

Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9
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Floor Amendment to SB 631-FN

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

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3 AN ACT authorizing the sale of toll credits to fund a newly established noise barrier
4 construction fund for the design and construction of noise barrier projects.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Section; Noise Barrier Construction Fund. Amend RSA 228 by inserting after section
9 228:12-a the following new section:

10 228:12-b Noise Barrier Construction Fund.

11 I. Provided there are sufficient turnpike toll credits for the state match for the federal
12 apportionment totals for 5 years based on the current federal fiscal year and the preceding 4 federal
13 fiscal years, the commissioner is authorized in his or her discretion to sell up to \$10,000,000 per year
14 in turnpike toll credits in compliance with federal rules and regulations and turnpike covenants,
15 said sale being subject to the approval of the fiscal committee of the general court and the joint
16 legislative capital project overview committee.

17 II. The revenue from the sale of the turnpike toll credits shall be deposited into a restricted
18 fund to be established and known as the noise barrier construction fund, said revenue to be
19 nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department of transportation. Expenditures from
20 the noise barrier construction fund made by the commissioner being subject to the approval of the
21 fiscal committee of the general court and the joint legislative capital project overview committee.

22 III. The commissioner is authorized to use said revenue for the design and construction of
23 noise barrier projects that meet the Type II noise barrier criteria set forth in the department's Policy
24 and Procedural Guidelines for the Assessment and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise for Type I &
25 Type II Projects, as updated and amended. The commissioner may consider additional authorized
26 adjustment factors for the determination of eligibility after consultation with an affected community
27 concerning impacts to the community.

28 2 New Subparagraph; Dedicated Account; Noise Barrier Construction Fund. Amend RSA 6:12,
29 I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (410) the following new subparagraph:

30 (411) Moneys in the noise barrier construction fund, established in RSA 228:12-b.

31 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the sale of toll credits to fund a newly established noise barrier construction fund for the design and construction of noise barrier projects, provided that there are sufficient turnpike toll credits for the state match for certain federal apportionment totals.