Bill as Introduced

HB 667-FN-A – AS INTRODUCED

2003 SESSION

03-0624
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HOUSE BILL ***667-FN-A***

AN ACT relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.

SPONSORS: Rep. Greenberg, Hills 50

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits exit tolls on New Hampshire's toll roads. It also increases the gasoline tax by $.04 over a 2-year period and allocates the increase to the turnpike system.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.

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

1 New Paragraph; Exit Tolls Prohibited. Amend RSA 237:11 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. No tolls shall be charged for vehicles exiting from the central New Hampshire turnpike, the eastern New Hampshire turnpike or the New Hampshire turnpike system.

2 Gasoline Tax Increased. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 260:32 to read as follows:

260:32 Levy of Tolls and Exemptions. There is hereby imposed a road toll of [~~$.18~~] ***$.20*** per gallon upon the sale of each gallon of motor fuel sold by distributors thereof. The road toll shall be collected by the distributor from the purchaser and remitted to the state in the manner hereinafter set forth. Provided, that the road toll shall not apply to:

3 Gasoline Tax Increased. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 260:32 to read as follows:

260:32 Levy of Tolls and Exemptions. There is hereby imposed a road toll of [~~$.20~~] ***$.22*** per gallon upon the sale of each gallon of motor fuel sold by distributors thereof. The road toll shall be collected by the distributor from the purchaser and remitted to the state in the manner hereinafter set forth. Provided, that the road toll shall not apply to:

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

II. Section 3 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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03-0624
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HB 667-FN-A - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill as it is awaiting information from the Department of Transportation. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the House Clerk's Office.

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Revised 2/28/03

HB 667 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) indicates this bill will decrease state turnpike restricted revenues by $11.754 million in FY 2004, $11.807 million in FY 2005, $12.242 million in FY 2006, and $12.470 million in FY 2007. DOT also indicates that state turnpike restricted expenditures will increase in FY 2004 by $17.315 million, and decrease by $1.990 million in FY 2005, $2.050 million in FY 2006, and $2.111 million in FY 2007. The Department of Safety (DOS) states that state highway fund revenues will increase by $15.9 million in FY 2004 and $31.8 million in FY 2005 and each year thereafter. DOS also states that state highway fund expenditures and local revenues will increase by $1.908 million in FY 2005 and $3.816 million in FY 2006 and each year thereafter. There is no fiscal impact to county and local expenditures or county revenues.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Transportation states this bill will decrease state turnpike restricted revenues from tolls by the amount that will not be collected due to the cessation of ramp toll collections and due to diversion away from the main line toll plazas. These decreases will be offset by additional revenue generated by the gas tax increase stated in this bill. State expenditures will be reduced annually relative to the cost of toll collection that will no longer be necessary by the elimination of ramp plazas. Also, a one-time plaza removal and exit ramp realignment expenditure will be incurred in FY 2004.

The Department of Safety states this bill will increase the gasoline tax $.02 per gallon beginning July 1, 2003 and an additional $.02 per gallon beginning July 1, 2004. The Department used a base of 795 million gallons for FY 2004 to calculate the revenue from these tax increases. The Department also states that the increase in highway fund revenue will result in an increase in local highway aid delayed by a year because the calculation is based on 12% of the revenue change in the prior fiscal year.

Amendments

Rep. Greenberg, Hills. 50
February 26, 2003
2003-0415h
06/09

Not considered by Committee

Amendment to HB 667-FN-A

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to exit tolls.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Exit Tolls Prohibited During Certain Hours. Amend RSA 237:11 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. No tolls shall be charged for vehicles which use ramps to exit from the central New Hampshire turnpike, the eastern New Hampshire turnpike or the New Hampshire turnpike system from the hours of 8:00 p.m. on Saturday through 5:00 a.m. on Sunday and from 8:00 p.m. on Sunday through 5:00 a.m. on Monday.

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

2003-0415h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits exit tolls on ramps on New Hampshire's toll roads from 8:00 p.m. on Saturday through 5:00 a.m. on Sunday and from 8:00 p.m. on Sunday through 5:00 a.m. on Monday.

