

HB 492-FN-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to rates for parking meters.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bushway, Rock. 21; Rep. Edgar, Rock. 21; Rep. Loughman, Rock. 21

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill permits a municipality that incurs costs associated with operating and maintaining a state facility to increase the rate for state parking meters to defray such costs.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Nineteen

AN ACT relative to rates for parking meters.

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

1 1 New Section; Rates for State Parking Meters. Amend RSA 31 by inserting after section 103-a
2 the following new section:

3 31:103-b Rates for State Parking Meters.

4 I. In this section, "state location" means a state park, state historic site, natural area, state
5 campground, or other location established by the state.

6 II. A municipality where the division of parks and recreation collects fees for parking at a
7 state location may increase the parking rate established by the state in order to provide increased
8 revenue to the town to defray the costs of fire and emergency services, policing, and other essential
9 services provided by the municipality within the state location for the benefit of the visitors to the
10 state location. The additional fee, not to exceed \$0.25 per hour, on established parking fees shall be
11 retained by the local municipality, and shall be in addition to revenues currently provided to the
12 municipality by the state.

13 III. The governing body may choose to impose a fee less than the maximum of \$0.25 per
14 hour. The purpose for the additional fees retained by the municipality shall be determined by the
15 municipality and are subject to approval by the state.

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 492-FN-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☒ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	(\$269,400)	(\$269,400)	(\$269,400)	(\$269,400)
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Hampton Meter Fund (RSA 216:3) and State Park Fund (RSA 216-A:3-i)			

LOCAL:

Revenue	\$269,400	\$269,400	\$269,400	\$269,400
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill allows municipalities to add an additional fee of up to \$0.25 per hour on established parking fees at state parks, historic sites, natural areas, campgrounds and other locations. Such fees will be retained by the municipalities and are subject to State approval. The fees may be used to defray the costs of fire and emergency services, policing, and other essential services provided by the municipality within the State location and for the benefit of visitors to that location.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) indicates the legislation applies to the hourly metered parking rates charged by the Division of Parks and Recreation at division-owned facilities. DNCR estimates \$269,400 in revenue loss to the State Park Fund that could not otherwise be collected by the division and gained by municipalities based on the following data from 2018:

- Number of Hours used on parking meters during the 2018 operating season (April 1 through October 31) was 1,077,765
- Assume maximum additional fee of \$0.25 per hour is adopted and approved for all municipalities with parking meters
- $\$0.25 \times 1,077,765 \times = \$269,441$ Total Revenue Loss/Gain

The Division of Parks and Recreation states the cost to administer the program is

indeterminable.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources