SB 559-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

02/05/2026 0343s

2026 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***559-FN***

AN ACT reducing the minimum allowable speed limit on locally controlled roads.

SPONSORS: Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Rep. Miller, Straf. 21; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Rombeau, Hills. 2

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill reduces the minimum speed limits that local authorities may set in certain districts from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour, based on engineering or traffic investigations.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT reducing the minimum allowable speed limit on locally controlled roads.

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

1 Alteration of Speed Limits. Amend RSA 265:63, I(c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) Decreases the limit outside an urban district but not to less than [~~25~~] ***20*** miles per hour; or

(d) Decreases the limit within any business or urban residence district but not to less than [~~25~~] ***20*** miles per hour.

2 New Paragraph; Alteration of Limits; Reference to Definitions of Urban Residence District and Business District Added. Amend RSA 265:63 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

VII. In this section, "urban residence district" shall have the same meaning as in RSA 259:118 and "business district" shall have the same meaning as in RSA 259:8.

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

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SB 559-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2026-0343s)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue Fund	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
Funding Source	General Fund			
Appropriations*	$0	$0	$0	$0
Funding Source	None			

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

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
County Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Local Expenditures	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

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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