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HOUSE BILL

1483-FN

AN ACT creating a motor vehicle license plate for amateur radio operators.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ulery, Hills. 13

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the creation of vanity license plates and decals that identify amateur radio operators by their FCC call signs or a lightning bolt symbol.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 creating a motor vehicle license plate for amateur radio operators.

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

1 171:1 New Section; Vanity Number Plates; Identifying Decals for Amateur Radio Operators. Amend
2 RSA 261 by inserting after section 89-e the following new section:

3 261:89-f Vanity Registration Plates for Amateur Radio Operators.

4 I. The director of motor vehicles is directed to solicit designs for a vanity plate clearly identifying
5 the owner of the vehicle to be an amateur radio operator and including the call sign of said operator, who
6 shall present Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certification as a licensed radio operator upon
7 application.

8 II. If the FCC-issued call sign is not displayed, the registrant may request a standard issue plate
9 featuring a lightning bolt symbol to indicate their status as a licensed amateur radio operator.

10 (a) There shall be no duplication of numbers.

11 (b) A list of all such plate holders shall be made available to the New Hampshire department
12 of safety, division of homeland security and emergency management, for the sole purpose of contact and
13 coordination of such persons in a natural disaster or other public safety requirement. All other data is
14 privileged per RSA 260:14-a.

15 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to confer any special privileges, including but
16 not limited to the use of emergency lights, exemption from traffic laws, or access to restricted areas,
17 except when acting under the express direction of authorized public safety personnel.

18 171:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Approved: June 19, 2026
Effective Date: January 01, 2027

