

HB 1466-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL ***1466-FN***

AN ACT relative to obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers.

SPONSORS: Rep. T. Walsh, Merr. 10; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Veilleux, Hills. 34; Rep. Coker, Belk. 2

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Adds an exemption from certificate of title requirements for boat trailers over 3,001 pounds if their manufacturer's model year is more than 10 years old

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II. Allows a person who owns a title-exempt vehicle the ability to voluntarily request a title.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers.

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

1 1 Exempted Vehicles. Amend RSA 261:3, I(j) to read as follows:

2 (j) Trailers with gross weight of less than 3,001 pounds, ***and any boat trailer over***
3 ***3,001 pounds whose manufacturer's model year is over 10 years old;***

4 2 New Paragraph; Certificate of Title; Exempted Vehicle; Voluntary Certificate of Title. Amend
5 RSA 261:3 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

6 III. For any vehicle where a certificate of title need not be obtained pursuant to this section,
7 a person may obtain a voluntary title for such vehicle by submitting to the department a previously
8 issued, current or expired New Hampshire certificate of registration, a valid out-of-state certificate
9 of title, an application for a certificate of title, or a current New Hampshire vehicle identification
10 number verification form as prescribed by the director. For the purposes of this section, a temporary
11 registration issued pursuant to RSA 261:57 shall not meet the requirement of a previously issued
12 New Hampshire certificate of registration.

13 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 1466-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2026-0382h)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$190,000 Decrease Per Year		
Revenue Fund(s)	Highway Fund			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$4,000 Decrease	\$26,800 Decrease Per Year	
Funding Source(s)	Highway Fund and Restricted - Highway Fund Cost of Collections - Per the state constitution, costs associated with the collection/administration of highway fund revenue by the Department of Safety is deducted prior to funds being credited as unrestricted highway fund revenue			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	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
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$22,800 Decrease Per Year	
Local Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill would exempt the title requirement of boat trailers that are over 10 years of age per manufacturer's model year and with a gross weight of 3,001 pounds or higher. The Department of Safety states there were 5,398 original titles issued in 2024 for boat trailers with a model year of 2000 to 2013. Therefore, based on the application fee of \$35, this bill would result a loss of revenue of \$188,930, or approximately \$190,000, per year. Also, pursuant to RSA 235:23 ("Apportionment A"), 12 percent of highway fund road toll and motor vehicle fee revenue collected is distributed to municipalities in the year following collection. Therefore, this bill would also reduce state expenditures and local revenue by approximately \$22,800 in FY 2028 and beyond. Lastly, the Department states that any other potential decrease to state expenditures attributable to this bill (i.e., the cost for direct mailing of titles) would be immaterial (approximately \$4,000 per year).

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety