Bill as Introduced

HB 560-FN – AS INTRODUCED

1999 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***560-FN***

AN ACT relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses.

SPONSORS: Rep. Lyman, Carr 5; Rep. Christie, Rock 22; Rep. Schanda, Rock 19; Rep. Sargent, Hills 3

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill specifies that a license held by a person under 20 years of age may not be suspended or revoked on account of non-moving violations and that citations for moving violations given to such drivers must contain a warning message.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine

AN ACT relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses.

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

1 Mandatory Suspension or Revocation of Youth Operators' License. Amend RSA 263:14, III to read as follows:

III. The director, after hearing, may suspend or revoke an original license or any license held by a person under 20 years of age for good cause upon receipt of proper evidence or information of misconduct, misuse, or abuse of such driving privileges. ***Driving privileges shall not be suspended or revoked on account of non-moving violations. All citations for moving violations given to drivers under the age of 20 shall boldly and clearly state the exposure to loss of driving privileges.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2000.

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HB 560-FN - FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Safety stated this bill will decrease state revenue by an indeterminable amount in FY 2000 and each year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on county and local revenue or state, county and local expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department cannot determine how many non-moving violations will occur to how many persons under 20 years of age, and therefor cannot determine how much in license reinstatement fees will be lost.

Speakers

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 560-FN Date March 10, 1999 11:30

Committee Transportation

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 560-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses.

DATE: March 10, 1999

LOB ROOM: 203 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:30

Time Adjourned: 12:00

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Committee Members: Reps. Packard, J. Flanders, G. Katsakiores, Bartlett, Milligan, Boriso, Kobel, Langone, Letourneau, Cosseto, Beaulieu, Bruno, Ozech, Mosher, Turgeon, P. Cote, Haley, Leonard, Arthur, LaPorte, Lerandeau and Mendenhall.

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TESTIMONY

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Rep. Lyman Carr 5: Prime sponsor
Rep. Lyman testified that a constituent called her to make her aware of what she believes to be an unfair rule the DOS is using to take away drivers licenses of young people. This constituent reported that her teen aged daughter who was home for the week-end borrowed her mother car to go to the store. On her way to the market she was pulled over and cited by an officer for operation a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker. Her daughter not knowing that this would result in a suspension used the mail in option to pay her fine an pleaded guilty. As a result the daughter lose her license for 45 days, causing her many difficulties in her daily life particularly where she attends a school in Conn.. She could no longer travel to and from her apartment or come home on weekends. All this as a result of circumstances that she believed were beyond her control. She felt strongly that this was a non-moving type of violation that should not result in the lose of driving privileges, further more she believes she should have been told that she would lose her license as a result of this conviction, she would have been able to take appropriate measures.

Virginia Beecher, Dir. MV, DOS: opposed to bill
Ms. Beecher passed out to the member of the committee 10 pieces of data and information concerning the efforts to reduce the teen fatalities of just a few years ago. She explained how the law worked and why it was imposed. She further explained that the law was working very well .

Ms. Margaret Sova, DOS: opposed
Ms. Sova is employed by the DOS as an Attorney her primary responsibility is to write the proposed rules under the rule making authority of the DOS. Ms. Sova explained in detail how the ticket process works. The young lady in question had at least three areas of discretion available to her under current law. First is the officer who made the stop has the discretion to write a warning,

She had the option to go to court and plead not guilty and would have the discretion of the court, and third, she has the option of a hearing at safety.

Mr. Peter Thompson, NH Highway Safety Agency: opposed
Mr. Thompson echoed Ms. Beecher's comments that we are beginning to see a change as a result of the new laws written by this committee and the use of original license RSA. He reported that they have difficulties with two groups of drivers., those under 20 and older drivers.

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Closed hearing 12:00 noon

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Rep Lynn.

spoke of a constituent who was a college student who came home from school & borrowed Mom's car and was stopped by an officer for brakes to inspect. She had forgotten to have the car inspected. As a result she lost her license for 45 days. This was due to a circumstance not under her control and resulted in a 45 day loss of license that made life difficult at school because of that loss. This was a non-moving violation.

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Dee Beebe, DOS opposed to bill
Passed out 10 pieces of information + Data,
Explained why the law is the way it is
how it is working.

Margaret Love DOS, opposed
explained in detail how the ticket process
worked.

Pete Thompson opposition NH High Sheriffs Assoc
There are two groups of people who they have problems
with those under 20, and older drivers.

) Jim Stephen DOS Appeal
doesn't want never management of the DOS

Testimony

HB 560-FN **Transportation**

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DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
UNDER20 PROGRAM - 1ST ORIG LIC SUSP 20 DAY
FROM: 01/01/1998 TO: 12/31/1998

REASON	JAN 98	FEB 98	MAR 98	APR 98	MAY 98	JUN 98	JUL 98	AUG 98	SEP 98	OCT 98	NOV 98	DEC 98	TOTAL
DISOBEY LICENSE RESTRICTIONS				3	1	3	2	1	1	3		1	15
CORRECTIVE LENS	1	1	3	2		2	2	2	1	1	2	2	19
ABANDONED VEHICLE							1				1		2
NON-INSPECTION	54	35	44	41	36	55	58	48	36	75	71	78	631
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE	11	1	7	7	6	7	16	7	8	12	8	7	97
NO FINANCIAL PROOF	1		1				1						3
DISOBEY POLICE OFFICER	3	3	7	5	12	5	9	10	10	13	11	18	106
CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT	7	4	10	5	6	8	4	11	3	7	4	9	78
YELLOW LINE	16	7	8	8	6	13	6	12	10	20	16	15	137
FAIL TO KEEP RIGHT	1		1			1		2	1	1			7
DRIVING ON SIDEWALK							1		1				2
COASTING				1									1
PASS ON RIGHT	1	6	2	4	1	1	4	10	10	5	6	4	54
PASSENGERS IN IMPROPER TRUCK				1						1	1		3
SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION	6	4	4	5	3	5	3	2	1	4	1	3	41
MISUSE OF PLATES	9	7	5	7	3	12	10	9	6	17	11	12	108
FAIL TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	1		1		1		1		3	4	1	2	14
FAILURE TO USE DUE CARE												1	1
RAILROAD CROSSING	1					1							2
ROAD RACING	1		2	2			1		1	3		2	12
SPEEDING UNDER +25	589	470	599	567	532	613	666	735	607	817	633	825	7653
SPEEDING OVER +25	115	79	128	102	74	105	103	120	105	177	114	146	1368
FAILURE TO STOP	30	27	41	36	27	29	39	30	29	48	35	39	410
FAILURE TO YIELD	6	4	9	8	9	11	6	8	8	14	9	13	105
OP AFTER REVOCATION			2		2	1	4	1		9	6	5	30
OP AFTER SUSPENSION	10	14	15	11	9	11	15	16	13	95	84	74	367
OP W/O LICENSE	37	32	38	27	32	41	33	61	46	58	37	46	488
ALLOW IMPROPER PERSON	5	3	6	5	2	3	6	8	4	7	10	6	65
OP W/O COMM LIC	1												1
OP W/O MC LIC	1		1	1	3		5	1	4		2		18
FAILURE TO YIELD				1							2		3
IMPROPER PASSING	4	5		5	3	2	2	6	6	8	8	5	54
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE	33	25	20	24	23	28	18	36	25	22	33	45	332
ILLEGAL BACKING	6	1	1	2		1	1		2	1	1	3	19
PROHIBITION LICENSE	4	5	5	4	4	6	4	9	3	10	8	6	68
W/O REGISTRATION										1		1	2
TRAFFIC SIGNAL	44	30	50	39	31	32	38	37	48	58	34	53	494
OBSTRUCTED VISION			2	1	2	1	1	3		2	3	2	17
NO SIGNAL	4	1	4	2	1	5	4	2	2	3	1	6	35
FAIL DSPLY PLATES	1	1	2					1	2	4	1	2	14
PRODUCE LIC	2	2	2	1	1	2			1	4	6	1	22
MODIFY STICKER OR DECAL	1		2	1		3	1		1			3	12
W/O NH LICENSE	1		2	3	1	2	2			2	1	1	15
FAIL TO OBEY OFFICER		1		1			1	1		1	1		6
TOTAL	1007	768	1024	932	831	1009	1068	1189	998	1507	1162	1436	12931

REASON	JAN 98	FEB 98	MAR 98	APR 98	MAY 98	JUN 98	JUL 98	AUG 98	SEP 98	OCT 98	NOV 98	DEC 98	TOTAL
DISOBEY LICENSE RESTRICTIONS	1		1	1	1		1		1				6
CORRECTIVE LENS		1	2	1	1	4	1	1	1				12
NON-INSPECTION	32	23	29	24	27	29	31	35	41	17	16	17	321
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE		2	4	3	4	3	7	5	1	2	1		32
NO FINANCIAL PROOF							1	1	1				3
DISOBEY POLICE OFFICER	4	3	2	2	7	5	3	5	6	2	2	1	42
CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT	1	2	2	4	2	2	1	5		2	2		23
YELLOW LINE	2	4	3	6		7	9	7	7	5	2		52
FAIL TO KEEP RIGHT			1		1	1							3
DRIVING ON SIDEWALK									1				1
PASS ON RIGHT	2		1		3	1		4	5		2	1	19
SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION	2	1	2		2	1	3		1				12
MISUSE OF PLATES	5	2	6	8	3	6	7	9	2	3	3	2	56
FAIL TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY			1	1	1		1	2		1			7
FAILURE TO USE DUE CARE								1					1
ROAD RACING		1	1			1	1	2	2	2			10
SPEEDING UNDER +25	165	139	190	201	195	195	202	209	224	65	44	42	1871
SPEEDING OVER +25	29	19	25	45	23	36	29	44	22	17	11	13	313
FAILURE TO STOP	16	8	15	13	14	22	15	12	15	7	6	1	144
FAILURE TO YIELD	1	3	1		6	1	5	1	3	1			22
OP AFTER REVOCATION	2	2	1	3	5	2	3	1	2				21
OP AFTER SUSPENSION	26	23	27	28	15	29	34	36	33	10	11	3	275
OP W/O LICENSE	9	10	16	8	12	11	14	6	13	7	3	6	115
ALLOW IMPROPER PERSON	1	2	4	6	1	4	1	7	4		1	2	33
OP W/O MC LIC		1							2			1	4
IMPROPER PASSING		2	1	2	3	5	5	2	2				22
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE	13	11	6	15	15	16	8	13	10	8	5	4	124
ILLEGAL BACKING			2						1			1	4
PROHIBITION LICENSE	1	2	1	2	5	1			2	1	2		17
W/O REGISTRATION								1		1			2
RED LIGHT		1											1
TRAFFIC SIGNAL	13	8	18	15	10	13	15	14	17	7	4	3	137
OBSTRUCTED VISION	2			1			1		1				5
NO SIGNAL			3		1	1	1		1	1			8
FAIL DSPLY PLATES						2		1	1		1		5
PRODUCE LIC				1	1		2	5	2	1			12
MODIFY STICKER OR DECAL		1			1	2	2		1				7
W/O NH LICENSE		2	1	1	1	1		1	2			1	10
FAIL TO OBEY OFFICER					2					1			3
TOTAL	327	273	366	391	362	401	403	430	427	161	116	98	3755

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DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
UNDER20 PROGRAM - 3RD ORIG LIC SUSP 90 DAY
FROM: 01/01/1998 TO: 12/31/1998

