

Senate Transportation Committee

Vivian Hall 271-3091

HB 1190-FN, enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21.

Hearing Date: February 17, 2026

Time Opened: 1:01 p.m

Time Closed: 1:07 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Prentiss, Fenton and McConkey

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Ricciardi and Ward

Bill Analysis: This bill:

I. Allows the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators whose youth operator license will expire in 30 days or less.

II. Revises registration requirements and associated fees for fleet vehicles.

Sponsors:

Rep. Veilleux
Rep. Grund
Rep. Scherr
Sen. Watters

Rep. Crawford
Rep. Petrigno
Sen. Fenton

Rep. Foote
Rep. Rombeau
Sen. Long

Who supports the bill: Representative Dan Veilleux, Hillsborough 34; and John Marasco, New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Dan Veilleux, Hillsborough District 34

- Representative Veilleux introduced the legislation, noting that a similar proposal was brought forward last year but did not advance beyond the committee of conference.
- He described the bill as administratively prudent and beneficial for both applicants and the Division of Motor Vehicles.

- The measure would permit individuals approaching their 21st birthday to apply for renewal in advance and receive a horizontal license rather than the current vertical format. Under existing practice, applicants who renew even one day before turning 21 are issued a vertical license, which some establishments decline to accept as valid identification.
- The bill would also authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue a temporary license valid for 60 days.

John Marasco, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles

- Director Marasco expressed strong support for the legislation.
- For the past 15 years, individuals who turn 21 and renew early have been issued youth operator licenses, creating administrative inefficiencies for the Division of Motor Vehicles and inconveniencing residents who are seeking standard adult licenses.
- He stated that the Division of Motor Vehicles can absorb the bill's estimated \$48,000 fiscal impact within its existing budget.
- He testified that the license renewal receipt will carry legal validity when presented alongside an expired license as an acceptable form of identification and voiced support for the amendment concerning fleet vehicles.

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 24, 2026