

Amendment to SB 153-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to expedited driveway permitting of major entrances for residential use of 20
4 units or greater.

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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 Paragraph; Expedited Permitting. Amend RSA 236:13 by inserting after paragraph IV-a
9 the following new paragraph:

10 IV-b. For expedited permitting of major entrances for residential use of 20 units or greater:

11 (a) The commissioner of the department of transportation shall revise the department's
12 policy for the permitting of driveways and other access to the state highway system to implement an
13 optional program for the expedited permitting of major entrances for residential use of 20 units or
14 greater, within 60 business days of approval of the traffic impact study.

15 (b) An applicant electing to use the expedited permitting process under this paragraph
16 shall pay a \$120 per unit non-refundable permit fee.

17 (c) The commissioner of the department of transportation, with approval of the governor
18 and council, may adjust the fee in subparagraph (b).

19 (d) In addition to the permit fee in subparagraph (b), the applicant shall pay a retainer
20 as formulated in the department's policy relating to the permitting of driveways and other access to
21 the state highway system, for reasonable expenses incurred by the department for third party
22 professional engineer review and consultation during the expedited permitting process. All third-
23 party review fees shall be tracked and a copy provided to the applicant. All unused retainages shall
24 be refunded to the applicant within 120 days of the issuance of the permit.

25 2 Position Established. There shall be a classified position of business operations specialist
26 established within the department of transportation, compensated under SOC 13, Broad Group 13-
27 1190, Pay Band 6, for the purpose of administering the expedited permitting of major entrances
28 under RSA 236:13, IV-b.

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 90 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates an expedited driveway permit for major entrances for parcels of land for residential use of 20 units or greater.