

HB 1570-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1570-FN***

AN ACT relative to reducing vehicle registration fees.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ammon, Hills. 40; Rep. Foster, Hills. 5; Rep. Doucette, Rock. 8; Rep. Warden, Hills. 15

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill reduces vehicle registration fees.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to reducing vehicle registration fees.

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

1 1 Fees for Registration Permits. Amend RSA 261:153, I to read as follows:

2 I. The treasurer of each city, or such other person as the city government may designate,
3 and the town clerk of each town shall collect fees for such permits as follows: on each vehicle offered
4 for registration a sum equal to ~~[18]~~ **15** mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for a current
5 model year vehicle, ~~[15]~~ **12** mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the first preceding model
6 year vehicle, ~~[12]~~ **9** mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the second preceding model year
7 vehicle, ~~[9]~~ **6** mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the third preceding model year vehicle,
8 ~~[6]~~ **3** mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the fourth preceding model year vehicle, and ~~[3]~~
9 **2** mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the fifth preceding model year vehicle and any
10 model year prior thereto. In no event, however, shall the fee be less than \$5. Registration permit
11 fees for construction equipment, as defined in RSA 259:42, shall be governed by RSA 261:64. The
12 director shall make the final determination of any vehicle model year in any case in which a dispute
13 arises. The fee collected hereunder for a vehicle used only in the manner and for the purposes
14 specified in RSA 261:82 and for an agricultural/industrial utility vehicle, as defined in RSA 259:2-a,
15 shall be \$5; and provided further, that the fee collected hereunder for a farm tractor shall be \$5. In
16 cases of doubt, the director may investigate for the purpose of determining eligibility for limited
17 purpose registrations.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 1570-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☒ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$66,500	\$0	\$0
Funding Source:	☐ General ☐ Education ☒ Highway ☒ Other - Restricted - Cost of Collection and Administration*			

*Pursuant to Part II, article 6-a of the New Hampshire constitution, any costs associated with the collection and administration of Highway Funds by the Department of Safety shall be deducted by the Department before such funds are credited to the Highway Fund as unrestricted revenue.

LOCAL:

Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable, Yet Significant, Decrease	Indeterminable, Yet Significant, Decrease	Indeterminable, Yet Significant, Decrease
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill reduces the mill rates in RSA 261:153, I, relative to municipal vehicle registration fees. State vehicle registration fees will not be affected. At this time, municipal registration data is not available to precisely estimate this bill's impact on local revenue. For illustrative purposes, the New Hampshire Municipal Association states in 2019 (according to the New Hampshire Public Finance Consortium) approximately \$289 million was collected in vehicle registration fees. It is indeterminable how much this bill will reduce local revenue by in FY 2023 and each year thereafter.

To implement the changes in this bill into its registration system (MAAP), the Department of Safety expects to incur programming and testing costs of approximately \$66,500 in FY 2023. Additionally, there may be an indeterminable increase in costs for municipalities to make necessary updates to their software systems to reflect this bill's changes.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety and New Hampshire Municipal Association

