

HB 526-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

526-FN

AN ACT eliminating the bureau of certificate of title.

SPONSORS: Rep. Marple, Merr. 24; Rep. Howard, Belk. 8; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates the bureau of certificate of title.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 eliminating the bureau of certificate of title.

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

- 1 1 Statement of Intent. The general court finds that the practice of taking the certificate of
- 2 origin for automobiles is an unnecessary and costly duplication of process and is in violation of the
- 3 Fifth Amendment to the Constitution for the United States of America.
- 4 2 Repeal. The following are repealed:
- 5 I. RSA 260:24, establishing the bureau of certificate of title.
- 6 II. RSA 260:25, relative to staff of bureau.
- 7 3 Staff. Current employees of the bureau of certificate of title in the department of safety may
- 8 be reassigned or offered transfer to other open positions in other agencies of the state.
- 9 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 526-FN- 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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - *Restricted 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.

METHODOLOGY:

This bill eliminates the Bureau of Certificate of Title within the Division of Motor Vehicles and allows employees of the Bureau of Certificate of Title to be transferred. However, this bill does not eliminate the responsibilities of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue vehicle titles as defined in RSA 261:1 through RSA 261:31(a). To implement this bill, the Department of Safety anticipates shifting responsibilities within the Department. However, many variables cannot be anticipated or predicted to determine if the elimination of the Bureau and the 25 corresponding positions with an average salary and benefit cost of \$64,000 would impact State expenditures. Potential factors that may impact State expenditures include:

- 1) Bureau employees may transfer within the Department. The Department has 64 vacant funded positions with an average budgeted cost of \$86,000 for salary and benefits. However, employees within the Bureau might not be eligible for placement in all of the open positions identified within the Department. For example, Bureau employees may not be eligible to transfer into open state trooper positions.
- 2) Bureau employees may transfer to other State agencies. All laid off employees within the Bureau would be eligible to be transferred to other open positions within state agencies, if qualified for the position and the transfer does not result in a promotion.
- 3) Bureau employees not being transferred may result in expenditures increasing to payout the employee for accrued leave time and salary and benefit expenditures would decrease thereafter. The Department reports the average payout for laid off employee would be \$2,630 per employee, therefore the total payout liability for the 25 Bureau

employees would be approximately \$66,000. Further, unemployment expenses may increase.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety