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HOUSE BILL

1650-FN-A-LOCAL

AN ACT establishing a road usage registration fee and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS: Rep. Somssich, Rock. 27; Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27; Rep. Pantelakos, Rock. 25;
Rep. Le, Rock. 31; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill provides for an annual adjustment to motor vehicle registration fees to take into account gross vehicle weight and vehicle miles traveled, and directs the department of transportation to use part of the funds generated through vehicle registration for implementation of Type II noise abatement projects.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a road usage registration fee and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1 1 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend
2 RSA 261:141, III(g) and (h) to read as follows:

- 3 (g) For all motor vehicles other than those in RSA 261:141, I[
4 0-3000 lbs. \$31.20 (~~\$2.60 per month~~)
5 3001-5000 lbs. \$43.20 (~~\$3.60 per month~~)
6 5001-8000 lbs. \$55.20 (~~\$4.60 per month~~)
7 8001-73,280 lbs. \$.96 ~~per hundred lbs. gross weight.~~], **provided that**

8 ***such fees shall be adjusted annually pursuant to RSA 261:141-c:***

- 9 ***(1) For vehicles weighing between 0-3000 lbs., \$37.56 (\$3.13 per month).***
- 10 ***(2) For vehicles weighing between 3001-4000 lbs., \$52.56 (\$4.38 per month).***
- 11 ***(3) For vehicles weighing between 4001-5000 lbs., \$66.96 (\$5.58 per month).***
- 12 ***(4) For vehicles weighing 5001-6000 lbs., \$81.72 (\$6.81 per month).***
- 13 ***(5) For vehicles weighing 6001-8000 lbs., \$104.52 (\$8.71 per month).***

14 (h) Truck-tractors to be used in conjunction with a semi-trailer, gross weight shall
15 include the weight of such tractors, the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer to be used therewith, and
16 the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby: ***between 8001-12,931 lbs. \$1.72 per 100***
17 ***pounds gross weight, between 12,932-73,280 lbs. \$1.78 per 100 pounds gross weight,*** [~~up to~~
18 ~~73,280 pounds \$1.44~~ ~~per 100 pounds gross weight.~~] ***\$2.74*** shall be charged
19 for each 100 pounds gross weight or portion thereof in excess of 73,280 pounds.

20 2 New Section; Adjustment of Registration Fees; Expenditure. Amend RSA 261 by inserting
21 after section 141-b the following new section:

22 261:141-c Adjustment of Motor Vehicle Registration Fees; Expenditure.

23 I. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the motor vehicle registration fees
24 described in RSA 261:141, III(g) shall be adjusted annually as follows:

25 (a) The previous year's registration fees for motor vehicles and trucks, as defined in RSA
26 261:141, III(g) and (h), shall each be increased by 2.4 percent.

27 (b) The registration fee calculated pursuant to subparagraph (a) shall first be multiplied
28 by the gross vehicle weight factor, which shall be a fraction, the numerator being the gross vehicle
29 weight and the denominator being 4,500 pounds. The resulting value shall then be multiplied by a
30 term which shall be equal to one plus a fraction, the numerator being the vehicle miles traveled
31 factor, and denominator being 4. The vehicle miles traveled factor shall be a fraction where the

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1 numerator is the difference between the vehicle miles traveled as indicated on the vehicle's odometer
2 at the time of registration and the vehicle miles traveled at the time the vehicle was last registered
3 and the denominator being 12,000 miles. The odometer reading shall be recorded from the annual
4 official vehicle inspection report that is reported to the department of safety.

5 (c) In the event a new car is being registered for the first time, the registration fee shall
6 be calculated in the same manner as in subparagraph (a), except that a value of .0042 shall be
7 substituted for the vehicle miles traveled factor.

8 (d) In the event a person seeking to register his or her car does not provide accurate
9 mileage information at the time of registration, a value of 2 shall be substituted for the vehicle miles
10 traveled factor.

11 II. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, municipal agents may collect \$2
12 from each motor vehicle registration processed to offset administrative costs associated with such
13 registrations. The department of transportation shall use 5 percent of the total remaining fees
14 collected pursuant to RSA 261:141, III(g) and (h) solely for implementation of Type II noise
15 abatement projects on both the highway and turnpike systems. The remainder of the fees collected
16 shall be deposited into the highway fund. When all pending Type II noise abatement projects have
17 been completed, all fees collected pursuant to RSA 261:141, III(g) and (h) shall be deposited into the
18 highway fund.

19 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

**HB 1650-FN-A-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	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Expenditures	\$0	\$647,500	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Restricted - Cost of Collections/Administration*			

*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	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill, effective July 1, 2020, modifies the vehicle registration fee structure and provides for an annual adjustment based on vehicle weights and miles traveled. The Department of Safety states there is no mechanism in place to estimate this bill's impact on state revenues, however the bill requires five percent of all registration fees be used by the Department of Transportation solely for the implementation of Type II noise abatement projects. Once all projects are completed, revenue would be credited to the highway fund. Also, pursuant to RSA 235:23 ("Apportionment A"), 12 percent of road toll and motor vehicle fees collected are distributed to municipalities. Ultimately, this bill will impact state revenue and expenditures, and local revenue by an indeterminable amount depending on the net impact on vehicle registration fees collected. Additionally, this bill allows for the retention of \$2 per each road usage fee collected by the registration agent within the municipality to cover administrative costs.

The Department of Safety estimates total software and system programming needed to implement this bill will be total \$647,500 in FY 2021. Local expenditures may also increase relative to programming costs associated with implementing this bill.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety and Department of Transportation