Speakers

11:00
2:45

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB667FN-A Date Mar. 13 Oct. 16, 2013

Committee Public Works + Highways

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Richard Lewin	3 Hovey Lane Hanover NH	643-8189	myself	X	
Governor's Office					X
Rep. Chris Christensen		424-2542	Dist 58	X	
Rep John Gibson		424-4950	district 58	✓	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 667-FN-A

BILL TITLE: relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.

DATE: March 3, 2003

LOB ROOM: 201 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 2:50

Time Adjourned: 3:25

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. E. Smith, Leber, Gleason, Moore, Graham, Holland, Rausch, Tahir, Kears, Gionet, Kenison, McConkey, O'Brien, Waterhouse, Cloutier, C. Bouchard, Benn, Norelli, Malloy and Vallone.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Greenberg

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Prime Sponsor Rep. Greenberg - he proposed an amendment to HB 661 which replaces the entire bill. The amendment is #2003-0415h. His testimony discussed the tolls and bond money. The concept of tolls is unfair and he wants to give the people a break.

OPINION – NOT SPEAKING:

Richard Lewin, 3 Hovey Lane, Hanover, NH 643-8189 PRO
Governor's Office – CON
Rep. Chris Christiansen, 424-2542 Dist 58 – PRO
Rep. John Gibson, 424-4950 – Dist. 58 – PRO

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. James B. Rausch, Clerk

Testimony

MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX RATES
State Rankings
January 1, 2003

GASOLINE

State	Excise Tax	Add'l Tax	Total Tax
New Hampshire	**18**	**1.5**	**19.5**
Vermont	**19**	**1**	**20**
Massachusetts	**21**		**21**
*** Maine/5**	**24.6**		**24.6**
Connecticut	**25**		**25**
Rhode Island	**30**	**1**	**31**
Georgia	7.5		7.5
Alaska	8		8
Wyoming	13	1	14
Florida /2	4	10.1	14.1
New Jersey	10.5	4	14.5
Indiana	15		15
Hawaii /1	16		16
South Carolina	16		16
Kentucky	15	1.4	16.4
Oklahoma	16	1	17
Missouri	17	0.03	17.03
Virginia /1	17.5		17.5
Alabama /1	16	2	18
Arizona	18		18
California	18		18
Missisippi	18	0.4	18.4
Federal	18.3	0.1	18.4
New Mexico/8	17	1.9	18.9
Michigan	19		19
Illinois /1	19	0.8	19.8
Iowa	20		20
Louisiana	20		20
Minnesota	20		20

DIESEL FUEL

State	Excise Tax	Add'l Tax	Total Tax
New Hampshire	**18**	**1.5**	**19.5**
Massachusetts	**21**		**21**
*** Maine/5**	**25.7**		**25.7**
Connecticut	**26**		**26**
Vermont	**25**	**1**	**26**
Rhode Island	**30**	**1**	**31**
Georgia	7.5		7.5
Alaska	8		8
Kentucky	12	1.4	13.4
Oklahoma	13	1	14
Wyoming	13	1	14
Michigan	15		15
Hawaii /1	16		16
Indiana	16		16
South Carolina	16		16
Virginia /1	16		16
Missouri	17	0.03	17.03
New Jersey	13.5	4	17.5
Arizona	18		18
California	18		18
Missisippi	18	0.4	18.4
Tennessee /1	17	1.4	18.4
Alabama /1	17	2	19
New Mexico/8	18	1.9	19.9
Louisiana	20		20
Minnesota	20		20
Texas	20		20
Dist. of Columbia	20		20
Colorado	20.5		20.5

