

HB 533 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL           **533**

AN ACT               relative to the use of civilian employees in commercial truck inspections.

SPONSORS:         Rep. Trottier, Belk. 8; Rep. Bordes, Belk. 5

COMMITTEE:       Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the division of state police to use civilian automotive equipment inspectors in certain inspections and authorizes any officer of the department of safety or other law enforcement agent certified to conduct truck inspections to enter, during regular business hours, the commercial premises owned or leased by a commercial carrier, wherein certain required records are stored or maintained, for the purpose of conducting a compliance review, new entrant safety audit, or investigation, and to inspect, in a reasonable manner, the records for the purpose of enforcing certain regulations.

This bill is a request of the department of safety.

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                      Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT relative to the use of civilian employees in commercial truck inspections.

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

1 1 State Police Duties Relative to Vehicle Inspection. Amend RSA 266:1-a, I to read as follows:

2 I. The director of the division of state police, with the approval of the commissioner of safety  
3 shall assign a suitable complement of state troopers **and automotive equipment inspectors** to  
4 assist the director of motor vehicles in enforcing the motor vehicle inspection laws and rules. A state  
5 trooper assigned pursuant to this section shall have the powers of a peace officer, certified under  
6 RSA 106-L:5, V, and, **along with automotive equipment inspectors**, shall have as a primary  
7 function statewide enforcement duties related to the inspection process, including inspection station  
8 auditing, investigation of alleged inspection station malfeasance, rejected vehicle follow-up, and  
9 sticker monitoring. A state trooper **or automotive equipment inspector** assigned under this  
10 section shall have the authority to enter any motor vehicle inspection station authorized under RSA  
11 266:1, during the station's business hours, to fulfill his or her duties, and shall be assigned other  
12 enforcement duties as determined by the commissioner.

13 2 New Subparagraph; Motor Carriers; Equipment; Inspections. Amend RSA 266:72-a, V by  
14 inserting after subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph:

15 (d) Any officer of the department of safety or other law enforcement agent certified to  
16 conduct truck inspections may enter, during regular business hours, the commercial premises owned  
17 or leased by a commercial carrier, wherein the records required to be maintained under the  
18 regulations adopted under this section are stored or maintained, for the purpose of conducting a  
19 compliance review, new entrant safety audit, or investigation, and may inspect, in a reasonable  
20 manner, the records for the purpose of enforcing the regulations.

21 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.