

HB 1474 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

04/28/2022 1818s

2022 SESSION

22-2645

12/05

HOUSE BILL ***1474***

AN ACT relative to annual vehicle inspections.

SPONSORS: Rep. Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Rep. Sheehan, Hills. 23; Rep. Burt, Hills. 39; Rep. Bordes, Belk. 3; Rep. Harley, Rock. 20; Rep. Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Rep. Stapleton, Sull. 5

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the amount of time owners have to inspect a vehicle.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Vehicle Inspections Authorized. Amend RSA 266:1, IV to read as follows:

2 IV. Notwithstanding paragraphs II and III, newly registered vehicles, other than vehicles
3 transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, mopeds, roadable aircraft, and vehicles, other
4 than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, mopeds, and roadable aircraft,
5 the ownership of which has been transferred, shall be inspected not later than ~~[40]~~ **30** days after the
6 registration or transfer of ownership of said vehicle. However, if a new vehicle is purchased at retail
7 from a licensed dealer, as defined in RSA 259:18, the vehicle shall be inspected not later than 20
8 days after the date of transfer. A used vehicle for which a dealer has issued a 20-day plate pursuant
9 to RSA 261:109 shall be inspected by the dealer or an authorized inspection station on behalf of the
10 dealer at the time of the attachment of the plate unless a valid inspection sticker issued by the
11 dealer is in place, in which case the vehicle shall be inspected within 20 days or before the sticker
12 expires, whichever occurs first. All other expired motor vehicle inspections shall be subject to the
13 ~~[10-day]~~ **30-day** grace period in RSA 266:5.

14 2 Penalty for Failing to Obey Inspection Requirements. Amend RSA 266:5 to read as follows:

15 266:5 Penalty for Failing to Obey Inspection Requirements. The driver or owner of any motor
16 vehicle failing to comply with the requirements of the director relative to inspection shall be guilty of
17 a violation, and the director may refuse to register, or may suspend or revoke the registration of, any
18 motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer which has not been inspected as required or which is unsafe or
19 unfit to be driven; provided, however, no person shall be charged with a violation of this section until
20 a period of ~~[40]~~ **30** days has elapsed from the date the inspection was due. It shall be a rebuttable
21 presumption that a vehicle that is required to be inspected is in violation of this section if the vehicle
22 fails to display a valid inspection sticker. This section shall not apply to those vehicles required to be
23 inspected under the provisions of RSA 266:1, IV. The fine for a violation of this section shall be \$60.

24 Source. 1931, 80:1. 1939, 78:1. RL 116:12. 1951, 20:3. RSA 260

25 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.