GASOHOL

State	Excise Tax	Add'l Tax	Total Tax
New Hampshire	**18**	**1.5**	**19.5**
Vermont	**19**	**1**	**20**
Massachusetts	**21**		**21**
Connecticut	**24**		**24**
*** Maine/5**	**24.6**		**24.6**
Rhode Island	**30**	**1**	**31**
Alaska	0		0
Georgia	7.5		7.5
Federal	13	0.1	13.1
Wyoming	13	1	14
Florida /2	4	10.1	14.1
New Jersey	10.5	4	14.5
Indiana	15		15
Missouri	15	0.03	15.03
Hawaii /1	16		16
South Carolina	16		16
Kentucky	15	1.4	16.4
Oklahoma	16	1	17
Virginia /1	17.5		17.5
Alabama /1	16	2	18
Arizona	18		18
California	18		18
Missisippi	18	0.4	18.4
New Mexico/8	17	1.9	18.9
Iowa	19		19
Michigan	19		19
Illinois /1	19	0.8	19.8
Louisiana	20		20
Minnesota	20		20

MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX RATES
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GASOLINE

State	Excise Tax	Add'l Tax	Total Tax
Texas	20		20
Dist. of Columbia	20		20
North Dakota	21		21
Tennessee /1	20	1.4	21.4
Arkansas	21.5		21.5
Colorado	22		22
Ohio	22		22
South Dakota /1	22		22
New York	8	14.6	22.6
Delaware	23		23
Kansas/8	23		23
Washington	23		23
Maryland	23.5		23.5
North Carolina	23.4	0.25	23.65
Nevada /1	24		24
Oregon /1	24		24
Utah	24.5		24.5
West Virginia	20.5	4.85	25.35
Nebraska	24.6	0.9	25.5
Pennsylvania	12	13.9	25.9
Idaho	25	1	26
Montana	27		27
Wisconsin /5	28.1		28.1

DIESEL FUEL

State	Excise Tax	Add'l Tax	Total Tax
New York	8	12.85	20.85
North Dakota	21		21
Delaware	22		22
Ohio	22		22
South Dakota /1	22		22
Illinois /1	21.5	0.8	22.3
Arkansas	22.5		22.5
Iowa	22.5		22.5
Washington	23		23
North Carolina	23.4	0.25	23.65
Oregon /1	24		24
Maryland	24.25		24.25
Federal	24.3	0.1	24.4
Utah	24.5		24.5
Kansas/8	25		25
West Virginia	20.5	4.85	25.35
Nebraska	24.6	0.9	25.5
Idaho	25	1	26
Florida /2	16.6	10.1	26.7
Nevada /1	27		27
Montana	27.75		27.75
Wisconsin /5	28.1		28.1
Pennsylvania	12	18.8	30.8

GASOHOL

State	Excise Tax	Add'l Tax	Total Tax
South Dakota /1	20		20
Texas	20		20
Dist. of Columbia	20		20
North Dakota	21		21
Tennessee /1	20	1.4	21.4
Arkansas	21.5		21.5
Colorado	22		22
Ohio	22		22
New York	8	14.6	22.6
Delaware	23		23
Kansas/8	23		23
Washington	23		23
Idaho	22.5	1	23.5
Maryland	23.5		23.5
North Carolina	23.4	0.25	23.65
Nevada /1	24		24
Oregon /1	24		24
Utah	24.5		24.5
West Virginia	20.5	4.85	25.35
Nebraska	24.6	0.9	25.5
Pennsylvania	12	13.9	25.9
Montana	27		27
Wisconsin /5	28.1		28.1

SOURCE: www.taxadmin.org/fta/rate/motor_fl.html
Compiled by FTA from various sources.
** Maine information obtained from Governor's budget for fiscal year 2003-2004.*
/1 Tax rates do not include local option taxes. In AL, 1 - 3 cents; HI, 8 to 11.5 cent; IL, 5 cents in Chicago and 6 cents in Cook county (gasoline only); NV, 1.75 to 7.75 cents; OR, 1 to 3 cents; SD and TN, one cent; and VA 2%.
/2 Local taxes for gasoline and gasohol vary from 5.5 cents to 17 cents (average is 13.4¢). Plus a 2.07 cent per gallon pollution tax.
/3 Carriers pay an additional surcharge equal to AZ-8 cents, IL-6.3 cents (g) 6.0 cents (d), IN-11 cents, KY-2% (g) 4.7% (d).
/4 Tax rate is based on the average wholesale price and is adjusted quarterly.The actual rates are: KY, 9%; and NC, 17.5¢ + 7%.
/5 Portion of the rate is adjustable based on maintenance costs, sales volume, or cost of fuel to state government.
/6 Large trucks pay an additional 3.5 cents.
/7 Tax rate is reduced by the percentage of ethanol used in blending (reported rate assumes the max. 10% ethanol).
/8 Effective July 1, 2003, rate increase in KS, 24 cents (gasoline/gasohol), 26 cents (d); NM, decreases to 16 cents (gasoline/gasohol).

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 667-FN-A

BILL TITLE: **relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.**

DATE: March 4, 2003

LOB ROOM: 201

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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

Moved by Rep. Kenison

Seconded by Rep. Bouchard

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

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

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: NO - REG. CAL.

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. James B. Rausch, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 667-FN-A

BILL TITLE: **relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.**

DATE: 3-4-03

LOB ROOM: 201

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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

Moved by Rep. Kenney

Seconded by Rep. Bouchard

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

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

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: NT

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. James B. Rausch, Clerk

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Bill #: HB667FN-A **Title:**

PH Date: ___/___/___ Exec Session Date: 3/4/03

Motion: ITL Amendment #:

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Smith, Edwin O, Chairman	✓	
Leber, William E, V Chairman	✓	
Gleason, John P absent		
Moore, Benjamin E absent		
Graham, John A	✓	
Holland, James E	✓	
Rausch, James B, Clerk	✓	
Tahir, Saghir A	✓	
Keans, Sandra B	✓	
Gionet, Edmond D	✓	
Kenison, Leon S	✓	
McConkey, Mark E	✓	
O'Brien, Lori J absent		
Waterhouse, Kevin K	✓	
Cloutier, John R	✓	
Bouchard, Candace C W	✓	
Benn, Bernard L	✓	
Norelli, Terie	✓	
Malloy, Chris S	✓	
Vallone, Matthew J absent		
ITL	16	0

TOTAL VOTE:
Printed: 1/21/2003

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Public Works and Highways**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 667-FN-A**

TITLE: relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.

DATE: March 4, 2003 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☐ NO ☒

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

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

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

The bill proposes elimination of turnpike tolls while increasing the fuel tax by $0.02 per gallon on July 1, 2003, and by another $0.02 on July 1, 2004. The Turnpike Fund revenue would be reduced by about $12 million per year while the Highway Fund revenue will net an increase of about $27 million per year after July 1, 2004. The new gas tax revenue will not be used by the Turnpike System which has outstanding debt obligations of over $300 million. The committee felt the Turnpike Fund could ill afford any revenue reductions at this time. An amendment to modify the proposal did not gain committee support.

Vote 16-0.

Rep. Leon S. Kenison
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

Public Works and Highways

HB 667-FN-A, relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Leon S. Kenison for Public Works and Highways: The bill proposes elimination of turnpike tolls while increasing the fuel tax by $0.02 per gallon on July 1, 2003, and by another $0.02 on July 1, 2004. The Turnpike Fund revenue would be reduced by about $12 million per year while the Highway Fund revenue will net an increase of about $27 million per year after July 1, 2004. The new gas tax revenue will not be used by the Turnpike System which has outstanding debt obligations of over $300 million. The committee felt the Turnpike Fund could ill afford any revenue reductions at this time. An amendment to modify the proposal did not gain committee support. **Vote 16-0.**

3-4-03

HB667-FN-A, relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Rep. Leon S. Kenison for Public Works and Highways: The bill proposes elimination of turnpike tolls while increasing the fuel tax by $0.02 per gallon on 7-1-03 and by another $0.02 on 7-1-04. The Turnpike fund revenue would be reduced by about $12 million per year while the Highway Fund revenue will net an increase of about $27 million per year after 7-1-0 The new gas tax revenue will not be used on the Turnpike System which has outstanding debt obligations of over $300 million. The Committee felt the Turnpike Fund can ill afford any revenue reductions at this time. An amendment to modify the proposal did not gain Committee support. Vote 16-0

E.O.S.

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Public Works and Highways**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 667-FN-A**

TITLE: relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.

DATE: CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☐ NO ☒

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ 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}
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

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