

SB 180-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL ***180-FN***

AN ACT including low digit number plates as vanity plates.

SPONSORS: Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill includes low digit number plates as vanity plates.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Seventeen

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

- 1 1 Vanity Number Plates; Low-Digit Plates. Amend RSA 261:89 to read as follows:
- 2 261:89 Vanity Number Plates. The director is hereby authorized to design and to issue, under
- 3 such rules as the director deems appropriate, vanity number plates to be used on motor vehicles in
- 4 lieu of other number plates. Such number plates shall be of such design and shall bear such letters
- 5 or letters and numbers as the director shall prescribe, but there shall be no duplication of
- 6 identification. Such number plates or a changeable designation of the effective period thereof, as
- 7 the director shall determine, shall be issued only upon application therefor and upon payment of a
- 8 special vanity plate service fee of \$40, said special fee to be in addition to the regular motor vehicle
- 9 registration fee and any other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required by law for the
- 10 particular vehicle. Plates shall be renewed on an annual basis for \$40 per set. ***Any number plate,***
- 11 ***regardless of vehicle or plate type, which bears numbers in 4 digits or less shall be subject***
- 12 ***to this section.*** All special fees collected under this section shall be paid to the state treasurer and
- 13 distributed as provided by RSA 263:52. Upon rejection of an application for vanity number plates,
- 14 the director shall refund or credit the collected special vanity plate service fee. The director shall
- 15 recall any vanity number plates that have been issued which do not conform to applicable law and
- 16 rules, regardless of when the plates were issued. Any person whose application for vanity number
- 17 plates has been rejected or whose vanity number plates have been recalled shall be issued a number
- 18 plate of the same classification as the plate that had been requested or recalled. The prorated by
- 19 month portion of the special vanity plate service fee shall be refunded or credited to the person
- 20 whose vanity number plates have been recalled.
- 21 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

**SB 180-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☒ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Expenditures	Indeterminable Increase	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driver Training Fund & Cost of Collections*			

*Pursuant to Part II, article 6-a of the New Hampshire constitution, any costs associated with the collection and administration of Highway Funds by the Department of Safety shall be deducted by the Department before such funds are credited to the Highway Fund as unrestricted revenue.

LOCAL:

Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable Increase	\$0	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill classifies all number plates with four digits or fewer as vanity plates, effective July 1, 2017. Of the 17 total plate types this would apply to there are approximately 10,000 vehicles registered with four or fewer digit plates. The fee for vanity plates is \$40 per year, however the revenue total impact of this bill is indeterminable as it is not known how many individuals will choose to keep their four or few digit plates being subject to the fee. Vanity plate fee revenue is credited to the driver training fund pursuant to RSA 263:52. After required expenditures of the fund have been made, the next \$1,500,000 is budgeted as restricted revenue within the Department of Safety, and the remainder is credited as unrestricted general fund revenue.

The Department of Safety estimates this bill will require one-time system reprogramming changes of \$316,250 in FY 2018. Additionally, this bill may increase local expenditures in FY 2018 to the extent municipalities may need to make changes one-time to their software

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety