

HB 1362 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1362**

AN ACT adding steering and suspension specifications relative to requirements for the equipment of motor vehicles.

SPONSORS: Rep. T. Walsh, Merr. 10

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes inspection standards for vehicle steering and suspension systems.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 adding steering and suspension specifications relative to requirements for the equipment of motor vehicles.

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

1 1 New Subdivision; Steering and Suspension. Amend RSA 266 by inserting after section 117 the
2 following new subdivision:

3 Steering and Suspension

4 266:118 Steering and Suspension Standards.

5 I. No vehicle shall be operated on the ways of this state if, upon inspection, any of the
6 following conditions are found:

7 (a) Steering linkage free-play exceeds the manufacturer's specifications or is:

8 (1) In excess of 1/4 inch for wheels 16 inches or less in diameter;

9 (2) In excess of 3/8 inch for wheels 17 or 18 inches in diameter; or

10 (3) In excess of 1/2 inch for wheels over 18 inches in diameter.

11 (b) Any wheel bearing exceeds the manufacturer's tolerance for looseness.

12 (c) Any ball joint is broken, cracked, or exceeds the manufacturer's specifications.

13 II. For purposes of this section, "manufacturer's specifications" means the tolerances and
14 standards established by the original equipment manufacturer for the safe operation of the specified
15 system or component.

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.