

SB 266-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL ***266-FN***

AN ACT relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.

SPONSORS: Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill further specifies requirements for reinstatement of a youth operator's license.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.

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

1 1 Youth Operator License; Suspension or Revocation. Amend RSA 263:14, III(b) to
2 read as follows:

3 (b) The periods of suspension or revocation set forth in subparagraph III(a) of this
4 section shall be as follows:

5 (1) For a first offense, ***a minimum of 20 days, but not more than 40 days.***

6 (2) For a second offense, ***a minimum of 45 days, but not more than 90 days.***

7 (3) For a third or subsequent offense, ***a minimum of 90 days, but not more than***
8 ***180 days. A condition of license reinstatement for a person convicted of a third or***
9 ***subsequent offense is the successful completion of an approved in-person driver program in***
10 ***accordance with Saf-C 212.08, regardless of the speeds traveled for each offense.***

11 2 License Reissuance. Amend RSA 263:14, V to read as follows:

12 V. In addition to the other requirements of this section, the holder of a youth operator's
13 license who is convicted of an offense under RSA 265-A, ***265:79, or convicted of a violation of***
14 ***RSA 265:60 in excess of 30 miles per hour above the posted speed limit***, shall not be eligible for
15 reissuance of a license ~~[prior to the age of 21 unless the person satisfies the director after an~~
16 ~~administrative hearing that the person will drive in a safe manner if the license is issued]~~ ***for a***
17 ***minimum of 90 days, consecutive to any court-imposed license suspension, and until the***
18 ***person has completed an approved in-person driver attitude program in accordance with***
19 ***Saf-C 212.08. Should the license holder complete the program during the period of***
20 ***suspension, up to 60 days of the suspension may be stayed until they turn 21, so long as they***
21 ***have no further motor vehicle moving violations. As an additional requirement for***
22 ***reinstatement, the director may require the license holder to attend an additional hearing***
23 ***and demonstrate to the director's satisfaction that they will operate a motor vehicle in a***
24 ***safe and lawful manner.*** The director may place such restrictions on any license so issued as the
25 director deems in the best interest of public safety.

26 VI. ***Any law enforcement agency that makes an arrest or issues a summons for a***
27 ***youth operator violation of RSA 265-A, RSA 265:79, or RSA 265:60 in excess of 30 miles per***
28 ***hour above the posted speed limit, shall submit a DSMV 384 request for administrative***
29 ***action to the director within 10 days of the violation.***

30 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**SB 266-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Restricted - Highway Fund Cost of Collections - Per the state constitution, costs associated with the collection/administration of highway fund revenue by the Department of Safety is deducted prior to funds being credited as unrestricted highway fund revenue			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill modifies the requirements for reinstatement of a youth operator's license. The Department of Safety states it would incur one-time system programming costs of \$15,000 in FY 2026 to reflect the changes in this bill.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety