this: "NH faces many solid waste challenges. The first one she listed was "limited landfill capacity."

Marc Morgan, solid waste manager for the city of Lebanon said this: “The cost of dealing with solid waste are increasing, making residents, businesses, and municipalities aware of solid waste issues. Increased tipping fees, as well as increased transportation costs to get solid waste to a landfill drive costs up.”

Northeast Resource Recovery Association has said, “Solid waste costs continue to rise, the northeast has the highest cost of disposal for municipal solid waste due to lack of available space for new or expanded landfills.”

In the coming years, NH cities and towns will face higher and higher prices for the hauling of solid waste. This will cause municipalities to raise property taxes and/or reduce vital services like schools, police, and fire.

Finally, should the NHDES approve this project, it will be a safe and secure landfill designed by a team of qualified geologists and engineers who are experts in this field. NH has a vigorous process to site landfills in this state. We should follow it. HB is 1454 bad public policy, and it needs to be rejected.

Alex Koutroubas

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HB 1554-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2615  
04/11

HOUSE BILL            **1554-FN**

AN ACT                relative to online payment of fees and fines relating to the operation of off highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Egan, Graf. 2; Rep. Thompson, Coos 1; Rep. Merner, Coos 7; Rep. Dontonville, Graf. 10; Rep. Massimilla, Graf. 1; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1

COMMITTEE:          Resources, Recreation and Development

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the executive director of fish and game to establish procedures for enabling online payment of fines and registration fees.

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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.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

AN ACT           relative to online payment of fees and fines relating to the operation of off highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles.

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

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**HB 1554-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to online payment of fees and fines relating to the operation of off highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles.

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	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Restricted - OHRV/Snowmobile Registration Fees			

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill requires the Fish and Game Department to establish an online platform for collecting fines and registering OHRV and snowmobiles. Currently, the Department does not collect fines, and the registration of OHRV and snowmobiles is done at a registration agent. The establishment of both programs would require new programming for the Department's existing online license sales system and personnel to keep the new systems operating. At this time, the Department is unable to estimate costs associated with implementing such systems and is unable to predict what impact, if any, the online platforms would have on registration or fine revenue streams.

Currently, OHRV and snowmobile fine revenue is paid to district courts. The Judicial Branch assumes there would still be fines collected through the courts and therefore it would incur no fiscal impact because of this bill.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Fish and Game Department and Judicial Branch