REASON	JAN 98	FEB 98	MAR 98	APR 98	MAY 98	JUN 98	JUL 98	AUG 98	SEP 98	OCT 98	NOV 98	DEC 98	TOTAL
DISOBEY LICENSE RESTRICTIONS		1							1				2
CORRECTIVE LENS	1	1			1		1				1		5
NON-INSPECTION	12	17	18	14	15	16	15	16	10	8	5	2	148
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE	1	2		2		2	2	3	2	1			15
DISOBEY POLICE OFFICER	1	1	7	1		1	2	2	1				16
CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1				8
YELLOW LINE	1	1	5	3		3	1	5	2		1		22
FAIL TO KEEP RIGHT					1								1
PASS ON RIGHT	2		1						1				4
SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION			1	2	2	1		1					7
MISUSE OF REGISTRATION						1	1						2
MISUSE OF PLATES	1	3	1	1	1	6	1	1	5	1			21
FAIL TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY								1					1
ROAD RACING		1	1						1	1			4
SPEEDING UNDER +25	41	49	61	55	50	69	72	85	75	5	7	5	574
SPEEDING OVER +25	10	10	13	9	12	8	13	20	13	3	2	1	114
FAILURE TO STOP	1	3	6	5	3	6	8	5	11	1	1		50
FAILURE TO YIELD				1	1	1	4	1	1	1			10
OP AFTER REVOCATION	2		2	1	3	3	3	5	1		1		21
OP AFTER SUSPENSION	17	18	30	16	18	22	30	28	37	2	1		219
OP W/O LICENSE	4	4	5	3	6	2	3	1	4	3	1		36
ALLOW IMPROPER PERSON			1	1	2		2	1	1				8
IMPROPER PASSING					1	1		3	1				6
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE	7	5	11	1	7	7	5	9	9		2	1	64
ILLEGAL BACKING				1	1		1		2	1			6
OPENING DOOR		1											1
PROHIBITION LICENSE	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	1	3				16
RED LIGHT				1									1
TRAFFIC SIGNAL	6	2	12	5	5	8	12	9	8	2			69
OBSTRUCTED VISION			1		1		1		1				4
NO SIGNAL			2			1	1	1					5
FAIL DSPLY PLATES				1		2			2				5
PRODUCE LIC			2			2	1			1			6
MODIFY STICKER OR DECAL			1						1				2
W/O NH LICENSE				1		1							2
TOTAL	109	121	183	126	135	166	182	198	194	30	22	9	1475

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DISOBEY LICENSE RESTRICTIONS			1										1
CORRECTIVE LENS			1										1
NON-INSPECTION	8	13	13	14	16	31	19	20	27	3	2	1	167
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2				12
NO FINANCIAL PROOF								1	1				2
DISOBEY POLICE OFFICER	3	1	5	3	2	1	3	4	5				27
CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT		1			3	2	3	1					10
YELLOW LINE			1			4	1	2	2				10
FAIL TO KEEP RIGHT						1							1
PASS ON RIGHT						1			2				3
FALSE REPORT OF THEFT								1					1
SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION		1											1
MISUSE OF PLATES	1	1	1		2	1	5	5	2				18
FAIL TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY			1	1									2
ROAD RACING								1	1				2
SPEEDING UNDER +25	26	14	34	32	31	29	46	54	62	2	2	1	333
SPEEDING OVER +25	7	11	7	13	8	3	8	10	8	1			76
FAILURE TO STOP	1	3		6	3	3	5	5	7				33
FAILURE TO YIELD		1				3	1	1					6
OP AFTER REVOCATION	2	1		3	4	2	4	4	3	2			25
OP AFTER SUSPENSION	15	20	24	23	34	23	29	44	50				262
OP W/O LICENSE	2	4	4	6	3	2	4	7	4				36
ALLOW IMPROPER PERSON	1					1	1		1				4
OP W/O MC LIC							2	1	3				6
IMPROPER PASSING		1											1
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE	5	1	4	7	3	9	11	8	9				57
ILLEGAL BACKING	1	2	2										5
PROHIBITION LICENSE		4	1	1	2	2		4	1				15
W/O REGISTRATION						1							1
TRAFFIC SIGNAL		4	2	3	2	3	5	7	7				33
OBSTRUCTED VISION							2	1	1				4
NO SIGNAL	2		1						4				7
FAIL DSPLY PLATES					1		3	4					8
PRODUCE LIC		1	1			1							3
MODIFY STICKER OR DECAL									1				1
W/O NH LICENSE			1			1	1	1					4
TOTAL	75	86	105	113	115	126	154	187	203	8	4	2	1178

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE March 4, 1999

FROM Sergeant Brian F. Chase

AT (OFFICE)
Division of State Police
Bureau of Enforcement

SUBJECT Special Traffic Enforcement Unit Activity

TO Colonel John J. Barthelmes

ATTN.: Major David A. McCarthy

During the inclusive period from February 1, 1999, through February 28, 1998, the following activity was generated by personnel assigned to the Special Traffic Enforcement Unit:

- TFC Copponi stopped a vehicle on I-93 after clocking the speed at between 95 and 100 miles per hour. The female operator, who was 17 years old, stated it was an emergency as she was "late for work".

- Due to numerous accidents and complaints, Sergeant Chase initiated a speed enforcement detail with a covert vehicle and radar on I-89 at the Bow junction. The three hour detail resulted in nearly 70 summonses issued, including numerous violations of 78-80 mph in a 40 mph zone. Numerous commercial motor vehicle drivers and drivers under the age of 20 were cited, and one unsafe vehicle was removed from the roadway. One operator, cited for traveling 71 mph in the 40 zone, used the excuse "the sun was in my eyes".

Noteworthy

Flu takes its toll at UNH's main campus. ■ *Page B-8.*

Teens injured in late-night car accident

Three teenagers were taken to Concord Hospital late Monday night after their car slipped off Pembroke Road and hit a tree.

One 17-year-old Pembroke resident was transported by Chichester rescue workers, and the Epsom Fire Department transported a 13- and 14-year-old, who were riding in the car's back seat without wearing seat belts, according to fire officials.

The teenagers complained of chest and back pain and suffered minor cuts, bumps and bruises in the crash, fire officials said.

– Amy McConnell

1997 LICENSED DRIVER / OPERATOR / ACCIDENT STATISTICS

TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED DRIVERS	899,273	they make up *6%* of all licensed drivers
TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED DRIVERS AGED 16 TO 19	27,704	
TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATORS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS	30,545	they make up *10%* of all operators involved in accidents
TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATORS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS AGED 16 TO 19	2,933	
TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATORS INVOLVED IN FATAL ACCIDENTS	170	they make up *12%* of all operators involved in fatal accidents
TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATORS INVOLVED IN FATAL ACCIDENTS AGED 16 TO 19	20	

Fatal Accident statistics reflect the following causes:

Speed	6
Unknown (probable inattention)	5
Other driver's fault	3
Road and weather conditions	2
Failure to stop	1
Failure to yield	1
Left of center	1
Fatigue	1

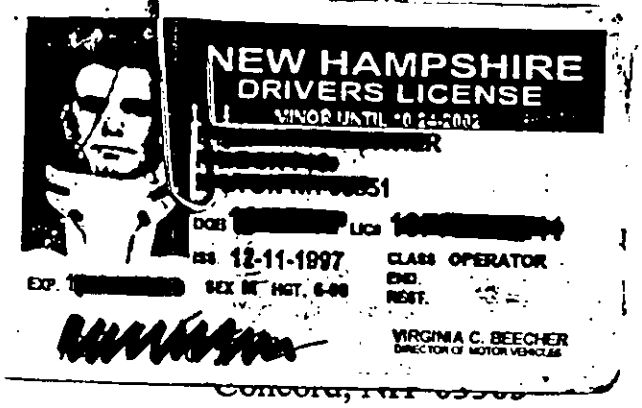
Victims (Note: All passenger victims were in 16 to 19 driver's car, and all passenger victims were under the age of 21):

Passengers in operator's vehicle	11
Operators	8
Pedestrians	2
Bicyclist	1

YOUTH OPERATOR LICENSE SUSPENSIONS

02/01/97 - 06/30/98

	02/97	03/97	04/97	05/97	06/97	07/97	08/97	09/97	10/97	11/97	12/97	01/98	02/98	03/98	04/98	05/98	06/98	Total
1st Original License Suspension 20-day	3	99	588	726	753	737	748	696	900	616	666	571	698	548	707	671	939	10,666
2nd Original License Suspension 45-day	0	3	13	39	72	72	89	84	147	128	136	155	169	149	179	208	265	1,908
3rd Original License Suspension 90-day	0	0	0	1	9	10	17	17	17	32	30	29	38	40	40	45	69	394
Indefinite Original License Suspension	0	11	39	48	52	48	66	69	79	54	94	109	255	256	267	330	362	2,136



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February 11, 1999

Dear Director,

Please find enclosed [redacted]'s driving license and a copy of the suspension/revocation notice. At this time I wish to withdraw my permission for [redacted] to hold an operators license, which was attained with my permission. I feel that [redacted] needs to be more mature and aware of the responsibility that comes with being allowed to operate a motor vehicle before he should be allowed to hold a driving license. I further understand that under **Title 21 Motor Vehicles Chapter 263:14 IIa** that I have the right to this request. Since [redacted] will not be 18 years of age until October of this year, he will have to acquire a signature from the other parent in order to attain his driving license. If I am mistaken, please inform me, before allowing [redacted] to hold a valid driving license again.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

[redacted]
Parent

CC: Nelson Forest, Police Chief of Milton
Bergeron Insurance Inc.
Mt. Washington Assurance Corporation

NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
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NEWS

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE - October 4, 1996

Teenage drivers convicted for a first offense motor vehicle violation will lose their driving privilege for a minimum of 20 days, "..this is effective immediately and there will absolutely be no exceptions," warns New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles Director Virginia C. Beecher. Her stern action comes in the wake of the recent increase in New Hampshire of teenagers involved in a high number of motor vehicle crashes and crash deaths. As a result, the division is putting all teenage drivers on notice, "..you will walk if you violate the law, I am not going to tolerate the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle by young people who try to show off, speed or drive recklessly, ..the consequences will be swift," she vowed.

Safety Commissioner Richard M. Flynn wholeheartedly supports Beecher's tough stance on this issue. Since the beginning of the year New Hampshire has experienced 94* fatal motor vehicle accidents involving 100* deaths. Eighteen of the victims ranged in ages from 14 through 24, ten were under 20 years old.

A closer look at the under 20 age group shows five passengers and five operators as having lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes. In addition, four other teens who survived in a fatal crash each was identified as being the operator of a vehicle and each was found to be "at fault" in the fatal mishaps. The 20 through 24 age group records the deaths of four passengers and four operators.

In nearly nine months time, twenty-two young people ranging in ages 14 through 24 have been involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident in New Hampshire either as a passenger or as the operator of the vehicle involved. Because teenagers have inched towards becoming disproportionately involved in fatal motor vehicle crashes when compared to drivers of other age groups, Commissioner Flynn says the get tough policy initiated by Director Beecher "..is a necessary step in the right direction aimed at saving young lives."

Both Commissioner Flynn and Director Beecher strongly urge young people to work harder to develop good driving skills and set an example for all peers to follow, by always demonstrating the safe and proper operation of a motor vehicle, "..showing off by initiating the improper operation of a motor vehicle will mean loss of license," warns Director Beecher.

(* stats up to 09-29-96)

Union Leader 11/25/98



Chris Herbert Photo

OUTGOING state Sen. Jack Barnes, second from left, accepts from Gov. Jeanne Shaheen a commendation for his support of highway safety. Barnes was honored yesterday at the governor's 17th annual Highway Safety breakfast at the Sheraton Wayfarer in Bedford. Looking on are Peter Thomson, third from left, coordinator of the state Highway Safety Agency, and Federal Highway Administration official George Luciano.

To: Virginia Beecher

From: Peter Thomson

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Shaheen Hails Law On Young Drivers

BEDFORD — A new law affecting young drivers will "be good for all families in the state," Gov. Jeanne Shaheen predicted yesterday at the 17th annual Governor's Highway Safety Breakfast at the Sheraton Wayfarer.

The law focuses on the first 90 days after drivers 16 to 18 years old get their license. It requires that new drivers be accompanied by an adult during that period; that everyone in the car wear a seat belt; and that new drivers not drive between 1 and 5 a.m.

Shaheen said the law will force parents "to be involved in a very direct way" with their children's driving habits. "Over the long term, we're going to see benefits" from the new requirements, said Shaheen.

The governor also praised Virginia Beecher, director of Motor Vehicle Registrations, for strictly enforcing existing legislation that established a point system and imposed loss of license penalties for youthful drivers.

Under Beecher's enforcement, 10,000 licenses were suspended last year for 20 days for a first infraction, 3,300 were suspended 45 days for a second infraction and 1,200 were suspended 90 days for a third infraction. Shaheen said the drop-off in numbers for second and third infractions showed the program was working.

Peter Thomson, coordinator of the state Highway Safety Agency, hosted the breakfast. Its theme this year was the "Governor's Safe Family Holiday Breakfast."

The breakfast was also timed to tie together two national highway safety programs. December is "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month," and a "Buckle Up America" national campaign was kicked off this year in New Hampshire.

The governor and Thomson presented a commendation to outgoing state Sen. Jack Barnes for his support of highway safety. Other commendations went to Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Safety John Stephen, State Trooper Rod Forey and resident Tom Boyle for their work on a program titled "Fatal Reality, Just One Night."

More than 250 law-enforcement officers, legislators and others attended the breakfast. Among those in the audience was Speaker of the House Donna Sytek.

At the head table with Shaheen and Thomson were: Commissioner of Transportation Leon Kennison; Director of Police Standards and Training Earl Sweeney; New England Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration George Luciano; Federal Highway Administration, New Hampshire Division Director Kathleen Laffy; N.H. Association of Chiefs of Police President Russell Larey; and Maj. George Davidson, state police chaplain.

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Year Comparison

Category	1997	1998	Increase/Decrease %
20-Day Suspensions	11,877	12,931	8% increase
Speeding Under +25 20-Day suspensions only	6,740	7,653	12% increase

*Please note that 1997 only had 11 months to tally results.

**It's not reliable to compare the *subsequent* violations from year to year because they are taking the total of both years into consideration (example: 2 kids - one had a 20-day in 1997, the other had a 20-day in 1998, but both had a 45-day in 1998, and both were counted in 1998's total).

1998 Comparison

Category	Total	Increase/Decrease %
20-Day Suspensions	12,931	71% decrease
45-Day Suspensions	3,755	
45-Day Suspensions	3,755	61% decrease
90-Day Suspensions	1,475	
Speeding Under +25 20-Day Suspensions	7,653	76% decrease
Speeding Under +25 45-Day Suspensions	1,871	
Speeding Under +25 45-Day Suspensions	1,871	69% decrease
Speeding Under +25 90-Day Suspensions	574	

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 560-FN

BILL TITLE: **relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses.**

DATE: April 27, 1999

LOB ROOM: 203

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Letourneau

Seconded by Rep. Turgeon

Vote: 16-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: YES 16-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. LeTourneau

Seconded by Rep. Turgeon

Vote: 16-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Bartlett
Cote

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: {Type VOTE} 16-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau, Clerk

Robert J. Letourneau

TRANSPORTATION 1999 SESSION

Bill # HB560

Public Hearings 3-10-99 Executive Session 4-27-99

COMMITTEE REPORT: Re Refer

	YEAS	NAYS
Packard, Sherman A, Chairman	✓	
Flanders, John W, Sr, V Chairman	✓	
Katsakiores, George N, Emeritus	✓	
Bartlett, Gordon E	✓	
Milligan, Robert H		
Boriso, Thomas J	✓	
Kobel, Rudolph J	✓	
Langone, John S	✓	
Letourneau, Robert J, Clerk	✓	
Cossette, Larry J	✓	
Beaulieu, Jon P	✓	
Bruno, Pierre W		
Czech, Stanley E	✓	
Mosher, William E		
Turgeon, Roland M	✓	
Cote, Peter R	✓	
Haley, Robert J		
Leonard, Peter F	✓	
Arthur, Rose H		
LaPorte, George A		
Lerandeau, Alfred C	✓	
Mendenhall, Leslie J	✓	
TOTAL VOTE	16-0	

Appeared in Favor	Appeared in Opposition

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMITTEE Transportation

BILL NUMBER HB ~~55~~ 560

BILL TITLE: relative to the suspension of youth operator licenses

DATE: 10/26/99 LOB ROOM: 203

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. _____ OLS Document #: _____ Adopted/Failed

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Sponsor: Rep. _____ OLS Document #: _____ Adopted/Failed

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, (Interim Study) (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. DaPonte

Seconded by Rep. Cote

Vote: 13-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. _____

Seconded by Rep. _____

Vote: _____ (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: ✓

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Shirley Puckhaber, Clerk acting

TRANSPORTATION 1999 SESSION

HB 560 Bill #

Public Hearings _____ Executive Session 10/26/99

COMMITTEE REPORT: Interim Study

	YEAS	NAYS
Packard, Sherman A, Chairman	✓	
Flanders, John W, Sr, V Chairman	✓	
Katsakiores, George N, Emeritus	✓	
Bartlett, Gordon E	✓	
Milligan, Robert H	✓	
Boriso, Thomas J		
Kobel, Rudolph J	✓	
Langone, John S	✓	
Letourneau, Robert J, Clerk		
Cossette, Larry J		
Beaulieu, Jon P	✓	
Bruno, Pierre W		
Czech, Stanley E		
Mosher, William E		
Turgeon, Roland M	✓	
Cote, Peter R	✓	
Haley, Robert J		
Leonard, Peter F	✓	
Arthur, Rose H		
LaPorte, George A	✓	
Lerandeau, Alfred C		
Mendenhall, Leslie J	✓	
TOTAL VOTE	13-0	

Appeared in Favor	Appeared in Opposition

10/99

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Transportation**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 560-FN**

TITLE: relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses.

