

Senate Judiciary Committee

Pete Mulvey 271-4063

HB 482-FN, relative to the penalty for driving over 100 miles per hour.

Hearing Date: April 8, 2025

Time Opened: 1:08 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:12 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gannon, Altschiller and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Abbas and McConkey

Bill Analysis: This bill enhances the penalties for driving a vehicle in excess of 100 miles per hour.

This bill is at the request of the department of safety.

Sponsors:

Rep. Roy
Sen. Birdsell

Rep. D. Mannion
Sen. Carson

Rep. Proulx

Who supports the bill: Chris Storm, Elizabeth Sargent, Simon Berrio, and Janet Lucas.

Who opposes the bill: Sarahlynn Williams, and Julie Smith.

Who is neutral on the bill: N/A.

Summary of testimony:

Lieutenant Chris Storm

New Hampshire State Police

- Lieutenant Storm explained that Representative Terry Roy brought forward HB 482-FN in the House as an act relative to the penalty for driving over 100 miles per hour.
 - It is a request from the Office of Highway Safety.
- Lieutenant Storm noted that they are hoping to increase the penalties for people traveling over 100 mph.
- He stated that the New Hampshire State Police have observed a significant increase in incidents involving excessive speed.
- He argued that the increase in speeders necessitates legislation to hold the most dangerous drivers accountable for their actions.
- Lieutenant Storm asked that the committee vote ought to pass on HB 482.
- It is his hope that the Department of Safety and the legislature work together to make the roads safer.

- He noted that police aircraft have observed a 230% increase in people traveling over 100 mph on the interstate system alone.
- Lieutenant Storm explained that the bill would increase the penalty for traveling over 100 mph to a fine of \$750 and increase the loss of license from 60 days to 90 days.
- Senator Altschiller asked if this bill was any different than the Senate bill that was sent to the House.
 - Lieutenant Storm stated it is the same.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 10, 2025