

Amendment to HB 563-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT relative to the fees for failing to register certain motor vehicles and establishing a
4 commission to study the registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Registration Required. Amend RSA 261:40
9 to read as follows:

10 261:40 Registration Required.

11 I. Except as otherwise provided, it is a violation for any person to drive or any owner or
12 custodian to knowingly permit or cause to be driven on the ways of this state any vehicle which is
13 not specifically exempt by statute or rule from the requirement of registration, unless the same has
14 been registered and the appropriate fee paid in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

15 II. The fine for a violation of this section shall be:

16 (a) ***\$10 per day for any vehicle meeting the definition of semi-trailer in RSA***
17 ***259:98 provided, however, that any person required to register a semi-trailer shall have 60***
18 ***days from the date a government official informs such person of the need to register before***
19 ***such fines are assessed.***

20 (b) ***\$100 for any other vehicle.***

21 III. ***The director may reduce the amount of a fine assessed under paragraph II for***
22 ***good cause.***

23 2 New Subdivision; Commission to Study Registration of Trailers, Semi-Trailers, and Other
24 Vehicles. Amend RSA 261 by inserting after section 182 the following new subdivision:

25 Commission to Study Registration of Trailers, Semi-Trailers, and Other Vehicles

26 266:183 Commission to Study Registration of Trailers, Semi-Trailers, and Other Vehicles.

27 I. There is established a commission to study the registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and
28 other vehicles.

29 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

30 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be from the house
31 ways and means committee and one of whom shall be from the house transportation committee,
32 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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1 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

2 (c) A representative of the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks' Association,
3 appointed by the association.

4 (d) A representative of the New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, appointed by
5 the association.

6 (e) The director of the division of motor vehicles, or designee.

7 (f) A representative of the New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Association, appointed by the
8 association.

9 (g) A representative of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by the
10 association.

11 (h) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed by
12 the association.

13 III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
14 attending to the duties of the commission.

15 IV. The commission shall study the registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles.

16 V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
17 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting
18 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Six members of
19 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

20 VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
21 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
22 clerk, the senate clerk, the chair of the house ways and means committee, the chair of the house
23 transportation committee, the governor, and the state library on or before September 15, 2021.

24 3 Repeal. RSA 266:183, relative to the commission to study the registration of trailers, sem-
25 trailers, and other vehicles, is repealed.

26 4 Effective Date.

27 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect September 15, 2021.

28 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a per day fine imposed for failing to register a semi-trailer or trailer. This bill also establishes a commission to study registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles.