CONSENT CALENDAR

May 1, 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred SB 266-FN,

AN ACT relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Joseph Hamblen

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Transportation**
Bill Number:	**SB 266-FN**
Title:	**relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.**
Date:	**May 1, 2025**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Whereas driving is a privilege in New Hampshire the committee feels that drivers still under the graduated license need to learn the value of that privilege. By making the penalties larger for violations, the impression this makes on the violator will make more of an impact, thus causing the driver to be more mindful of their driving habits.

Vote 15-0.

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Transportation

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 266-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.

DATE: May 1, 2025

LOB ROOM: 203

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Hamblen Seconded by Rep. Gorski Vote: 15-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Karel Crawford,
Clerk

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EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 266-FN

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DATE: **May 1, 2025**

LOB ROOM: 203

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☒ OTP ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Umbleu Seconded by Rep. Goiski Vote: 15-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

☐ **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

CONSENT CALENDAR: ✓ **YES** _____ **NO**

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion_____

Respectfully submitted: Karel Crawford

Rep Karel Crawford, Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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2025 SESSION

Transportation

Bill #: SB 266-FN Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 5/1/25

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Walsh, Thomas C Chairman	✓		
Gorski, Ted Vice Chairman	✓		
Crawford, Karel A. Clerk	✓		
Hill, Gregory G.	✓		
~~Foote, Charles H~~ Rep. Tudor	✓		
Pitaro, Matthew	✓		
Coker, Matthew	✓		
Giasson, Henry R	✓		
Hamblen, Joseph	✓		
Sykes, George E	✓		
St. Clair, Charlie G.	✓		
Fox, Dru	✓		
~~Veilleux, Daniel T.~~ Rep Howard	✓		
Johnson, Erik R	✓		
Plamondon, Marc W	✓		
Miller, Seth B			
TOTAL VOTE:	15	0	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 266-FN

BILL TITLE: **relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.**

DATE: **April 22, 2025**

LOB ROOM: **203** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **1:36 p.m.**

Time Adjourned: **1:38 p.m.**

<u>Committee Members</u>: Reps. Gorski, Crawford, Hill, Foote, Pitaro, Coker, Sykes, Hamblen, Giasson, St. Clair, Veilleux, Johnson, Plamondon and Miller Rep. Heath Howard replacing Rep. Fox; Chairman Walsh absent

<u>Bill Sponsors</u>:
Sen. McConkey **Sen. Birdsell**

TESTIMONY

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

- ***Grant Bosse – Deputy Chief of Staff for the NH Senate**
  - Introduced bill on behalf of Prime Sponsor, Sen. Mark McConkey

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Karel Crawford,
Clerk

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Committee: House Transportation Committee

Bill #: SB 266-FN **Date:** April 22, 2025

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

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con
REP. RICHARD R. BROWN	17 WINACKS HOOKSETT	603-707-6971	CHESCO DIST 8	✓	

House Remote Testify

Transportation Committee Testify List for Bill SB266 on 2025-04-22

Support: 2 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	Non-Germane	Signed Up
Berrio, Simon	Dalton, NH simon03598@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4/19/2025 12:41 PM
Pauer, Eric	Brookline, NH secretary@BrooklineGOP.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	Yes	4/21/2025 3:51 PM

House Transportation Committee
April 22, 2025- LOB 306-308

Introduction for SB 266

Good afternoon, Chairman Walsh and members of the Transportation Committee,

My name is Grant Bosse, Deputy Chief of Staff for the New Hampshire Senate, and I am here to introduce SB 266 on behalf of Sen. Mark McConkey, the bill's prime sponsor.

This bill aims to increase responsible driving for New Hampshire's youngest drivers. Accidents happen, but statistics show that most serious accidents are caused by a combination of speed, weather, impairment, and inexperience. An inexperienced driver who is driving recklessly has two strikes against them.

SB 266 would increase the maximum length of suspension for a Youth Operator License for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offenses, and require a young driver with a 3rd offense to complete an in-person driver program before getting their license back.

It seems every week we hear another story of someone driving triple digits on New Hampshire roads, putting themselves and others at risk.

SB 266 would impose a mandatory 90-day suspension for a youth operator clocked in excess of 30 miles per hour over the posted speed limit, along with completion of an in-person driver attitude program. Keep in mind that this is 50 mph in a School Zone or 95 mph on the highway.

Sen. McConkey believes that taking away a young driver's license for a longer time would make them think twice before driving recklessly, and if not, would keep reckless drivers off the road.

If you have any questions for Sen. McConkey, I will make sure you get an answer.

Sen. McConkey thanks you for your consideration and support of SB 266.

SB 266-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***266-FN***

AN ACT relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.

SPONSORS: Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill further specifies requirements for reinstatement of a youth operator's license.

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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.

25-1115
11/05

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.

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

1 Youth Operator License; Suspension or Revocation. Amend RSA 263:14, III(b) to read as follows:

(b) The periods of suspension or revocation set forth in subparagraph III(a) of this section shall be as follows:

(1) For a first offense***, a minimum of*** 20 days***, but not more than 40 days***.

(2) For a second offense***, a minimum of*** 45 days***, but not more than 90 days***.

(3) For a third or subsequent offense***, a minimum of*** 90 days***, but not more than 180 days. A condition of license reinstatement for a person convicted of a third or subsequent offense is the successful completion of an approved in-person driver program in accordance with Saf-C 212.08, regardless of the speeds traveled for each offense.***

2 License Reissuance. Amend RSA 263:14, V to read as follows:

V. In addition to the other requirements of this section, the holder of a youth operator's license who is convicted of an offense under RSA 265-A***, 265:79, or convicted of a violation of RSA 265:60 in excess of 30 miles per hour above the posted speed limit,*** shall not be eligible for reissuance of a license [~~prior to the age of 21 unless the person satisfies the director after an administrative hearing that the person will drive in a safe manner if the license is issued~~] ***for a minimum of 90 days, consecutive to any court-imposed license suspension, and until the person has completed an approved in-person driver attitude program in accordance with Saf-C 212.08. Should the license holder complete the program during the period of suspension, up to 60 days of the suspension may be stayed until they turn 21, so long as they have no further motor vehicle moving violations. As an additional requirement for reinstatement, the director may require the license holder to attend an additional hearing and demonstrate to the director's satisfaction that they will operate a motor vehicle in a safe and lawful manner.*** The director may place such restrictions on any license so issued as the director deems in the best interest of public safety.

VI. Any law enforcement agency that makes an arrest or issues a summons for a youth operator violation of RSA 265-A, RSA 265:79, or RSA 265:60 in excess of 30 miles per hour above the posted speed limit, shall submit a DSMV 384 request for administrative action to the director within 10 days of the violation.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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SB 266-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.

FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures*	$0	$15,000	$0	$0
Funding Source(s)	Restricted - Highway Fund Cost of Collections - Per the state constitution, costs associated with the collection/administration of highway fund revenue by the Department of Safety is deducted prior to funds being credited as unrestricted highway fund revenue			
Appropriations*	$0	$0	$0	$0
Funding Source(s)	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill** ***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill modifies the requirements for reinstatement of a youth operator's license. The Department of Safety states it would incur one-time system programming costs of $15,000 in FY 2026 to reflect the changes in this bill.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety