

Amendment to SB 627-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to toll rate adjustments and periodic inflation-based toll reviews for the New  
4 Hampshire turnpike system to support the 2027-2036 ten-year transportation plan.

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

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8 1 Tolls. Amend RSA 237:9 to read as follows:

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10 *I.* The commissioner of transportation, with the approval of the governor and council, shall  
11 establish toll rates and other charges for use of the New Hampshire turnpike system or any part of  
12 the right-of-way and other property acquired in connection therewith. The governor and council  
13 shall approve or reject the commissioner's proposed toll rates and other charges within 90 days of  
14 receiving them. The tolls collected shall be deposited with the state treasurer who shall keep the  
15 same in a separate account to be used exclusively for purposes of the New Hampshire turnpike  
16 system including, without limitation, the operating expenses, construction, reconstruction, and  
17 maintenance of the New Hampshire turnpike system. All operating expenses and maintenance costs  
18 shall be paid from said account. From the balance remaining after the payment of operating  
19 expenses and maintenance costs, there shall be paid the interest and principal on the bonds issued  
20 to finance the system. No part of such revenues shall, by transfer of funds or otherwise, be diverted  
21 to any other purpose whatsoever. Fourteen days previous to the time any interest or principal is  
22 payable, on any general obligation bonds issued to finance the system, the state treasurer shall  
23 examine the existing balance and, except as otherwise provided in RSA 237:10, if such balance is  
24 insufficient to make the payment, then he shall notify the governor who shall immediately draw his  
25 warrant on the highway fund to cover any deficit and if the funds in both of the above accounts are  
26 insufficient, the governor shall draw his warrant upon the state's general fund to the amount  
27 necessary to meet the payments. Any funds paid out from the state's highway fund or general fund  
28 for the above purposes shall be reimbursed from the collection of tolls as soon as such funds are  
29 available. Any funds that have been or may be expended for any portion of the system by the  
30 department of transportation shall be repaid to said department when, in the opinion of the governor  
31 and council, sufficient funds are available. Any excess income may be used for further system  
32 extensions in accordance with RSA 237:5, II(m). No provision of this chapter shall constitute a  
covenant with bondholders with respect to the charging, collection or disposition of tolls.

1           **II. Notwithstanding paragraph I of this section, RSA 237:24, and any other**  
2 **provision of law to the contrary, to support the turnpike projects included in the 2027-2036**  
3 **ten year transportation plan and to cover associated operating expenses and maintenance**  
4 **costs for the central New Hampshire turnpike, the eastern New Hampshire turnpike, and**  
5 **the New Hampshire turnpike system, the toll rates for cash transactions and for vehicles**  
6 **not registered to a funded New Hampshire E-Z pass account shall be increased based on**  
7 **the toll plaza and vehicle classification as defined in Tra 701.02(j) of the New Hampshire**  
8 **administrative rules. For purposes of this section, "class" shall mean the vehicle**  
9 **classification established under Tra 701.02(j), which categorizes vehicles by type, number**  
10 **of axles, and dual tires. The toll rates shall be as follows:**

11           **(a) Hooksett Main:**

- 12           **(1) Class 1: \$2.00**
- 13           **(2) Class 2: \$2.25**
- 14           **(3) Class 3: \$2.50**
- 15           **(4) Class 4: \$2.75**
- 16           **(5) Class 5: \$4.00**
- 17           **(6) Class 6: \$4.50**
- 18           **(7) Class 7: \$5.00**
- 19           **(8) Class 8: \$5.50**
- 20           **(9) Class 9: \$6.00**
- 21           **(10) Class 10: \$6.50**
- 22           **(11) Class 11: \$7.00**
- 23           **(12) Class 12: \$ 7.50**

24           **(b) Hooksett Ramp:**

- 25           **(1) Class 1: \$1.00**
- 26           **(2) Class 2: \$1.25**
- 27           **(3) Class 3: \$1.50**
- 28           **(4) Class 4: \$1.75**
- 29           **(5) Class 5: \$2.00**
- 30           **(6) Class 6: \$2.50**
- 31           **(7) Class 7: \$3.00**
- 32           **(8) Class 8: \$3.50**
- 33           **(9) Class 9: \$4.00**
- 34           **(10) Class 10: \$4.50**
- 35           **(11) Class 11: \$5.00**
- 36           **(12) Class 12: \$5.50**

37           **(c) Bedford Main:**

- 1                   (1) *Class 1: \$2.00*
- 2                   (2) *Class 2: \$2.25*
- 3                   (3) *Class 3: \$2.50*
- 4                   (4) *Class 4: \$2.75*
- 5                   (5) *Class 5: \$4.00*
- 6                   (6) *Class 6: \$4.50*
- 7                   (7) *Class 7: \$5.00*
- 8                   (8) *Class 8: \$5.50*
- 9                   (9) *Class 9: \$6.00*
- 10                  (10) *Class 10: \$6.50*
- 11                  (11) *Class 11: \$7.00*
- 12                  (12) *Class 12: \$7.50*
- 13                  (d) *Hampton Main:*
- 14                   (1) *Class 1: \$4.00*
- 15                   (2) *Class 2: \$4.25*
- 16                   (3) *Class 3: \$4.50*
- 17                   (4) *Class 4: \$4.75*
- 18                   (5) *Class 5: \$8.00*
- 19                   (6) *Class 6: \$8.50*
- 20                   (7) *Class 7: \$9.00*
- 21                   (8) *Class 8: \$9.50*
- 22                   (9) *Class 9: \$10.00*
- 23                   (10) *Class 10: \$10.50*
- 24                   (11) *Class 11: \$11.00*
- 25                   (12) *Class 12: \$11.50*
- 26                  (e) *Hampton Side:*
- 27                   (1) *Class 1: \$1.50*
- 28                   (2) *Class 2: \$1.75*
- 29                   (3) *Class 3: \$2.00*
- 30                   (4) *Class 4: \$2.25*
- 31                   (5) *Class 5: \$3.00*
- 32                   (6) *Class 6: \$3.50*
- 33                   (7) *Class 7: \$4.00*
- 34                   (8) *Class 8: \$4.50*
- 35                   (9) *Class 9: \$5.00*
- 36                   (10) *Class 10: \$5.50*
- 37                   (11) *Class 11: \$6.00*

1                   (12) *Class 12: \$6.50*

2                   (f) *Dover:*

3                   (1) *Class 1: \$1.50*

4                   (2) *Class 2: \$1.75*

5                   (3) *Class 3: \$2.00*

6                   (4) *Class 4: \$2.25*

7                   (5) *Class 5: \$3.00*

8                   (6) *Class 6: \$3.50*

9                   (7) *Class 7: \$4.00*

10                  (8) *Class 8: \$4.50*

11                  (9) *Class 9: \$5.00*

12                  (10) *Class 10: \$5.50*

13                  (11) *Class 11: \$6.00*

14                  (12) *Class 12: \$6.50*

15                  (g) *Rochester:*

16                  (1) *Class 1: \$1.50*

17                  (2) *Class 2: \$1.75*

18                  (3) *Class 3: \$2.00*

19                  (4) *Class 4: \$2.25*

20                  (5) *Class 5: \$3.00*

21                  (6) *Class 6: \$3.50*

22                  (7) *Class 7: \$4.00*

23                  (8) *Class 8: \$4.50*

24                  (9) *Class 9: \$5.00*

25                  (10) *Class 10: \$5.50*

26                  (11) *Class 11: \$6.00*

27                  (12) *Class 12: \$6.50*

28                  III. *Notwithstanding paragraph I of this section, RSA 237:24, and any other*  
29 *provision of law to the contrary, the toll rates for vehicles listed on a funded New*  
30 *Hampshire E-Z Pass account using the New Hampshire electronic toll collection system*  
31 *shall remain current as of the effective date of this statute and at a minimum as follows,*  
32 *based on toll plaza and vehicle classification as defined in Tra 701.02(j) of the New*  
33 *Hampshire administrative rules:*

34                  (a) *Hooksett Main:*

35                  (1) *Class 1: \$0.70*

36                  (2) *Class 2: \$0.88*

37                  (3) *Class 3: \$1.05*

- 1           (4) *Class 4: \$1.23*
- 2           (5) *Class 5: \$1.80*
- 3           (6) *Class 6: \$2.25*
- 4           (7) *Class 7: \$2.70*
- 5           (8) *Class 8: \$3.15*
- 6           (9) *Class 9: \$3.60*
- 7           (10) *Class 10: \$4.05*
- 8           (11) *Class 11: \$4.50*
- 9           (12) *Class 12: \$4.95*

10           **(b) Hooksett Ramp:**

- 11           (1) *Class 1: \$0.35*
- 12           (2) *Class 2: \$0.53*
- 13           (3) *Class 3: \$0.70*
- 14           (4) *Class 4: \$0.88*
- 15           (5) *Class 5: \$0.90*
- 16           (6) *Class 6: \$1.35*
- 17           (7) *Class 7: \$1.80*
- 18           (8) *Class 8: \$2.25*
- 19           (9) *Class 9: \$2.70*
- 20           (10) *Class 10: \$3.15*
- 21           (11) *Class 11: \$3.60*
- 22           (12) *Class 12: \$4.05*

23           **(c) Bedford Main:**

- 24           (1) *Class 1: \$0.70*
- 25           (2) *Class 2: \$0.88*
- 26           (3) *Class 3: \$1.05*
- 27           (4) *Class 4: \$1.23*
- 28           (5) *Class 5: \$1.80*
- 29           (6) *Class 6: \$2.25*
- 30           (7) *Class 7: \$2.70*
- 31           (8) *Class 8: \$3.15*
- 32           (9) *Class 9: \$3.60*
- 33           (10) *Class 10: \$4.05*
- 34           (11) *Class 11: \$4.50*
- 35           (12) *Class 12: \$4.95*

36           **(d) Hampton Main:**

- 37           (1) *Class 1: \$1.40*

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- 1                   (2) *Class 2: \$1.58*
- 2                   (3) *Class 3: \$1.75*
- 3                   (4) *Class 4: \$1.93*
- 4                   (5) *Class 5: \$3.60*
- 5                   (6) *Class 6: \$4.05*
- 6                   (7) *Class 7: \$4.50*
- 7                   (8) *Class 8: \$4.95*
- 8                   (9) *Class 9: \$5.40*
- 9                   (10) *Class 10: \$5.85*
- 10                  (11) *Class 11: \$6.30*
- 11                  (12) *Class 12: \$6.75*
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1           **(g) Rochester:**

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3                   **(2) Class 2: \$0.70**

4                   **(3) Class 3: \$0.88**

5                   **(4) Class 4: \$1.05**

6                   **(5) Class 5: \$1.35**

7                   **(6) Class 6: \$1.80**

8                   **(7) Class 7: \$2.25**

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11                  **(10) Class 10: \$3.60**

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13                  **(12) Class 12: \$4.50**

14           2 New Paragraph; Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; Toll Rate Comparison to  
15 Inflation Rate. Amend RSA 228:99 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

16           II-a. The statewide transportation improvement program shall include a comparison of the  
17 current toll rates against the department of transportation's project inflation rate for consideration  
18 by the governor's advisory commission on intermodal transportation and the legislature.

19           3 Repeal. RSA 237:11, V, relative to the E-Z Pass discount on established tolls on any of the  
20 New Hampshire turnpike system, is repealed.

21           4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 90 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Provides for toll rate adjustments at specified turnpike plazas to support projects in the 2027–2036 ten year transportation plan.

II. Provides for periodic toll adjustments tied to the New Hampshire department of transportation's projected inflation index as part of the statewide transportation improvement program.