REGULAR CALENDAR

November 14, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Transportation to which was referred HB 375-FN,

AN ACT relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Ted Gorski

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Transportation**
Bill Number:	**HB 375-FN**
Title:	**relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.**
Date:	**November 14, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**REGULAR**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The majority was very concerned with the limited vetting process. This bill relies on US citizenship and Immigration Services which are extremely overwhelmed. The bill's premise is simply applying for asylum and is proof of vetting. The reality is that the vetting process is extremely lacking in thoroughness. The majority felt that this bill could not ensure the safety of NH citizens.

Vote 11-8.

Rep. Ted Gorski
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
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REGULAR CALENDAR

Transportation

HB 375-FN, relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for the **Majority** of Transportation. The majority was very concerned with the limited vetting process. This bill relies on US citizenship and Immigration Services which are extremely overwhelmed. The bill's premise is simply applying for asylum and is proof of vetting. The reality is that the vetting process is extremely lacking in thoroughness. The majority felt that this bill could not ensure the safety of NH citizens. **Vote 11-8.**

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November 14, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Minority of the Committee on Transportation to which was referred HB 375-FN,

AN ACT relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. George Sykes

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Transportation**
Bill Number:	**HB 375-FN**
Title:	**relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.**
Date:	**November 14, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**REGULAR**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill is a limited scope bill attempting to close the gap between when a person seeking asylum, who resides in NH, is required to obtain a driver's license, 60 days, and when he is able to obtain a driver's license, typically one year. After one year, the asylee would be given a work permit, and able to obtain a social security number. It is important to remember these folks are here legally in the United States.

Rep. George Sykes
FOR THE MINORITY

Original: House Clerk
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REGULAR CALENDAR

Transportation

HB 375-FN, relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

BILL NUMBER: **HB 375-FN**

BILL TITLE: **relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.**

DATE: **February 7, 2023**

THE COMMITEE HAS VOTED TO RETAIN THIS BILL.

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Rep. T. Walsh, Chair

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 375-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.

DATE: November 14, 2023

LOB ROOM: 201-203

MOTIONS: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Gorski | Seconded by Rep. Dumais | Vote: 11-8

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Karel Crawford, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 375-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.

DATE: February 7, 2023

LOB ROOM: 203

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Gorski	Seconded by Rep. Hill	Vote: 10-10

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Sykes	Seconded by Rep. Jones	Vote: 10-10

MOTIONS: RETAINED

Moved by Rep. St. Clair	Seconded by Rep. S. Smith	Vote: 13-7

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Karel Crawford, Clerk

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2023 SESSION

Transportation

Bill #: 357-FN Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 11/14/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Walsh, Thomas C. Chairman	✓		
Gorski, Ted Vice Chairman	✓		
Smith, Steven D.	✓		
Crawford, Karel A. Clerk	✓		
Hill, Gregory G.	✓		
Dumais, Russell	✓		
~~O'Hara, Travis~~ J. Rep Cagne	✓		
~~Foote, Charles H~~ Rep. Boyd	✓		
See, Alvin B	✓		
Sellers, John	✓		
Sykes, George E.		✓	
Rich, Cecilia		✓	
St. Clair, Charlie G.		✓	
Fox, Dru		✓	
Rombeau, Catherine		✓	
Veilleux, Daniel T.		✓	
Coker, Matthew	✓		
Jones, Philip M		✓	
~~Rich, Jeffrey~~ Rep. Davis		✓	
~~Staub, Kathy~~ Rep Plamondon			✓
TOTAL VOTE:	11	8	

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2023 SESSION

Transportation

Bill #: 325-FN Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/7/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Walsh, Thomas C. Chairman		✓	
Gorski, Ted Vice Chairman		✓	
Smith, Steven D.		✓	
Crawford, Karel A. Clerk		✓	
Hill, Gregory G.		✓	
Dumais, Russell		✓	
~~O'Hara, Travis J.~~ Ross Berry		✓	
~~Foote, Charles~~ H Rep. Richard Ankarberg		✓	
See, Alvin B		✓	
Sellers, John		✓	
Sykes, George E.	✓		
Rich, Cecilia	✓		
St. Clair, Charlie G.	✓		
Fox, Dru	✓		
Rombeau, Catherine	✓		
Veilleux, Daniel T.	✓		
Coker, Matthew	✓		
Jones, Philip M	✓		
~~Rich, Jeffrey~~ Rep Howland	✓		
Staub, Kathy	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	10	10	

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2023 SESSION

Transportation

Bill #: 325-FN Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/7/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Walsh, Thomas C. Chairman	✓		
Gorski, Ted Vice Chairman	✓		
Smith, Steven D.	✓		
Crawford, Karel A. Clerk	✓		
Hill, Gregory G.	✓		
Dumais, Russell	✓		
~~O'Hara, Travis J.~~ Rep. Ross Berry	✓		
~~Foote, Charles~~ H Rep. Aiden Ankarberg	✓		
See, Alvin B	✓		
Sellers, John	✓		
Sykes, George E.		✓	
Rich, Cecilia		✓	
St. Clair, Charlie G.		✓	
Fox, Dru		✓	
Rombeau, Catherine		✓	
Veilleux, Daniel T.		✓	
Coker, Matthew		✓	
Jones, Philip M		✓	
~~Rich, Jeffrey~~ Rep. ~~Allen~~ Howland		✓	
Staub, Kathy		✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	10	10	

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2023 SESSION

Transportation

Bill #: 375-FN Motion: Retain AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/7/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
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Gorski, Ted Vice Chairman	✓		
Smith, Steven D.	✓		
Crawford, Karel A. Clerk	✓		
Hill, Gregory G.	✓		
Dumais, Russell	✓		
~~O'Hara, Travis~~ J. Ross Barr	✓		
~~Foote, Charles~~ H Aiden Ankarberg	✓		
See, Alvin B	✓		
Sellers, John	✓		
Sykes, George E.		✓	
Rich, Cecilia		✓	
St. Clair, Charlie G.	✓		
Fox, Dru		✓	
Rombeau, Catherine		✓	
Veilleux, Daniel T.		✓	
Coker, Matthew	✓		
Jones, Philip M	✓		
~~Rich, Jeffrey~~ Howland		✓	
Staub, Kathy		✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	13	7	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL TITLE: HB 375-FN relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily riding in New Hampshire

DATE: 1/24/23

LOB ROOM: 201-203 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:00 am**

Time Adjourned: 10:25 am

Committee Members: Rep. Walsh, Gorski, Crawford, Smith, Hill, Dumais, O'Hara, Foote, See, Sellers, Sykes, C.Rich, St.Clair, Fox, Rombeau, Veilleux, Coker, Jones, J.Rich, Staub

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Sykes

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Sykes – Bill sponsor
Relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in NH. I want to start out to tell a personal story why I have tried to work on this legislation. Went to Haiti for 2 years for the Red Cross after the earthquake. Witnessed terrible things, during that time I had a man that worked for me, we became friends and the law for Haiti was pay them for one days work or two weeks at a time. After Haiti I lost track of him and the gentlemen called me 7 years later and said he sent his family out of the country for safety, gangs kidnapped him and he escaped his captive, so he needed to flee the country need to get him to US. He did receive legal status with applying asylum.
It has been 7 years still waiting for the asylum, they cannot work, after 365 days he received work authorization and could then apply for a license and work. He now has a driver's license; NH law says you have to have a NH license after 60 days. This bill will fill the gap for the 365 days and the 60 days.

Q: Rep. Gorski – You mention temporally reside in NH
A: they are temporally here until they get asilim, hard to say when they get their day in court. Since he got his license, his two children and wife, live I Lebanon and is a productive citizen and resident of our city and state.
Q: Rep. St. Clair – He is working, paying SS and Medicare and all the taxes?
A: Yes he is
Q: Rep. Sellers – Is your intend to have this license to have for 180 days?
A: The intent is for a temporary license until they can get one.
Q: Chairman Walsh- Once they have their receipt, if this passes and they have not received it.
A: They cannot apply for a license within the 180 days.
Q: Rep. Fox – A person coming in will have 5 months to get their license. And still do not have it do they reapply?
A: I believe they have to reapply.
Q: Chairman Walsh- If they are unsuccessful in getting asylum what happens?
A: When the visa expired the license expires.

Maggie Forgarty –New Hampshire Immigrant Rights Network – Supports

Eva Castillo – Supports

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Karel Crawford, Clerk

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill #: HB375-FN Date: 1/24/23

Committee: Transportation

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

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Rep Timothy Horrigan	Strafford 10			✓	
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Rep Glenn Cordelli			Carroll 7		✓

House Remote Testify

Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill HB375 on 2023-01-24

Support: 118 Oppose: 3 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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HB 375-FN

Testimony of Andrew Maneval, Harrisville, NH

As a former NH State Rep (representing *Jaffrey, Dublin, Harrisville, and Roxbury*) and Town Select Board member, I understand how important it is for us to encourage and support economic development. Our state suffers from a highly insufficient pool of workers. Some of the most proactive, productive, and motivated workers among the new entrants to our country are asylum seekers. We would all greatly benefit from attracting these people here and including them in our workforce.

In order to work, asylum seekers need transportation. I have recently filed my own application to host an asylum seeker, and I live in a rural area of NH. The only way the person I will host, and many others like him, would be able to contribute to our economy is by being able to drive to get to work. This bill is a simple, straightforward, and important solution and should be an entirely non-controversial one.

Further, we should want to ensure that users of our highways know the rules of the road, are certified and kept track of, and are not caused to use automobiles and trucks surreptitiously. We would not want to see persons who might be in an accident, or stopped for some other reason, fleeing the scene merely because of a lack of proper registration and/or licensure. This will also generate some additional fee income for NH but, far more importantly, it will provide huge economic benefits to our businesses and communities via the contributions asylum seekers would provide as additions to our workforce.

I ask that you support this legislation in Committee and in the House session.

Respectfully submitted,

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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

January 24, 2023

Hon. Thomas Walsh, Chair
and Members of the House Transportation Committee
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Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 375 (relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire)

Dear Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

As the Director of the Office of Public Policy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, and on behalf of Bishop Peter Libasci, I write to respectfully register our support for HB 375. Allowing people who have filed a complete application for asylum status through United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will advance human dignity and the common good in several ways.

First, this bill would provide realistic access to businesses and resources that are outside the immediate vicinity of where these applicants live. As all of us are well aware, the lack of public transportation in many parts of New Hampshire can make a driver's license almost essential to have. HB 375 would enable applicants to more practically be able to go shopping, see a doctor, and assist their family members.

Second, allowing these applicants to get temporary drivers' licenses would benefit the public safety. People who are able to obtain a license will have the incentive to get a license instead of driving without one. This means that the applicants necessarily will have to acquire the requisite practical and written knowledge and skills that will allow them to pass the licensure tests.

Third, the possession of a driver's license will make it easier for a law enforcement officer to identify the license holder. In the absence of a license, officers would need to turn to other types of documents which might not be readily available, or which might not be easily translatable into English. For the same reason, in the event of a medical emergency, a license makes it easier for a first responder to know who the person is.

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At the same time, it seems that HB 375 carries with it little risk. The licenses issued under the bill would be valid only for 180 days, and both the limited time frame and the high improbability that asylum seekers thinking of coming to New Hampshire will research our motor vehicle laws combine to make it all but certain that the bill will affect exactly who it is aimed at: people living in New Hampshire who are awaiting the resolution of their duly-filed application for asylum status.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you vote ought to pass on HB 375.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our views.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Dunn, Jr., Esq.
Director, Office of Public Policy

David Blair

I work with asylum seekers who want to work - in jobs we need someone to do - yet they are held back by the very long wait to receive employment authorization and their social security cards. This prevents them from applying for a driver license. I support this bill as they need to be able to drive to get to hospital, school, market and all the other places that are not accessible by public transport in NH.

Let's make a more reasonable process for people.

Andrew Maneval

I support this bill. I would like to testify at the Transportation Committee meeting in support.

Roshan Swope

I strongly support HB375 so that nonresident aliens residing in NH can obtain a drivers license so they can legally drive to the grocery store, school, doctor, etc. NH is a very rural state without much public transportation and driving is a necessity for living here.

Bonnieta Kraft

I am expressing my support for HB 375 to expand access to access to drivers licenses for undocumented immigrants. I am a member of the Keene Immigration and Refugee Partnership in Keene, NH. I have worked within my local community to support and welcome immigrants. Assuring expeditiousness in accessing a driver's license is essential to assimilation into a new country. I am a first generation American on my mother's side following her immigration to the USA from Germany/Poland in 1952. I want New Hampshire to provide support to immigrants.

Steve Schuch

It can take a long time for immigrants to receive all their official documentation. But during this time, they need to be able to work, and drive, in order to support their families. It is far better to provide a safe, legal pathway to getting a Driver's License, after passing all the required driving tests, than it is to force someone to drive without a license. This is why I urge passage of this common sense bill.

Judith Reed

In a state with little public transportation, a car and a license to drive it is a basic necessity, along with food, clothing, shelter and health care. Immigrants such as asylum seekers, who may not yet have a social security number but who are residing in NH legally, should be allowed to learn the rules of the road here, take the test, and drive legally as soon as possible.

Robin Gregg

Please support this bill so people temporarily residing in NH can obtain driver's licenses. It is fair and also kind! Let's make NH a

Justin Charles

As a volunteer with housing and refugee organizations it is vitally important that we provide easier paths to flourishing for immigrants and refugees in the Granite State.

Maura Willing

The current administration’s ideas regarding what should be taught and not taught is unacceptable. As a former teacher I firmly believe ideas, even unpleasant ones, are the basis of a strong society.

Kathy Scott

I support this bill to speed up access for driver licenses for undocumented immigrants. This bill will further enable independent access to legal services, social services and work opportunities! Independent access is a crucial step for Asylum seekers to gain lawful participation in our Democracy!

Beatrice Blake

I have worked with asylum seekers since 2017. Please reduce the time that it takes for legally registered asylum seekers to become licensed drivers. Local law enforcement is in favor of this. The asylum seekers are not trying to take jobs away from people. They re ready and willing to do what needs to be done, and they are escaping life-threatening conditions in their home countries. As long as Congress fails to enact relevant immigration legislation, state and local governments can make a real difference. Thanks for bringing up this important bill.

drivers licensing is a safety measure for all, including the resident public and non-residents residing in NH. Make it simple, safe and accessible.

virginia gavrin

Asylum seekers face many challenges and impediments to starting a self-supporting life for themselves and their families. While they arrive eager to work and become contributing members of their community, the inability to acquire a driver's license unnecessarily holds them back.

F Chickering

I support shortening the waiting time for nonresident aliens to get access to drivers' licenses. I understand that this was developed by Drive Safe NH which is what we want….safety on the roads in NH. A nonresident alien with a driver's license has learned the rules of the road and been tested on paper and in driving. The fewer unlicensed people on the road the better. Please support this for the public safety of NH. Thank you.

Jessica LaMontagne

For immigrants working through the legal system to obtain their asylum status, being able to have valid, local identification, and to pass a driver's test is, is good for the applications, and for all of our safety.

Lianne Moccia

I oppose this bill.

Karolyn Campbell

This bill is another priority of the Drive Safe NH coalition; it would shorten the waiting period for asylum seekers to obtain a license, enabling the opportunity for employment, obtaining groceries, self-sufficiency.

Gene Stodel Friedman

I strongly support flexible support for drivers licenses for asylum seekers, as a matter of public safety and humane treatment of others.

Eric Swope

This is a very good idea that has already been implemented by many other states. It's time for NH to move forward with this bill.

Nicole Demarest

Asylum seekers are legal residents. The sooner they have access to driver's licenses the sooner they can enter the workforce here in NH. We need to smooth their path to employment in every way we can.

HB 375-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0329
02/05

HOUSE BILL ***375-FN***

AN ACT relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sykes, Graf. 14; Rep. Muirhead, Graf. 12; Rep. Baldwin, Graf. 4; Rep. Almy, Graf. 17; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill permits nonresident aliens living in New Hampshire on a temporary basis to obtain a driver's license upon completion of an application for asylum status to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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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 Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.

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

1 Drivers' Licenses; License for Aliens Temporarily Residing in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 263:39-a, I(b)-(c) to read as follows:

(b) For the purposes of engaging in lawful employment, occupational, or business activity, and is engaged in such activity; [~~or~~]

(c) Who is the spouse or child of an alien licensed under this section[~~.~~]***; or***

(d) Who has filed a complete application for an asylum status through United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Written acknowledgment of receipt from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services shall be provided with the license application. A driver's license issued pursuant to this subparagraph shall be valid for 180 days.

2 Drivers' Licenses; License for Aliens Temporarily Residing in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 263:39-a, III to read as follows:

III. [~~The~~] ***Except as provided in subparagraph I(d), the*** term of the license shall be no longer than 5 years from the date of issuance, and the director may set a lesser term in accordance with the length of the person's residence in New Hampshire.

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

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HB 375-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.

FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [ ] County [X] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
STATE:	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**
Appropriation	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue	$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Expenditures	$0	$10,000	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Funding Source:	[ ] General [ ] Education [X] Highway [X] Other - Restricted - Cost of Collection/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	$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Expenditures	$0	$0	$0	$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill would allow the issuance of a driver license to applicants who have completed the application process for asylum status. The Department states this will generate an indeterminable amount of additional state licensing revenue beginning in FY 2024, and pursuant to RSA 235:23 ("Apportionment A"), 12 percent of road toll and motor vehicle fees collected are distributed to municipalities in the year following collection, increasing state expenditures and local revenue beginning in FY 2025. The Department also states it will incur one-time costs of $10,000 in FY 2024 to make necessary programming changes to the VISION system to reflect this bill.

It is assumed any fiscal impact will occur after FY 2023.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety