

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB308

Bill as Introduced

SB 308 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2981
12/04

SENATE BILL **308**

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Dist 16; Rep. Sykes, Graf. 13; Rep. Sullivan, Sull. 1; Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27

COMMITTEE: Transportation

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SB 308 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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Amendments

Sen. Watters, Dist 4
January 19, 2022
2022-0179s
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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

Date: December 29, 2021

HEARINGS

Tuesday		01/18/2022
(Day)		(Date)
Transportation	Legislative Office Building 101	1:00 p.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
1:00 p.m. SB 378-FN	relative to the disposal of highway or turnpike funded real estate.	
1:20 p.m. SB 309	authorizing certain organizations to issue decal plates.	
1:40 p.m. SB 308	relative to driver's licenses for certain visa holders.	
2:00 p.m. SB 389-FN	defining mobile service garages and relative to state vehicle inspections.	
2:20 p.m. SB 417-FN	establishing an electric school bus pilot program.	

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 378-FN

Sen. Perkins Kwoka
 Rep. Hamblet

Sen. Watters
 Rep. Malloy

Sen. Sherman

Rep. Wall

SB 309

Sen. Ricciardi
 Rep. Steven Smith

Sen. Birdsell

Sen. Ward

Rep. Crawford

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SB 389-FN

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 Sen. Hennessey

Sen. Sherman
 Sen. Prentiss

Sen. French
 Rep. Hunt

Sen. Gannon
 Rep. Sykes

SB 417-FN

Sen. Watters
 Sen. Sherman
 Sen. Avard

Sen. Perkins Kwoka
 Sen. Hennessey
 Sen. Soucy

Sen. Whitley
 Sen. Prentiss
 Sen. Carson

Sen. D'Allesandro
 Sen. Rosenwald
 Sen. Cavanaugh

Sen. Kahn

Rep. Telerski

Rep. Steven Smith

Peter O'Neill 271-4151

Regina Birdsell
Chairman

Senate Transportation Committee
Peter O'Neill 271-4151

SB 308, relative to driver's licenses for certain visa holders.

Hearing Date: January 18, 2022

Time Opened: 1:40 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:56 a.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent: Senator Birdsell

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Who supports the bill: Sen. Watters, Sen. Kahn, Sen. Cavanaugh, Sen. Birdsell, Rep. Sykes, Councilor Linnea Nemeth, Dover City Council; Councilor Robert Hinkel, Dover City Council; Robert Johnson, NH Farm Bureau; Stephen Wood, Wiltrud Mott-Smith, Jennifer Smith, Jim Verschueren, Cora Quisumbing-King, Phil Hatcher, Kay Campbell, Emily Burr, Julia Thompson, Karen Campbell, Michael Fraysse, Margaret Bowles, Deborah Leavitt, Richard Leavitt, Chuck Souther

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: Jeff Oberdank, DMV

Summary of Testimony Presented:

Sen. Watters, District 4

- Senator Watters testified in support of the bill.
- The goal for the bill is for international gardeners' license reciprocity. The H2A worker visa program brings foreign workers in for agricultural work and they need to be able to drive farming equipment. The program is recognized in the states surrounding New Hampshire but not New Hampshire itself.

- Sen. Watters said the bill will make it clear that workers employed through the H2A worker program can have license reciprocity.
- Workers shall not operate motor vehicles in NH unless they have a driver's license and other certifications to operate jurisdiction outside of the U.S. The clarifications consist of the individual being at least 18 years old, lawfully present, have the visa for less than a year, and have an international permit.

Jeff Obenank, Division of Motor Vehicles

- The DMV is neutral on this bill but wanted to clarify some bill language.
- There is no such thing as an international license. It is called an international permit. A license would suggest an individual would need to go through a series of safety exams to demonstrate proficiency in driving.
- Sen. Watters thanked Mr. Oberdank for the correction. He asked if every mention of license in the bill should say permit instead of license and Mr. Oberdank said yes.

Rob Johnson, NH Farm Bureau, Federation Policy Director

- Director Johnson is in support of the legislation.
- Director Johnson said that Sen. Watters was approached to introduce this bill due to him sitting on the Commission to Study Licensing of Foreign Licenses.
- Director Johnson said an employer, Steven Wood, went through a federal paper audit and was fined \$1250 by the Department of Labor. The Department found he was not in compliance of state law.
- Director Johnson said Mr. Wood employs Jamaican workers through the Federal H2A program. However, NH does not have reciprocity.
- NH RSA 263:39-a requires foreign workers to hold a NH license. These workers are in the state for less than a year. For workers to obtain a NH license, it must be done at the Concord DMV. It's a burden for the growers and farmers.
- The workers are already vetted through the federal H2A program. The U.S. Department of Labor, homeland security, and the state department conduct the vetting process.
- Domestic workers can bring on foreign workers for limited, seasonal, or temporary work lasting less than a year. To do this, employers are required to post the job order outlining job conditions and employment. When it is shown that the employer cannot find workers after the original posting, then the employer can bring in foreign workers. Employers pay for travel to the U.S., housing, and workers compensation insurance. They must also pay the minimum adverse effect age rate.
- Nationwide, 317,000 workers were approved through the H2A program in 2021. That was triple the number of workers requested in 2013. NH varies between 100-200 workers per year.
- The program not only provides NH farms with farm workers, but with professional workers.

- Director Johnson said we can either import our workers or import our food. He also supplied a packet to the committee which outlined his testimony. It also included additional letters of support for the bill.

Steven Wood, Owner of Poverty Lane Orchards and Farm Hill Siders

- Mr. Wood spoke in support of the bill.
- Mr. Wood said he never questioned an international drivers permit. If you rent a car in England, you don't need to prove that you can drive. He said he wouldn't have had qualms with Jamaican workers needing to show reciprocity.
- The U.S. Dep of Labor came in for an inspection last summer. The Department doesn't want organizations and companies to be "taking work away" from Americans.
- Mr. Wood said if people have been working for him for a long time, he owed it to the foreign workers to protect them and their jobs from the government.
- Receiving a fine of \$1250 from the Department of Labor for not abiding by New Hampshire law was shocking. Mr. Wood said he got the fine down to \$850 but for a local business, that was a lot of money. The worker in question had no moving violations since 1992.

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 21, 2022

Speakers

Testimony

I am writing in support of the SB 308 amendment as introduced by Senator Watters.

Local Farmers whom employ the H2A Guest Ag Worker program have recently been cited and fined heavily by the Department of Labor because the NH DOT currently requires that all H2A workers must hold a valid NH Drivers license while they are working their contract periods in our state. The will not recognize the reciprocity with a valid International Drivers license.

It is time for the state of NH to drop this requirement as all of our adjoining neighbor states have so done. It is merely a revenue venture for the DOT and presents an opportunity for the Federal Department of Labor to levy egregious fines upon NH farms, which they have thus far demonstrated a willingness to do. Guest workers travel needs are almost nil. Our 7 guest workers may drive to and from work housing, with a weekly shopping trip that takes them to the nearest Dollar and grocery store.

Agriculture has in NH has been hit with labor shortages the last few years. American seasonal workers - for a variety of reasons- are currently not working or seeking employment. We are dependent upon these gentlemen within the H2A program to keep coming up here to assist in the business of growing and harvesting on our farms, and keeping us in some level of potential profitability. Despite the fact the H2A program is the only legal guest worker program, the Dept of Labor administers an expensive, complicated and almost adversarial program through which we as farmers must navigate. Were NH DOT actually providing real services that cost the taxpayers money-such as using over the road trucking- there might be some rationale in in requiring them to have a NH drivers license. But when it is required of an H2A ag worker to hold a NH license and not recognize a valid International license-for the sole purpose that he or she needs to drive to the supermarket to buy their chicken and cereal- is basically taxation without representation. And at one time we were all against that concept...

