

Floor Amendment to HB 1616-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT creating a new conservation license plate and directing the additional fee to the
4 cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Sections; New Hampshire Lakes Number Plates. Amend RSA 261 by inserting after
9 section 261:97-f the following new sections:

10 261:97-g New Hampshire Lakes Number Plates.

11 I. The director may issue special number plates, to be called "Love NH Lakes" number
12 plates. The design of these special plates shall be determined by the division of motor vehicles, in
13 consultation with the department of environmental services. The plates shall prominently display a
14 loon on a lake. The plates shall retain the "live free or die" logo. Such plates shall be issued only
15 upon application and upon payment of a \$30 fee that shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle
16 registration fee and any other number plate fees otherwise required.

17 II. The director may issue vanity "Love NH Lakes" number plates. The fee for any such
18 vanity conservation number plate shall be the fee as provided in RSA 261:97-g, I, in addition to the
19 fees for vanity plates which are otherwise established by law. The vanity plate portion of the fee
20 shall be distributed as provided in RSA 261:89 and RSA 263:52.

21 III. The director shall establish a numbering system and method of distribution.

22 IV. Plates shall be renewed on an annual basis for \$30 per set. Of this sum, the department
23 shall retain an amount as is necessary to recover production and administrative costs as approved by
24 the fiscal committee of the general court. The remaining funds shall be paid to the state treasurer
25 and distributed to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund under RSA 485-A:61. The cost
26 of replacement number plates shall be identical to the cost of initial number plates and the revenue
27 from replacement number plates shall be distributed in the same manner as revenue derived from
28 initial number plates.

29 261:97-h Plate Use. "Love NH Lakes" plates may be used on passenger motor vehicles and
30 recreation vehicles.

31 261:97-i Commercial Use of Plate Design. The commissioner of safety shall ensure that the
32 plate design is registered with the secretary of state. The commissioner, with the approval of the

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1 governor and council, shall have the authority to enter into contractual arrangements for the
2 commercial use of the "Love NH Lakes" plate design. Any royalties or proceeds derived from such
3 contracts shall be deposited into the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund under RSA 485-
4 A:61.

5 2 Funds Derived From "Love NH Lakes" Number Plates. Amend RSA 485-A:61 to read as
6 follows:

7 485-A:61 Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund Established. There is hereby
8 established in the department of environmental services the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant
9 fund which shall be maintained by the state treasurer in distinct and separate custody from all other
10 funds. The state treasurer may invest the fund in accordance with RSA 6:8. Any earnings on fund
11 moneys shall be added to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing and continually
12 appropriated to the department of environmental services. The cyanobacteria mitigation loan and
13 grant fund shall be used to fund loans, grants, and reimbursements in accordance with this
14 subdivision. Funds from any bond proceeds, grants, loan repayments, legislative appropriations,
15 donations, ***"Love NH Lakes" number plates under RSA 261:97-g and RSA 261:97-i***, and other
16 funds shall be credited to this fund.

17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates the "Love NH Lakes" number plate and directs that the residual amount of the special fee for the plate and royalties and proceeds from the commercial use of its design be deposited in the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.