

HB 612-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21 and relative to requiring employers to provide certain information regarding cost sharing to employees receiving workers' compensation benefit and relative to declaring the third week in September to be New Hampshire service dog week.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Veilleux, Hills. 34; Rep. Coker, Belk. 2; Rep. D. Fox, Ches. 2; Rep. Grund, Hills. 34; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 43; Rep. Rombeau, Hills. 2; Rep. Scherr, Rock. 26; Rep. Sykes, Graf. 14; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE:

Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Allows the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators whose youth operator license will expire in 30 days or less.

II. Requires employers who provide supplemental pay to employees receiving workers' compensation benefits to notify the employee with a breakdown of payments, anticipated financial adjustments, employee costs of withholdings, and method of payment options.

III. Declares the third week in September to be New Hampshire service dog week.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Temporary Licenses for Drivers Turning 21. Amend RSA 263:10 by inserting
2 after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3 III. Notwithstanding paragraphs I and II, the director may issue temporary licenses to
4 youth operators who are transitioning pursuant to RSA 263:14 to operators' licenses, up to 30 days
5 prior to their twenty-first birthday, provided that the physical license is delivered only on or after
6 their twenty-first birthday. This temporary license shall be valid for driving purposes only until the
7 new license is issued, and it shall remain valid for up to 30 days after the expiration of the youth
8 operator's license. For all online renewals, a transaction receipt issued upon renewal through the
9 division of motor vehicles website, when accompanied by the existing driver's license, shall serve as
10 the temporary license and proof of renewal.

11 2 Workers' Compensation; Memorandum of Payment. Amend RSA 281-A:40 to read as follows:
12 281-A:40 Memorandum of Payment.

13 ***I.*** An employer or the employer's insurance carrier shall make payment of compensation in
14 the amount and manner provided by this chapter. Payment shall be made by direct deposit 6 weeks
15 from the date of disability if the injured worker elects this payment method. The employer or the
16 employer's insurance carrier shall notify the injured worker in writing of his or her right to payment
17 by direct deposit. If no election is made, payment shall be made by paper check mailed to the injured
18 worker. The employer shall file memoranda of payments with the commissioner in accordance with
19 rules adopted by the commissioner under RSA 281-A:60.

20 ***II.*** ***An employer who provides supplemental pay to the employee while the employee***
21 ***is receiving workers' compensation benefits shall issue to the employee notification which***
22 ***includes a breakdown of payments and anticipated financial adjustments, including***
23 ***employee cost of withholdings and method of payment options. Such notice shall be made***
24 ***to the employee within 30 days of injury and subsequent notice shall be provided to the***
25 ***employee every 30 days thereafter.***

26 3 New Section; Service Dog Week. Amend RSA 4 by inserting after section 13-dd the following
27 new section:

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1 4:13-ee Service Dog Week. In recognition of the profound impact that service dogs have on the
2 lives of individuals with disabilities enhancing their independence, mobility, and overall quality of
3 life, and inviting the governments, communities, and people of this state to observe such week with
4 appropriate ceremonies and activities, the governor shall proclaim the third week of September of
5 each year as service dog week to honor the incredible contributions of service dogs, to honor the
6 dedicated individuals who train and care for these remarkable animals, and to celebrate the
7 profound bond between service dogs and the individuals they serve.

8 4 Effective Date.

9 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

10 II. Section 2 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

11 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

**HB 612-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	\$48,000	\$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 would allow a renewing license holder that is turning 21 to receive their permanent license, in over-21 format, if they renew within 30 days of the 21st birthday. The Department of Safety states there would be modifications needed to two different systems to accommodate this change, at a one-time estimated cost in FY 2026 of \$48,000 (240 development hours @ \$200/hour).

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety