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HOUSE BILL ***1190-FN***

AN ACT enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21 and relative to fleet vehicle registration requirements.

SPONSORS: Rep. Veilleux, Hills. 34; Rep. Crawford, Carr. 3; Rep. Foote, Rock. 13; Rep. Grund, Hills. 34; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 43; Rep. Rombeau, Hills. 2; Rep. Scherr, Rock. 26; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Allows the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators whose youth operator license will expire in 30 days or less.

II. Revises registration requirements and associated fees for fleet vehicles.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 74:1 New Paragraph; Temporary Licenses for Drivers Turning 21. Amend RSA 263:10 by inserting
2 after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3 III. Notwithstanding paragraphs I and II, the director may issue temporary licenses to youth
4 operators who are transitioning pursuant to RSA 263:14 to operators' licenses, up to 30 days prior to their
5 twenty-first birthday, provided that the physical license is delivered only on or after their twenty-first
6 birthday. This temporary license shall be valid for driving purposes only until the new license is issued,
7 and it shall remain valid for up to 60 days after the expiration of the youth operator's license. For all
8 online renewals, a transaction receipt issued upon renewal through the division of motor vehicles website,
9 when accompanied by the existing driver's license, shall serve as the temporary license and proof of
10 renewal.

11 74:2 New Paragraph; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend
12 RSA 261:141 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

13 VI-a. If a vehicle is to be registered in accordance with RSA 261:40-b, the following shall apply:

14 (a) If an original registration, the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs
15 will be one of the next 2 or 3 months, the fee shall be increased by 1/24 for each whole month or part
16 thereof remaining until the end of the month in which such anniversary will occur.

17 (b) If a vehicle has been previously registered pursuant to RSA 261:40-b, said vehicle
18 registration shall not be renewed for less than a 24 month fee, provided that the renewal registration is
19 effected within 24 months of the expiration of the registrant's last valid registration. If a vehicle has been
20 previously registered, and the owner of said vehicle fails to renew the vehicle registration in the month
21 said renewal was legally required to be made when said renewal is obtained within 24 months of the last
22 valid registration, the 24 month renewal fees charged hereunder shall be computed at the applicable mill
23 rate which applied in the month when the vehicle should have been legally registered. If the registration
24 is renewed beyond the 24 months immediately succeeding the last valid registration, the 24 month fee
25 charged shall be computed at the mill rate applicable on the date when any successive registration period
26 would have begun, and the minimum fee in such cases shall be for 24 months, except in those cases
27 where the registrant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the director that the vehicle has not been
28 operated since the expiration of the last valid registration, in which case the registrant may register at the
29 applicable mill rate on the date of the registration.

30 74:3 New Paragraph; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees for Registration Permits.
31 Amend RSA 261:153 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

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1 III-a. If a vehicle is to be registered in accordance with RSA 261:40-b, the following shall apply:

2 (a) If the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 2
3 or 3 months, the permit fee shall be increased by 1/24 for each whole month or part thereof remaining
4 until the end of the month in which such anniversary will occur and the owner shall not be required to
5 obtain a permit for the next registration period.

6 (b) In all other cases for vehicles specified in RSA 261:40-b, the permit fee shall be
7 determined by multiplying 1/24 of the permit fee for the vehicle times the total number of whole months
8 and any part of a month remaining until the end of the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth
9 occurs, and the owner shall be required to obtain a permit for the next registration period.

10 74:4 Effective Date.

11 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

12 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: May 18, 2026

Effective Date:

I. Section 1 effective July 1, 2026

II. Remainder effective May 18, 2026

