

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

# **SB309**

# Bill as Introduced

SB 309 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-3013  
12/11

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Carr. 4; Rep. Steven Smith, Sull. 11

COMMITTEE:      Transportation

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Approved: June 17, 2022  
Effective Date: August 16, 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: December 29, 2021

### HEARINGS

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

**SB 308**

Sen. Watters  
 Rep. Sykes

Sen. Birdsell  
 Rep. Sullivan

Sen. Kahn  
 Rep. McWilliams

Sen. Cavanaugh

**SB 389-FN**

Sen. Watters  
 Sen. Hennessey

Sen. Sherman  
 Sen. Prentiss

Sen. French  
 Rep. Hunt

Sen. Gannon  
 Rep. Sykes

**SB 417-FN**

Sen. Watters  
 Sen. Sherman  
 Sen. Avarad

Sen. Perkins Kwoka  
 Sen. Hennessey  
 Sen. Soucy

Sen. Whitley  
 Sen. Prentiss  
 Sen. Carson

Sen. D'Allesandro  
 Sen. Rosenwald  
 Sen. Cavanaugh

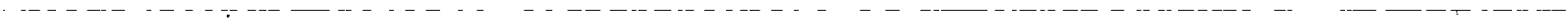
Sen. Kahn

Rep. Telerski

Rep. Steven Smith

Peter O'Neill 271-4151

Regina Birdsell  
Chairman



# Senate Transportation Committee

*Peter O'Neill 271-4151*

**SB 309**, authorizing certain organizations to issue decal plates.

**Hearing Date:** January 18, 2022

**Time Opened:** 1:20 p.m.

**Time Closed:** 1:26 p.m.

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

**Members of the Committee Absent:** Senator Birdsell

**Bill Analysis:** This bill authorizes the New Hampshire Towing Association and JESUS aCROSS the Border to issue decals for multi-use decal plates.

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**Sponsors:**

Sen. Ricciardi  
Rep. Crawford

Sen. Birdsell  
Rep. Steven Smith

Sen. Ward

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**Who supports the bill:** Sen. Ricciardi, Sen. Ward, Sen. Birdsell, Skip Stearns, New Hampshire Towing Association

**Who opposes the bill:** Patricia Anastasia

**Who is neutral on the bill:** None

**Summary of Testimony Presented:**

**Senator Ricciardi, Senate District 9**

- Senator Ricciardi testified in support of SB 309.
- This bill would authorize certain organizations to issue decal plates. The New Hampshire Towing Association would be allowed to issue decals for their organization. The organization would distribute the decal typically to get more recognition and fundraising. The NHTA would use the funds raised for training and safety.
- The NHTA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to working with the state legislature and law enforcement to improve wrecker operations in New Hampshire.

- Sen. Sherman asked a question about religious organizations being included in the bill. According to existing statute, NH Catholic charities need to be used for the benefit of the NH food bank.
  - Sen. Sherman also cited Patty Anastasia from Londonderry's testimony referencing the same concerns of separation of church and state. He asked what Sen. Ricciardi's thought of state infrastructure as a vehicle to raise funds for religious organizations.
  - Sen. Ricciardi said she submitted the legislation on behalf of the NHTA and said she could not speak to it.
- Sen. Watters asked if it was the case that anyone who participates in this program fully pays the costs of it and in no way is this providing any state resources for such organizations.
  - Sen. Ricciardi confirmed that what Sen. Watters said was correct.

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### **Skip Stearns, Director of New Hampshire Towing Association**

- Director Stearns testified in support of the bill.
- Director Stearns said this is more of a safety provision. Having a decal plate for the NHTA would help cars that are broken down on the side of the road. People will see the decal plate and understand the need to move over.
- The money generated from the decal plates can help with safety classes. It is important to try and educate people with driver safety courses.
- Every year there is a move over day where the NHTA hands out pamphlets to let people know the importance of slowing down and moving over. The NHTA felt that this effort to promote safety is important and can help a lot of people.
- Sen. Sherman asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak and Sen. Watters said there wasn't anyone else wishing to speak on behalf of a charity.

# Speakers



# Testimony



Thank you Chairwoman Birdsell and members of the Transportation Committee.

I am Senator Denise Ricciardi, representing Senate District 9 which is comprised of 15 towns from Bedford to Sharon.

I am introducing Senate Bill 309, authorizing certain organizations to issue decal plates.

This bill would allow the New Hampshire Towing Association and Jesus aCross the Border to issue decals for their organizations for multiuse license plates.

If you are not familiar with decal plates, the state issues a special license plate with an area that approved decals may be placed in. The organization issues the decal. This is typically done by the organization as a way to get more recognition and help with fundraising.

Currently, there are 17 different organizations that have approved decals including the boy scouts, the professional firefighters, the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation, the Knights of Columbus and several others. (where I found this information:

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XXI/261-B/261-B-mrg.htm>)

The New Hampshire Towing Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to working with the state legislature

and state and local law enforcement to improve wrecker operations throughout the State of New Hampshire.

Jesus Across the Border is a platform that provides both events and resources for young adult Catholics that allow these groups to network amongst each other and utilize a wide-reaching platform to promote their individual missions.

I thank you for considering this bill and will take any questions.

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**Peter O'Neill**

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**From:** Patti Anastasia <patti.anastasia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 5:14 PM  
**To:** Peter O'Neill; Regina Birdsell; David Watters; Ruth Ward; Denise Ricciardi; Tom Sherman  
**Subject:** testimony re: SB309

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

SB309 authorizing certain organizations to issue decal plates

I am OPPOSED to this bill. As written, this bill does not comply with the requirement for separation of church and state. It allows a religious organization to benefit from a decal plate. The precedent for allowing religious organizations to issue decal plates was set when New Hampshire Catholic Charities was allowed to issue decal plates provided all proceeds from those decal plates shall be for the benefit of a non secular charity. A similar stipulation must be put in place in order Jesus aCross the Border to be allowed to issue decal plates.

Regards,  
Patricia Anastasia  
50 Holstein Avenue  
Dunderry, NH 03053



# JESUS aCROSS the Border

JESUS aCROSS the Border • Founder/President: Billy Beauchesne  
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President@JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org

January 18, 2022

Dear Senator Birdsell and Legislative Committee:

I am writing this letter per request of Senator Birdsell, following the legislation hearing that took place today regarding the potential amending of RSA 261-B:9, to include JESUS aCROSS the Border. My apologies for not being present for the hearing today. I misunderstood the Legislative Service Request & Approval as the proposed amendment being voted on and approved. Provided below is a brief history and description of the services of JESUS aCROSS the Border as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

JESUS aCROSS the Border (JATB), first established in 2016, became a New Hampshire 501(c)(3) Nonprofit organization in 2017. Our ministry, which collaboratively works, not only with churches and Catholic young adult organizations and ministries within the State of New Hampshire, but across the globe as well. Our organization acts as a platform for Catholic young adult groups, providing both events and resources which allow these groups to network amongst each other and promote their own individual missions. We also act as a resource for individuals, providing the opportunity for them to discover these various Catholic young adult organizations and build friendships in a faith based environment.

JATB does not exist to replace or change any Catholic young adult organizations that are currently in place, instead JATB serves as an umbrella organization with a mission to provide events, social media, and networking based platforms to support and encourage Catholic young adults to share and discover information regarding Catholic young adult organizations.

Our means of ministry consist of, but are not limited to; Events, Worship Events, Service Events, Pilgrimages Collaborative Events, and a comprehensive website. JATB has developed a website which features every active participating Catholic young adult organization. Our social media presence consists of a Facebook Page (National), which is utilized for posting National JATB Facebook posts & information, Facebook Pages for each Region, which are utilized by JATB Regions to create events specific to Region, Facebook Groups for each Region, which are utilized by both JATB & Regional Catholic young adult organizations for posting relevant events and information, Instagram & Twitter, both National and Regional, other social media platforms, and Regional Calendars and a Facebook Calendar. Facebook events posted in the JATB Facebook Group are automatically added to the JATB Facebook Calendar. For the Website Calendar, each Catholic young adult organization is assigned a JATB email log-in to enter recurring weekly/monthly meetings and upcoming events for said organization.

