

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB1214

Bill as
Introduced

HB 1214-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2250
12/05

HOUSE BILL ***1214-FN***
AN ACT eliminating fees for walking disability placards.
SPONSORS: Rep. Telerski, Hills. 35
COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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2 Amend RSA 261:88, V-VI to read as follows:

3 V. Upon application [~~and payment of a \$5 fee to cover the costs of printing and mailing,~~] the
4 department shall furnish a hanging windshield placard to a person with a walking disability who
5 satisfactorily furnishes proof of such disability to the director. Any nonprofit agency serving a
6 person with a walking disability may apply to the department for a hanging windshield placard. An
7 applicant for such placard shall furnish the director with satisfactory proof, as the director may
8 require, that the applicant will use the placard solely for the transportation of a person with a
9 walking disability. The quantity of placards issued under this paragraph shall be at the discretion of
10 the director. This placard shall meet the standards set forth in 23 C.F.R. part 1235, appendix A.
11 The removable windshield placard shall be displayed in such a manner that it may be viewed from
12 the front and rear of the vehicle by hanging it from the front windshield rearview mirror of a vehicle
13 utilizing a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities. When there is no rearview mirror,
14 the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard. A request from any nonprofit agency for a placard
15 shall be approved by the administrator of the nonprofit agency and any other application for such a
16 placard shall be accompanied by the certification of a licensed physician, physician assistant,
17 podiatrist, or advanced practice registered nurse that the applicant has a walking disability as
18 defined in paragraph I. The placard shall expire on the date when the applicant's driver's license or
19 nondriver's identification card expires or 5 years from the date of placard issuance in the case where
20 no New Hampshire driver's license or nondriver's identification card exists and the expiration date
21 shall be noted on the placard or on a sticker affixed to the placard. The placard shall be renewed,
22 upon application on forms provided by the director, if the director determines that the disability
23 which necessitated the issuance of the placard continues or if the person is a veteran who has been
24 evaluated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally
25 disabled from a service-connected disability. Upon request of the applicant [~~and payment of a \$5 fee
26 to cover the costs of printing and mailing,~~] the director shall issue one additional placard to the
27 applicant if the applicant does not have special license plates.

28 VI. Upon the application of a person with a temporary walking disability [~~and payment of a
29 \$5 fee to cover the costs of printing and mailing,~~]the director shall issue a temporary removable
30 windshield placard. The placard shall comply with the standards set forth in 23 C.F.R. part 1235,
31 appendix B. The temporary removable windshield placard shall be displayed in such a manner that

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**HB 1214-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

METHODOLOGY:

This bill eliminates the statutory \$5 fee for printing and mailing disability placards issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Currently, DMV does not charge this fee as it operates under guidance since it is needed under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Therefore, this bill will result in no new fiscal impact as it would align statute with current practice.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety

CHAPTER 34
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Approved: May 03, 2022
Effective Date: May 03, 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: March 10, 2022

HEARINGS

Tuesday

03/15/2022

(Day)

(Date)

Transportation

Legislative Office Building 101 1:00 p.m.

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

1:30 p.m. **HB 1001-FN** authorizing the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains to issue decals for multi-use decal plates.

1:50 p.m. **HB 1214-FN** eliminating fees for walking disability placards.

2:10 p.m. **HB 1437-FN** relative to registration plates for antique farm tractors.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1553-FN** relative to roadside memorials.

Sponsors:

HB 1001-FN

Rep. Levesque

Rep. Walz

Rep. Hamer

Sen. Bradley

HB 1214-FN

Rep. Telerski

HB 1437-FN

Rep. S. Pearson

HB 1553-FN

Rep. Eaton

Rep. Altschiller

Rep. Rung

Rep. Grote

Sen. Watters

Rep. Telerski

Rep. Nutting-Wong

Sen. Carson

Rep. Petrigno

Rep. Schultz

Sen. Gannon

Rep. Pearl

Rep. Pratt

Rep. Jack

Rep. Cloutier

Rep. Graham

Peter O'Neill 271-4151

Regina Birdsell
Chairman

Senate Transportation Committee

Peter O'Neill 271-4151

HB 1214-FN, eliminating fees for walking disability placards.

Hearing Date: March 15, 2022

Time Opened: 1:51 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:55 p.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill eliminates the fee associated with applying for a walking disability placard.

Sponsors:

Rep. Telerski

Who supports the bill: Rep. Telerski

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of Testimony Presented:

Rep. Laura Telerski

- Rep. Telerski had previously introduced the bill in 2020 but the bill had been lost due to covid.
- The bill would remove fees for printing and mailing walking disability placards.
- The bill would result in no new fiscal impact since the bill aligns with current statute and practice.
- The state has not charged for a disability placard in several years and would be in violation of the Americans with Disability Act.
- Rep. Telerski said this is a simple housekeeping bill.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 16, 2022

Speakers

Voting Sheets

Transportation Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2021-2022 Session

Bill # HB 1214-FN

Hearing date: 3/15/2022

Executive Session date: 3/15/2022

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

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

Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

| Committee Member | Present | Made by | Second | Yes | No |
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Reported out by: Sherman

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred **HB 1214-FN**

AN ACT eliminating fees for walking disability placards.

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

This bill eliminates the fee associated with applying for a walking disability placard. The bill would not result in any new fiscal impact since it would align our statute with federal statute and our existing practices.

Peter O'Neill 271-4151

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1214-FN, eliminating fees for walking disability placards.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Tom Sherman for the committee.

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Docket of HB1214

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: eliminating fees for walking disability placards.

Official Docket of HB1214.:

| Date | Body | Description |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| 11/18/2021 | H | Introduced 01/05/2022 and referred to Transportation |
| 1/19/2022 | H | Public Hearing: 01/25/2022 01:30 pm LOB 201-203 |
| 2/3/2022 | H | Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 17-0; CC) |
| 2/16/2022 | H | Ought to Pass: MA VV 02/16/2022 HJ 3 |
| 3/1/2022 | S | Introduced 02/24/2022 and Referred to Transportation; SJ 5 |
| 3/10/2022 | S | Hearing: 03/15/2022, Room 101, LOB, 01:50 pm; SC 11 |
| 3/17/2022 | S | Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/24/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 12 |
| 3/24/2022 | S | Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 03/24/2022; SJ 6 |
| 4/22/2022 | S | Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 04/21/2022); SJ 10 |
| 4/25/2022 | H | Enrolled (in recess of) 04/21/2022 HJ 10 |
| 5/6/2022 | H | Signed by Governor Sununu 05/03/2022; Chapter 34; 05/03/2022 |

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 1214-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

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):

___ - 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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