With Regards

Pooh Sprague
Edgewater Farm
Plainfield NH



Apple Hill Farm

580 Mountain Rd.
Concord, NH

NH Senate Transportation Committee
SB 308

January 18, 2022

Sen. Regina Birdsell and Committee members;

I am writing in support of SB 308, which will allow certain agricultural workers to drive a motor vehicle in New Hampshire during their employment. My wife Diane and I own and operate Apple Hill Farm Concord. Our farm is a diversified fruit and vegetable farm. Like many farms in New Hampshire we take part in a US Dept. of Labor program, known as the H2-A Program, to bring in agricultural workers for a specified period of time. This program is essentially a contract between us, the US Dept. of Labor, and the workers. We agree to certain wages, (which are well above minimum wage), to provide housing that meets OSHA standards, guarantee the employee a certain number of hours per week and several other items. The US Dept. of Labor certifies that we meet all of the conditions of the contract, and certifies the workers, (that they have met certain health conditions, have been vetted by the US Immigration and Naturalization Service and have been interviewed at the US Embassy in Jamaica and issued a visa. The worker agrees to be able to perform certain agricultural tasks and that he is here on a visa with specific time restraints. This program has been very successful for farmers in New Hampshire where seasonal qualified agricultural employees are next to impossible to hire. Of our harvest crew from Jamaica 1 has passed 20 years of employment, 2 have 18 years and one is on his second year. They are an integral part of our farm, because of their labor to care and harvest our crops, we employ up to 15 other local employees packing, and selling our products.

It has come to our attention that in New Hampshire present law makes it illegal for our H2-A employees to drive our vehicles after being on the farm for more than 60 days even if they have, either a Jamaican or International driver's license. In my understanding other New England states allow this practice. Many farms have fields that are not contiguous to the main farm and it is difficult to get workers to those fields. SB 308 will address this issue and bring NH in line with our neighboring states. Thank You for your consideration, Chuck Souther

SB 308, relative to driver's licenses for certain visa holders.

H-2A Agricultural Guest Worker Program

Federal program administered by US Dept. of Labor, Homeland Security, & State Dept.

Started in 1952 (H-2), 1986 (H-2A).

Allows agricultural employers who lack available domestic workers to bring foreign workers to the U.S. to perform:

- Seasonal work – tied to certain time frame of year, an event, or pattern
- Temporary work – lasting less than one year

Includes primarily planting, cultivating, or harvesting crops.

- Ag employer post job order outlining terms and conditions of employment.
- Must be advertised locally.
- Employer pays employees costs for travel to US, their housing in US, and their Workers Comp Insurance. (Workers are exempt from paying withholding and payroll taxes.)
- Employers must minimum of AEW.

Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) – in 2022 \$15.66/hr. in NH (same in other New England states and NY). Range in other states \$11.99 (SC, GA) to \$17.51 (CA).

Nationwide 317,000 H-2A jobs certified in FY2021, over 3x amount certified in 2013 (100,000)

NH had approximately 200 H-2A workers on about 40 + farms in 2021.

The H-2A program not only provides NH farms with farm workers but with professional farm workers.

We have a choice, import our workers or import our food.

263:39-a License for Aliens Temporarily Residing in New Hampshire. –

I. The director may issue a New Hampshire driver's license to a nonresident alien who is living in New Hampshire on a temporary basis:

- (a) For the purposes of attending a public or private educational institution which has a regular faculty, curriculum, and organized body of pupils or students in attendance and is enrolled in such education institution;
- (b) For the purposes of engaging in lawful employment, occupational, or business activity, and is engaged in such activity; or
- (c) Who is the spouse or child of an alien licensed under this section.

II. The director may require any of the following:

- (a) Certification from the foreign government regarding the person's driving record and licensing status.
- (b) Submission of social security number, or, if the person does not qualify for such a number, the submission of certification to that effect as is acceptable to the commissioner.
- (c) Written or other testing.
- (d) Proof of compliance with the conditions set forth in paragraph I.
- (e) Proof of identification as may be acceptable to the director.
- (f) Proof of previous vehicle operation in the foreign country or proof of completion of an approved driver education course acceptable to the director.

III. The term of the license shall be no longer than 5 years from the date of issuance, and the director may set a lesser term in accordance with the length of the person's residence in New Hampshire.

IV. Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the director from denying a license if the director determines that licensure of the person may be contrary to the public safety. Once licensed, the individual shall be subject to the same provisions of the law as all other licensees. When the person no longer meets the conditions specified in paragraph I, the person shall forthwith return the license to the director and the license shall become invalid.

Source. 1981, 279:4. 1997, 234:1. 2001, 91:10. 2003, 14:1, eff. June 21, 2003.

Robert Johnson, II, Policy Director/Acting Administrator
New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation
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Concord, NH 03301
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robj@nhfarmbureau.org

New Hampshire Farm Bureau (NHFB) is a non-profit federation, established in 1916, of New Hampshire's 10 county Farm Bureau organizations which consist of nearly 2,000 NH farm families and over 1,000 supporting members statewide. NHFB is dedicated to advocating for and educating the public about agriculture. NHFB is a general farm organization where the members establish policy and direction through a member driven policy development process. We are "The Voice of Agriculture" in New Hampshire.

January 5, 2022

Dear NH Senate Transportation Committee Members:

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Pooh Sprague
Edgewater Farm
Plainfield NH
ps@edgewaterfarm.com

Brookdale Fruit Farm, Inc
38 Broad Street
Hollis, New Hampshire 03049
(603) 465-2241 Ext 3

January 13, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

Brookdale Fruit Farm, Inc. is in support of Senate Bill 308 addressing drivers' licenses for certain visa holders. Support of this bill would allow our agricultural guest workers to drive and assist in our daily farming operations. This bill is necessary for us to continue maintaining our farming operations. We are in favor of Senate Bill 308 being presented January 18, 2022 at 1:40 P.M.

Sincerely,



Charles D. Hardy
Vice President
Brookdale Fruit Farm, Inc

Sunnycrest Farm, Inc
59 High Range Rd
Londonderry NH 03053
(603) 432-7753

January 14, 2022

To Whom I May Concern,

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Sincerely,

Daniel Hicks III

Daniel Hicks III
Owner
Sunnycrest Farm, Inc

Robert Johnson

From: lavoiesfarm <lavoiesfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 11:31 AM
To: robj@nhfarmbureau.org
Subject: Senate bill 308

Adrien Lavoie
Lavoie's Farm, LLC
172 Nartoff Rd
Hollis NH 03049
6037856660

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Lavoies Farm, LLC is in support of senate bill 308 addressing drivers licenses for certain visa holders. Support of this bill would allow our agricultural guest workers to drive and assist in our daily farming operations. This bill is necessary for us to continue maintaining our farming operations. We are in favor of senate bill 308 being presented January 18, 2022 at 1:40pm.

Sincerely,
Adrien Lavoie
Owner
Lavoies Farm, LLC



Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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Robert Johnson

From: lavoiesfarm <lavoiesfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Robert Johnson
Subject: RE: Senate bill 308

I employ 12 H2A workers, I have 2 large, and 1 medium size farm that we grow crops on, 2 of them with large produce coolers. It is just plain impossible to operate without the H2A workers being able to drive the roads between the farms. Driving is necessary everyday for planting, harvesting, crop maintenance and putting produce into refrigeration in a timely fashion. The 3 farms are all within 7 miles of each other, these are not long road runs.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Robert Johnson <RobertJ@nhfarmbureau.org>
Date: 1/17/22 11:29 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: lavoiesfarm <lavoiesfarm@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Senate bill 308

Hi Adrien,

Thank you for the letter, I'll make copies and distribute them to the Committee.

How many H-2A workers did you employ last year?

Rob Johnson

Robert Johnson, II, Policy Director

New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation

295 Sheep Davis Road

Concord, NH 03301



Anne Sprague <anne@edgewaterfarm.com>

VERMONT License Change

1 message

jenni@bookendsassociates.com <jenni@bookendsassociates.com>
To: jenni@bookendsassociates.com

Thu, May 6, 2021 at 11:33 AM

I have been made aware of this change for Vermont H-2A workers:

Please see below in statute change that would relate to H-2A Visa holders. I thought you'd find it helpful.

In 2019 Act 60 §7 modified the language in 23 V.S.A. §208 by substituting "one year" in place of "30 days for vacation purposes". That change allows for a "nonresident" to operate in Vermont for a period of one year on their home country license. The section references that it must be consistent with §601. 23 V.S.A. §601(a)(1) states that Vermont will not issue licenses to nonresidents and (a)(2) outlines the requirements necessary for legal operation in Vermont. That section states:

(2) In addition to any other requirement of law, a nonresident as defined in section 4 of this title shall not operate a motor vehicle on a Vermont highway unless:

(A) he or she holds a valid license or permit to operate a motor vehicle issued by another U.S. jurisdiction; or

(B) he or she holds a valid license or permit to operate a motor vehicle from a jurisdiction outside the United States and:

(i) is at least 18 years of age, is lawfully present in the United States, and has been in the United States for not more than one year; and

(ii) he or she possesses an international driving permit.

In the H2A visa situation that 1 year period would reset each time they return to Vermont from their home country as they would be issued a new visa each time they enter the US.

Jenni Euber Mongeur

H2-A Agent/Office Manager

Reliable Labor Services, LLC

PO BOX 2

546 Main Street

Peter O'Neill

From: Trudy Mott-Smith <wmottsm@worldpath.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 3:33 PM
To: Peter O'Neill
Subject: SB308
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

I hope very much that the Committee will support SB308.

As Senator Watters has said:

This bill clarifies that certain nonresident agricultural workers in New Hampshire under the Federal H-2A program can drive on an agricultural license issued by another state or under certain conditions. It addresses problems that have arisen when such licenses have not been recognized.

Sincerely,

Wiltrud R. Mott-Smith
91 Kenney Road
Loudon, NH 03307

Voting Sheets

Transportation Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # 308

Hearing date: 1/18/22

Executive Session date: _____

Motion of: OTP Vote: _____

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

Motion of: Amendment 02855 Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Birdsell, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, February 3, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred **SB 308**

AN ACT relative to driver's licenses for certain visa holders.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 0441s

Senator David Watters
For the Committee

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Peter O'Neill 271-4151

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION

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Docket of SB308

Bill Title: relative to driver's licenses for certain visa holders.

Official Docket of **SB308**:

Date	Body	Description
12/14/2021	S	To Be Introduced 01/05/2022 and Referred to Transportation; SJ 1
12/29/2021	S	Hearing: 01/18/2022, Room 101, LOB, 01:40 pm; SC 1
2/3/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2022-0441s , 02/16/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 7
2/16/2022	S	Committee Amendment #2022-0441s , AA, VV; 02/16/2022; SJ 3
2/16/2022	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2022-0441s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 02/16/2022; SJ 3
3/23/2022	H	Introduced 03/17/2022 and referred to Transportation
4/6/2022	H	Public Hearing: 04/12/2022 10:00 am LOB 201-203
4/20/2022	H	Executive Session: 04/26/2022 10:00 am LOB 201-203
4/27/2022	H	Committee Report: Refer for Interim Study (Vote 18-0; CC)
5/4/2022	H	Refer for Interim Study: MA VV 05/04/2022 HJ 11

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NH Senate

Other Referrals

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Bill version as it came to the committee

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All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

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