

Senate Transportation Committee

Vivian Hall 271-3091

HB 1466-FN, relative to obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers.

Hearing Date: April 14, 2026

Time Opened: 1:17 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:23 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators McConkey, Ward, Prentiss and Fenton

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Ricciardi

Bill 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

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

Sponsors:

Rep. T. Walsh
Rep. Coker

Rep. Hill

Rep. Veilleux

Who supports the bill: Representative Steven Smith, Sullivan District 3; Representative Daniel Popovici-Muller' Rockingham 17; John Whalley, Jodi Grimbilas, and Matthew Galvin, New Hampshire Marine Trades Association;

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Steven Smith, Sullivan District 3

- Rep. Smith introduced HB 1468-FN on behalf of Rep. Walsh.
- This bill will add an exemption from certificate of title requirements for boat trailers over 3,001 lbs., if the manufacturer's model year is more than 10 years old.

- HB 1466-FN also allows a person who owns a title-exempt vehicle with the ability to voluntarily request a title.
- As amended, this bill allows voluntary titling for owners who want it.
- He explained that paperwork too often complicates otherwise straightforward vessel transactions, wasting both the state's time and the time of constituents.
- The new fiscal note reduced the potential revenue reduction to around \$200,000 per year.

John Whalley and Jodi Grimbilas, New Hampshire Trades Association

- Ms. Grimbilas said this is a simple problem to solve by reducing the administrative burden.
- She explained that New Hampshire doesn't title boats trailers under 3,000 lbs.
- She said the Department of Safety suggested this solution.
- Mr. Whalley explained the challenges of selling or trading boat trailers associated with the current title requirements.
- Ms. Grimbilas noted that the fiscal note encompasses all the trailers over ten years old.