

SB 630-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

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09/06

SENATE BILL        **630-FN**

AN ACT            relative to local authorities' power to declare a reasonable and safe speed limit.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5

COMMITTEE:      Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill lowers the minimum speed limit that local authorities can declare as a reasonable and safe speed limit in certain areas from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour.

This bill is a request of the department of transportation.

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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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to local authorities' power to declare a reasonable and safe speed limit.

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

- 1           1 Speed Limitations; Alteration of Limits. Amend RSA 265:63, I(c) and (d) to read as follows:
- 2                   (c) Decreases the limit outside an urban district but not to less than [~~25~~] **20** miles per
- 3 hour; or
- 4                   (d) Decreases the limit within any business or urban residence district but not to less
- 5 than [~~25~~] **20** miles per hour.
- 6           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**SB 630-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Estimated State Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill

\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

<b>Estimated Political Subdivision Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>County Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>County Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable			
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable			

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: [https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal\\_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf](https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf)

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association