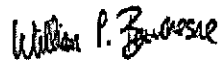
Each Region of JATB is expected to host two pilgrimages; an overnight pilgrimage in late January/early February and a day trip pilgrimage the 3rd Saturday in November. Various Regions of JATB may collaborate for pilgrimages.

Each Region of JATB is expected to collaborate with other Catholic organizations and Dioceses throughout the Region to help "co-host" or endorse various events. Events can consist of, but are not limited to conferences, retreats, professional development, training sessions, etc. JATB's involvement may vary for each event, including but not limited to social media advertisement utilizing JATB's logo & name, endorsing a local larger event, and/or involvement in planning and execution of the event. The Regional Director of Events is responsible for the scheduling, planning, delegation of responsibilities and directing of all events.

Please feel free to view one of our photo albums [CLICK HERE](#) from our event at Hampton Beach which took place on July 17, 2021!

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

God Bless,



William P. Beauchesne

Founder/President

JESUS aCROSS the Border

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# Voting Sheets

**Transportation Committee**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD**  
*2021-2022 Session*

Bill # 309

Hearing date: 1/18/22

Executive Session date: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

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

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Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

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# Committee Report



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, January 27, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred **SB 309**

AN ACT authorizing certain organizations to issue decal plates.

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

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Peter O'Neill 271-4151

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**TRANSPORTATION**

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## General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

**Docket of SB309**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** authorizing certain organizations to issue decal plates.**Official Docket of SB309.:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
12/14/2021	S	To Be <b>Introduced</b> 01/05/2022 and Referred to Transportation; <b>SJ 1</b>
12/29/2021	S	<b>Hearing:</b> 01/18/2022, Room 101, LOB, 01:20 pm; <b>SC 1</b>
1/27/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/03/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; <b>SC 5</b>
2/3/2022	S	<b>Ought to Pass:</b> MA, VV; OT3rdg; 02/03/2022; <b>SJ 2</b>
3/23/2022	H	Introduced 03/17/2022 and referred to Transportation
4/6/2022	H	Public Hearing: 04/12/2022 10:40 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: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2022-1710h (Vote 18-0; CC)</b>
5/4/2022	H	Amendment # 1710h: AA VV 05/04/2022 <b>HJ 11</b>
5/4/2022	H	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment</b> 1710h: MA VV 05/04/2022 <b>HJ 11</b>
5/12/2022	S	Sen. Birdsell Moved to Concur with the House Amendment, MA, VV; 05/12/2022; <b>SJ 12</b>
6/2/2022	H	Enrolled Bill Amendment <b>#2022-2097-EBA:</b> AA VV (in recess of) 05/26/2022
6/3/2022	S	Enrolled Bill Amendment <b>#2022-2097e</b> Adopted, VV, (In recess of 05/26/2022); <b>SJ 13</b>
6/9/2022	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 05/26/2022
6/9/2022	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 05/26/2022); <b>SJ 13</b>
6/22/2022	S	Signed by the Governor on 06/17/2022; Chapter 0216; Effective 08/16/2022

NH House

NH Senate

# Other Referrals

June 1, 2022  
2022-2097-EBA  
07/05

Enrolled Bill Amendment to SB 309

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred SB 309

AN ACT authorizing certain organizations to issue decal plates.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

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Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to SB 309

This enrolled bill amendment renumbers an RSA paragraph to avoid a conflict.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to SB 309

Amend section 1 of the bill by replacing lines 2 and 3 with the following:

inserting after paragraph XVIII the following new paragraph:

XIX. The New Hampshire Towing Association.

**Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives**

Bill Number: SB 309

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 # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

- 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) 2097e
- Governor's Veto Message

**All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}**

as amended by the senate       as amended by the house  
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