Bill as Introduced

SB 188-LOCAL – AS INTRODUCED

2003 SESSION

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09/01

SENATE BILL ***188-LOCAL***

AN ACT establishing a commission to study improving the enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas.

SPONSORS: Sen. Martel, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the current enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas and make recommendations for improvements in enforcement of traffic laws by state and local law enforcement agencies.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 establishing a commission to study improving the enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas.

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

1 Commission Established. There is established a commission to study improving the enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(c) Two members of the public, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate.

(d) The administrative judge of the district courts, or designee.

(e) The director of state police, or designee.

(f) One police chief of a city, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police.

(g) One police chief of a town, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police.

(h) The state coordinator of highway safety.

(i) One town selectman, appointed by the governor.

(j) One city alderman, appointed by the governor.

(k) The director of the police standards and training council, or designee.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

3 Duties. The commission shall study:

I. The impact of traffic law violations on public health and safety, on the quality of life of New Hampshire citizenry, and on the public protection of children.

II. The reasons for the current inadequate enforcement of traffic laws by state and local law enforcement agencies, including lack of manpower and insufficient traffic surveillance equipment.

III. Possible sources of funding to provide for more law enforcement officer positions and sufficient traffic surveillance equipment, such as federal grants, private donations, and increasing the portion of fines retained by municipalities for violations of state laws and local ordinances.

IV. How best to enhance driver awareness of and compliance with speeding and reckless driving laws.

V. Any other matters related to improving the enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first-appointed senate member shall call the first meeting of the commission. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Eight members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2003.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Amendments

Rep. Packard, Rock. 75
April 16, 2003
2003-1314h
09/04

Not Considered

Amendment to SB 188-LOCAL

Amend paragraph I of section 2 of the bill by replacing all after subparagraph (g) with the following:

(h) The governor's coordinator of highway safety.
(i) One town selectman, appointed by the governor.
(j) One city alderman, appointed by the governor.
(k) The director of the police standards and training.
(l) The commissioner of safety.
(m) The director of the division of motor vehicles.
(n) The commissioner of transportation.

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

2 Report. The commission shall submit an interim report on or before November 1, 2003 and a final report on or before November 1, 2004 on its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library.

Speakers

SIGN UP SHEET

11:30

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # SB 188-L Date April 1, 2003

Committee Transportation

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
ST. SENATOR ANDRÉ A. MARTEL	DIST. #18	# 8567	CONSTITUENTS	✓	
ASST. COMMISSIONER	JOHN STEVENS	DOS.		✓	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 188-L

BILL TITLE: establishing a commission to study improving the enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas.

DATE: April 1, 2003

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

Time Adjourned: 11:45

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Packard, J. Flanders, G. Katsakiores, Bartlett, Kobel, Letourneau, Artz, Bergeron, Dewhirst, Mosher, M. Allen, Hollinger, Scanlon, J. Sullivan, P. Cote, Ferland, Casey, Creteau, Haley and Rollo.

Bill Sponsors: Sen. Martel

TESTIMONY

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

Sen. Andre A. Martel introduced the bill for his constituents. He testified to the committee of many incidents and asked the committee to support the bill.

Rep. Artz: Commented that they have the same concerns in Nashua.
Ans: No one wants to stop on red lights and stop signs and so on and so on.

Rep. Casey: Question: How do the enforcement people feel about this bill?
Ans: They are in favor and want to look into these problems.

Rep. Letourneau: Question about the duties and the members, could we amend this bill?
Ans: Yes, he had no problem with the committee amending the bill.

Rep. Katsakiores: Question regarding law.
Ans: These people get tickets and violations and they just throw them away.

Question: About the timeframe of November 2003 - this is a short time to get something done.
Ans: It is a short period of time and if you amend the bill you could change the timeframe.

Rep. Kobel: Question – Is this the first time for this study?
Ans: He thought so.

Question: Do you have many sponsors?
Ans: Yes.

Question: About laws that are already on the books. It seems that we need enforcement.

Ans: In Manchester it's getting real bad – they are now running down pedestrians.

Rep. Mosher: Question about throwing tickets away.

Ans: Both are effective.

OPINION - NOT SPEAKING:

John Stephen, Assist. Commissioner, DOS – PRO

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jean-Guy J. Bergeron, Clerk

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 188-L

BILL TITLE: **establishing a commission to study improving the enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas.**

DATE: May 15, 2003

LOB ROOM: 203

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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

Moved by Rep. Ferland

Seconded by Rep. Flanders

Vote: 14-0 (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: YES

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jean-Guy J. Bergeron, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 188-L

BILL TITLE: **establishing a commission to study improving the enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas.**

DATE: 5-15-03

LOB ROOM: 203

Amendments:

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

Moved by Rep. Rosland

Seconded by Rep. Flanders

Vote: 14-0 (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: {Type VOTE}

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

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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2003 SESSION

TRANSPORTATION 1st DOT

Bill #: SB188-L Title: 5-15-03

PH Date: 4/1/03 Exec Session Date: ~~4/9/03~~

Motion: ITL Rep Flanders Amendment #: Per Consent

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Packard, Sherman A, Chairman	✓	
Rp Flanders, John W, V Chairman	✓	
Katsakiores, George N	✓	
Bartlett, Gordon E	✓	
Kobel, Rudolph J	✓	
Letourneau, Robert J		
Artz, Lawrence A	✓	
Bergeron, Jean-Guy J, Clerk	✓	
Dewhirst, Glenn E		
Mosher, William E	✓	
Allen, Mary M	✓	
Hollinger, Jeffrey D	✓	
Scanlon, Michael J	✓	
Sullivan, Jeffrey A		
Cote, Peter R		
Haley, Robert J		
Ferland, Brenda L	✓	
Casey, Kimberley S	✓	
Creteau, Irene T	✓	
Rollo, Deanna S		
	14	0

TOTAL VOTE:
Printed: 1/21/2003

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Transportation**

BILL NUMBER: **SB 188-L**

TITLE: establishing a commission to study improving the enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas.

DATE: May 15, 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 Governor has put forth Executive Order 2003-7 establishing a taskforce on motor vehicle fatalities consisting of a wider group of people than the Senate bill would have included. The committee felt that a Governor's taskforce would be more effective than a study committee.

Vote 14-0.

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Transportation

SB 188-L, establishing a commission to study improving the enforcement of traffic laws in high traffic areas. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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DATE: 5-15-03 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

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STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

14-0

Vote {Type VOTE}.

Rep. {Type NAME}
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

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