

CHAPTER 251
SB 266-FN - FINAL VERSION

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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:

1 251:1 Youth Operator License; Suspension or Revocation. Amend RSA 263:14, III(b) to read as
2 follows:

3 (b) The periods of suspension or revocation set forth in subparagraph III(a) of this section
4 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 180***
8 ***days. A condition of license reinstatement for a person convicted of a third or subsequent offense is the***
9 ***successful completion of an approved in-person driver program in accordance with Saf-C 212.08,***
10 ***regardless of the speeds traveled for each offense.***

11 251:2 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 license
13 who is convicted of an offense under RSA 265-A, ***265:79, or convicted of a violation of RSA 265:60 in***
14 ***excess of 30 miles per hour above the posted speed limit,*** shall not be eligible for reissuance of a license
15 [~~prior to the age of 21 unless the person satisfies the director after an administrative hearing that the~~
16 ~~person will drive in a safe manner if the license is issued~~] ***for a minimum of 90 days, consecutive to any***
17 ***court-imposed license suspension, and until the person has completed an approved in-person driver***
18 ***attitude program in accordance with Saf-C 212.08. Should the license holder complete the program***
19 ***during the period of suspension, up to 60 days of the suspension may be stayed until they turn 21, so long***
20 ***as they have no further motor vehicle moving violations. As an additional requirement for reinstatement,***
21 ***the director may require the license holder to attend an additional hearing and demonstrate to the***
22 ***director's satisfaction that they will operate a motor vehicle in a safe and lawful manner.*** The director may
23 place such restrictions on any license so issued as the director deems in the best interest of public safety.

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

28 251:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Approved: July 15, 2025
Effective Date: January 01, 2026

