Bill as Introduced

HB 819 – AS INTRODUCED

2003 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***819***

AN ACT relative to original and youth operators' licenses.

SPONSORS: Rep. Packard, Rock 75; Sen. Larsen, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the expiration provisions for youth operator's licenses held by persons over 18 years of age. This bill also establishes a separate original driver's license to be issued upon expiration of the youth operator's license and to expire on the person's twenty-first birthday.

This bill is a request of the department of safety.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 original and youth operators' licenses.

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

1 Original Driver's License. Amend RSA 263:14, I to read as follows:

I.***(a)*** The director, upon receiving proper application for an original driver's license, may in the director's discretion issue a license designated as an original, with such designation to be effective until the fifth anniversary of the license holder's date of birth following the date of issuance to allow such applicant to gain proper driving habits, attitudes, and experience.

(b) Upon the expiration of the youth operator's license as set forth in subparagraph II(g), the applicant shall be issued an original driver's license which shall expire on the applicant's twenty-first birthday. Upon reaching the age of 21, the applicant shall be issued a 5-year original driver's license under subparagraph (a).

2 Youth Operator's License. Amend RSA 263:14, II(f)-(g) to read as follows:

(f) The restrictions set forth in RSA 263:14, II(b), (c), [~~and~~] (d)***, and (g)(2)*** shall not apply to drivers who are over 18 years of age.

(g)***(1)*** A youth operator's license shall expire one month after the first anniversary of its issuance unless the holder is [~~convicted of an offense specified in RSA 259:39~~] ***subject to the provisions of subparagraph (2)***.

(2) If the holder of a youth operator's license is convicted of an offense specified in RSA 259:39, the license shall expire one year after the date of the holder's last conviction of any offense specified in RSA 259:39 and the holder shall not be eligible to apply for any other form of license under title XXI until the youth operator's license has expired. If an action for an offense specified in RSA 259:39 is pending against the holder of a youth operator's license on the date of the license's scheduled expiration, the director shall issue a temporary license to the holder valid until the conclusion of the action.

3 Driver's License Fees. Amend RSA 263:42, I to read as follows:

I. For each original driver's license and examination or driver's license renewal, other than for a commercial vehicle or motorcycle- $50; ***for each original driver's license up to age 21- $10 per year, not to exceed $40;*** for each youth operator's license and examination- $10; for each original commercial driver license and examination or commercial driver license renewal- $60; for each commercial driver license reexamination in a one-year period- $20; for each commercial vehicle endorsement, renewal of an endorsement, or removal of a restriction- $10; for each special motorcycle original license and examination or special motorcycle license renewal- $50; for each original motorcycle endorsement- $25; for each motorcycle endorsement renewal- no charge. For

each original driver's license issued, $5 shall be credited to the driver training fund established by RSA 263:52. Except as provided in RSA 263:14, every license shall expire on the licensee's birthdate in the fifth year following the issuance of such license. No fee collected under this paragraph shall be refunded once an examination has been taken or a license issued, except as provided in RSA 263:43.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Committee Minutes

Transportation Committee

Hearing Report

To:	Members of the Senate
From:	Liz Ignacio *Legislative Aide*
Re:	HB 819 – *AN ACT relative to original and youth operators' license.*
Hearing date:	April 24, 2003
Members present:	Sen. Morse, Sen. Flanders, Sen. Martel, Sen. Below
Members absent:	Sen. Kenney

Sponsor(s): Rep. Packard, Rock 75; Sen. Larsen, Dist 15

What the bill does: This bill modifies the expiration provisions for youth operator's licenses held by persons over 18 years of age. This bill also establishes a separate original diver's license to be issued upon expiration of the youth operator's license and to expire on the person's twenty-first birthday. This bill is a request of the department of safety.

Who supports the bill: Chuck Corson: NH Wholesaler Beverage Association, Rep. Packard, Henry Veilleux: NH Lodging & Restaurant Association, Bob Dunn: AAA

Who opposes the bill: No one spoke in opposition.

Summary of testimony in support:

- The main purpose of this bill is to address underage alcohol purchasing.
- HB 819 changes the orientation of drivers' licenses given to individuals under the age of 21. An under 21 license will have the words and picture printed vertically while an over 21 license will be printed horizontally.
- These changes will reduce the chance of a misinterpretation of an individual's age with two different orientation styles.
- Virginia started this program about 6-8 years ago.
- The beer industry unanimously endorses the passage of HB 819 as introduced.
- After prohibition failed, the greatest threat to the alcohol industry is underage drinking.
- Henry Veilleux said that errors still occur despite an establishment's efforts to train their workers to properly read an individual's ID.
- The bill will take effect July 1, 2003.
- The Department of Safety requested HB 819.

Funding: No fiscal impact.

Action: Committee exec'd on the bill OTP 4-0. Senator Flanders will take it to the floor.

ei Date: 5/2/03
[file: HB 819 report]

Date: April 24, 2003
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Room: 104 LOB

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a hearing on the following:

HB 819 relative to original and youth operators' licenses.

Members of Committee present:

Senator Martel
Senator Below
Senator Flanders
Senator Morse

The Chair, Senator Chuck Morse, opened the hearing.

Senator Chuck Morse, D. 22: We'll open the hearing on HB 819. Representative Packard.

Representative Packard: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. I'm becoming a regular here. This bill was a request of the Department of Safety. I think most of you remember last year we passed/we revised a used operator's licensing (audio) and when the Department of Safety sat down an analyzed it. What they wanted to do, we didn't quite do it in that bill. They wanted to be able to have a vertical license instead of a horizontal license for anybody under the age of 21.

The way that the bill read last year, it actually would have gone over the age of 21 since we've gone to 5-year license. So what this bill does is, I would say, it's actually some housekeeping. It sets the original license at 1 year which we had in the original bill last year and then it gives them a license until they reach their 21st birthday; then they'll be issued a full license at that point. That's basically what this bill does.

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: Question. The purpose of this mainly is for the store owners etc. so the underage goes in and tries to buy alcohol they'll be able to pick out that license just like that.

Representative Packard: That's the main purpose, yes.

Senator Chuck Morse, D. 22: Any further questions? Thank you Representative Packard. Mr. Corson.

Clark Corson: My name is Clark Corson and as I begin my 31st year here very seldom do I have the occasion to support a bill as worthy as this. That is a picture of me on my license and under Representative Packard's bill the license is going to read vertical. There will be absolutely no way, Chairman has made sure of this, Virginia Beecher, that there can be a misinterpretation of the age of a person producing a photo ID for the purposes of alcohol procurement. Beginning in 1928, we had a grievous social experiment in this country called prohibition – it failed miserably but I will tell you that the greatest threat to the alcohol industry in general is that of underage consumption and underage consumption is preceded by underage procurement.

This is a terrific bill. The state of VA started this program, I don't know Sherman 7 or 8 years, something like that. Without casting disparaging remarks, this bill sat on the previous governor's desk for 6 years and went nowhere. Sherman, thanks to Representative Packard it has been reactivated with its importance as he said at the Dept. of Safety. I want you to know that the beer industry as it presently exists in the sate of NH unanimously and enthusiastically endorses the passage of this bill as submitted. I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Senator Chuck Morse, D. 22: Questions for Mr. Corson. Thank you Mr. Corson. Anyone else that would like to speak?

Henry Veilleux: Thank you very much Senator. I didn't sign up, Mr. Corson kept me distracted. For the record, my name is Henry Veilleux and I'm here on behalf of the NH Lodging & Restaurant Association which also supports this legislation. As much as we try to do a good job at training our servers, sometimes they're not that great at addition and subtraction and orientating. The license being different would be one more tool to enable them to determine who was the right person to serve to, so we strongly support this.

Senator Chuck Morse, D. 22: Any questions?

Senator Andre Martel, D. 18: Just want to make a statement, I support with no objection but find it difficult to hear people who serve in restaurants can't subtract 21 years backwards. When you speak of 1982 was the date 21 year ago – I just wanted to ad this.

Senator Chuck Morse, D. 22: I'll close the hearing on HB 819.

Hearing concluded at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gloria Lamoureux
Committee/Senate Secretary
5/05/03

Speakers

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Date 04/24/03 Time 1:15 p.m. Public Hearing on HB 819

relative to original and youth operators' licenses.

SPEAKING	FAVOR	OPPOSED	NAME (Please print)	REPRESENTING
☑	☑	☐	CLARK CORSON	NH WHOLESALE BEVERAGE ASSN
☑	☑	☐	Rep Sherman Packard	
☑	☑	☐	Henry Veillex	NH Lodging & Restaurant Assn.
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Voting Sheets

Senate Transportaion Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill 819

Hearing date: 4/24/03 **Room:** LOB 104

Motion of: OTP 4-0

Made by Senator:			***Seconded by Senator:***		
	Kenney	☐		Kenney	☐
	Morse	☐		Morse	☐
	Below	☐		Below	☐
	Flanders	☑		Flanders	☐
	Martel	☐		Martel	☑

Committee Member	***Present***	***Vote***	***Reported out by***
Senator Kenney, Chairman	☐		Flanders
Senator Morse, Vice Chair	☑		
Senator Below	☑		
Senator Flanders	☑		
Senator Martel	☑		

***Amendments:**

NOTES:

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date:

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred House Bill 819

AN ACT relative to original and youth operators' licenses.

VOTE: 4-0

Having considered the same, report the same without amendment and recommend that the bill: **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Senator Robert B. Flanders
For the Committee

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1/30/2003	**H**	Introduced and ref to Transportation; HJ 12, p211
2/5/2003	**H**	Hearing Feb 12 10:00 RM203,LOB
3/4/2003	**H**	Maj Report OTP for Mar 12 (Vote 15-0;CC)
3/12/2003	**H**	Passed; HJ23, p553 + 591
3/13/2003	**S**	Introduced and Ref. to Transportation; SJ 8, Pg.108
4/18/2003	**S**	Hearing; April 24, 2003, Room 104, LOB, 1:15 p.m.; SC19
4/30/2003	**S**	Committee Report; Ought to Pass, [05/08/03]; SC21
5/8/2003	**S**	Ought to Pass; SJ 15, Pg.366
5/8/2003	**S**	Sen. Clegg Moved Laid On Table, MA, VV; SJ 15, Pg.366
5/29/2003	**S**	Sen. Kenney Moved Remove From Table, MA, VV; SJ 18, Pg.516
5/29/2003	**S**	Ought to Pass, MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 18, Pg.516
5/29/2003	**S**	Passed by 3rd Reading Resolution; SJ 18, Pg.517
6/5/2003	**S**	Enrolled;
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