DATE: April 27, 1999 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☒ RE-REFER

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

This bill is an attempt to specify that a license held by a person under 20 years of age may not be suspended or revoked on account of non-moving violations, and that citations for moving violations given to such drivers must contain a warning message. A problem the committee faces is there is not a "moving violation" statue in current law, and that the state currently uses a point system for driver infractions. However, the Department of Safety is using an under 20 statue written before that system was put into place. The committee is working with the DOS to correct problems that sometimes rise from this type of strict enforcement through a rules change. The committee would like to keep this bill over the summer to address any problems that may arise during these rule changes.

Vote 16-0.

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Transportation

HB 560-FN, relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses. RE-REFER

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Rep. Robert J. Letourneau

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Transportation**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 560-FN**

TITLE: relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses.

DATE: 4-27-99 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☑ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☑ RE-REFER

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

Vote {Type VOTE}. 16-0

Rep. {Type NAME} LeTourneau
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Transportation**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 560-FN**

TITLE: relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses.

DATE: October 26, 1999 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ RE-REFER

☒ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

The Transportation Committee received information from the Department of Safety that the numbers of suspensions of those under 20 years old is in decline, clearly indicating that this law is working. The Department of Safety is in the process of making rule changes to certain violations that will clear up suspensions of non-moving violations. The Department of Safety is evaluating new programs that may be used to substitute license suspension for under 20 year old drivers. In light of these developments, the committee felt that we should refer this bill to "Interim Study" to follow the progress of the Department of Safety regarding this issue.

Vote 13-0.

Rep. Sherman A. Packard
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Transportation

HB 560-FN, relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses. REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. Sherman A. Packard for **Transportation:** The Transportation Committee received information from the Department of Safety that the numbers of suspensions of those under 20 years old is in decline, clearly indicating that this law is working. The Department of Safety is in the process of making rule changes to certain violations that will clear up suspensions of non-moving violations. The Department of Safety is evaluating new programs that may be used to substitute license suspension for under 20 year old drivers. In light of these developments, the committee felt that we should refer this bill to "Interim Study" to follow the progress of the Department of Safety regarding this issue. Vote 13-0.

CC, Vote 13-0

HB 560-FN
Refer to Interim Study

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Rep. Sherman A. Packard

Sherman Packard

INTERIM STUDY
COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: TRANSPORTATION

BILL NUMBER: HB 0560

TITLE: relative to the suspension or revocation of youth operators' licenses.

DATE: 24 OCTOBER 2000

☐ **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

LSR No._____

(If legislation is already filed, please list LSR no.)

☒ **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

STATEMENT OF INTENT: (May be handwritten)

During the end of the 2000 session the laws on supervision of youth licenses were changed thus making any future legislation unnecessary.

COMMITTEE VOTE: **12-0** (Attach Committee Voting Sheet)

PLEASE NOTE:
- Reports are due **November 1, 2000**, at the House Clerk's Office with the committee voting sheet attached.
- Place a copy of the committee report and all subcommittee work documents in bill file.

Rep. Sherman Packard, Chair
For the Committee

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INTERIM STUDY
COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Transportation

BILL NUMBER: HB 560

TITLE: relative to the suspension of youth operators licenses

DATE: 10/24/2000

☐ **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

LSR No._____ **(If legislation is already filed, please list LSR no.)**

☑ **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

STATEMENT OF INTENT: (May be handwritten)

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Rep. Shirley Packard
For the Committee

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TRANSPORTATION

Bill #: H560 **Title:** _____

PH Date: ____/____/____ **Exec Session Date:** ____/____/____

Motion: _____ **Amendment #:** _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Packard, Sherman A, Chairman	✓	
Flanders, John W, V Chairman	✓	
Katsakiores, George N, Emeritus		
Bartlett, Gordon E	✓	
Milligan, Robert H	✓	
Boriso, Thomas J		
Kobel, Rudolph J	✓	
Langone, John S	✓	
Letourneau, Robert J, Clerk	✓	
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TOTAL VOTE:		

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