2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL   *298-FN*

AN ACT   creating an exception to the prohibition on removing VIN tags from vehicles manufactured prior to 1981 where removal is reasonably necessary for repair or restoration.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ohm, Hills. 10

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the removal and reinstallation of a manufacturer's serial number or vehicle identification number on a vehicle of model year 1981 or earlier in order to accomplish reasonably necessary repair or restoration.

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                          Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1   1 Restoration and Repair; Pre-1981 Vehicles. Amend RSA 262:7 to read as follows:

2   262:7 Changed or Removed Vehicle Identification Number.

3   **I.** Any person who buys, receives, possesses, sells or disposes of a motor vehicle or an engine

4   for a motor vehicle, knowing that a vehicle identification number of said motor vehicle or engine has

5   been removed, defaced, obliterated, or changed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however,

6   if upon discovery by any person that a vehicle identification number has been removed, defaced,

7   obliterated, or changed, he shall report the same to the nearest police station and shall not be

8   charged with a violation of this section.

9   ***II.   This section does not apply to a person who removes and reinstalls a***

10   ***manufacturer's serial or identification number on a vehicle whose model year is 1981 or***

11   ***earlier, if the removal and reinstallation are reasonably necessary for repair or***

12   ***restoration, unless the person knows or has reason to know that the motor vehicle is stolen.***

13   2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 298-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**
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 2025	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**
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:

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