

Floor Amendment to SB 627-FN

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

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3 1 Tolls. Amend RSA 237:9 to read as follows:

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

28 **II. Notwithstanding paragraph I of this section, RSA 237:24, and any other**
29 **provision of law to the contrary, to support the turnpike projects included in the 2027-2036**
30 **ten year transportation plan and to cover associated operating expenses and maintenance**
31 **costs for the central New Hampshire turnpike, the eastern New Hampshire turnpike, and**
32 **the New Hampshire turnpike system, the toll rates for cash transactions and for vehicles**

1 *not bearing a registration number as defined by RSA 259:85 or not listed on a funded New*
2 *Hampshire E-Z pass account shall be increased based on the toll plaza and vehicle*
3 *classification as defined in Tra 701.02(j) of the New Hampshire administrative rules. For*
4 *purposes of this section, "class" shall mean the vehicle classification established under Tra*
5 *701.02(j), which categorizes vehicles by type, number of axles, and dual tires. The toll rates*
6 *shall be as follows:*

7 **(a) Hooksett Main:**

8 (1) *Class 1: \$2.00*

9 (2) *Class 2: \$2.25*

10 (3) *Class 3: \$2.50*

11 (4) *Class 4: \$2.75*

12 (5) *Class 5: \$4.00*

13 (6) *Class 6: \$4.50*

14 (7) *Class 7: \$5.00*

15 (8) *Class 8: \$5.50*

16 (9) *Class 9: \$6.00*

17 (10) *Class 10: \$6.50*

18 (11) *Class 11: \$7.00*

19 (12) *Class 12: \$ 7.50*

20 **(b) Hooksett Ramp:**

21 (1) *Class 1: \$1.00*

22 (2) *Class 2: \$1.25*

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

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

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

26 (6) *Class 6: \$2.50*

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

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

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

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

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

32 (12) *Class 12 \$5.50*

33 **(c) Bedford Main:**

34 (1) *Class 1: \$2.00*

35 (2) *Class 2: \$2.25*

36 (3) *Class 3: \$2.50*

37 (4) *Class 4: \$2.75*

- 1 (5) *Class 5: \$4.00*
- 2 (6) *Class 6: \$4.50*
- 3 (7) *Class 7: \$5.00*
- 4 (8) *Class 8: \$5.50*
- 5 (9) *Class 9: \$6.00*
- 6 (10) *Class 10: \$6.50*
- 7 (11) *Class 11: \$7.00*
- 8 (12) *Class 12: \$7.50*

9 ***(d) Hampton Main:***

- 10 (1) *Class 1: \$4.00*
- 11 (2) *Class 2: \$4.25*
- 12 (3) *Class 3: \$4.50*
- 13 (4) *Class 4: \$4.75*
- 14 (5) *Class 5: \$8.00*
- 15 (6) *Class 6: \$8.50*
- 16 (7) *Class 7: \$9.00*
- 17 (8) *Class 8: \$9.50*
- 18 (9) *Class 9: \$10.00*
- 19 (10) *Class 10: \$10.50*
- 20 (11) *Class 11: \$11.00*
- 21 (12) *Class 12: \$11.50*

22 ***(e) Hampton Side:***

- 23 (1) *Class 1: \$1.50*
- 24 (2) *Class 2: \$1.75*
- 25 (3) *Class 3: \$2.00*
- 26 (4) *Class 4: \$2.25*
- 27 (5) *Class 5: \$3.00*
- 28 (6) *Class 6: \$3.50*
- 29 (7) *Class 7: \$4.00*
- 30 (8) *Class 8: \$4.50*
- 31 (9) *Class 9: \$5.00*
- 32 (10) *Class 10: \$5.50*
- 33 (11) *Class 11: \$6.00*
- 34 (12) *Class 12: \$6.50*

35 ***(f) Dover:***

- 36 (1) *Class 1: \$1.50*
- 37 (2) *Class 2: \$1.75*

- 1 (3) *Class 3: \$2.00*
- 2 (4) *Class 4: \$2.25*
- 3 (5) *Class 5: \$3.00*
- 4 (6) *Class 6: \$3.50*
- 5 (7) *Class 7: \$4.00*
- 6 (8) *Class 8: \$4.50*
- 7 (9) *Class 9: \$5.00*
- 8 (10) *Class 10: \$5.50*
- 9 (11) *Class 11: \$6.00*
- 10 (12) *Class 12: \$6.50*

11 **(g) Rochester:**

- 12 (1) *Class 1: \$1.50*
- 13 (2) *Class 2: \$1.75*
- 14 (3) *Class 3: \$2.00*
- 15 (4) *Class 4: \$2.25*
- 16 (5) *Class 5: \$3.00*
- 17 (6) *Class 6: \$3.50*
- 18 (7) *Class 7: \$4.00*
- 19 (8) *Class 8: \$4.50*
- 20 (9) *Class 9: \$5.00*
- 21 (10) *Class 10: \$5.50*
- 22 (11) *Class 11: \$6.00*
- 23 (12) *Class 12: \$6.50*

24 **III. Notwithstanding paragraph I of this section, RSA 237:24, and any other**
25 *provision of law to the contrary, the toll rates for vehicles bearing a registration number as*
26 *defined by RSA 259:85 or listed on a funded New Hampshire E-Z Pass account using the*
27 *New Hampshire electronic toll collection system shall be at a minimum as follows, based*
28 *on toll plaza and vehicle classification as defined in Tra 701.02(j) of the New Hampshire*
29 *administrative rules:*

30 **(a) Hooksett Main:**

- 31 (1) *Class 1: \$0.70*
- 32 (2) *Class 2: \$0.88*
- 33 (3) *Class 3: \$1.05*
- 34 (4) *Class 4: \$1.23*
- 35 (5) *Class 5: \$1.80*
- 36 (6) *Class 6: \$2.25*
- 37 (7) *Class 7: \$2.70*

- 1 (8) *Class 8: \$3.15*
- 2 (9) *Class 9: \$3.60*
- 3 (10) *Class 10: \$4.05*
- 4 (11) *Class 11: \$4.50*
- 5 (12) *Class 12: \$4.95*

6 **(b) *Hooksett Ramp:***

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

19 **(c) *Bedford Main:***

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

32 **(d) *Hampton Main:***

- 33 (1) *Class 1: \$1.40*
- 34 (2) *Class 2: \$1.58*
- 35 (3) *Class 3: \$1.75*
- 36 (4) *Class 4: \$1.93*
- 37 (5) *Class 5: \$3.60*

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

8 (e) *Hampton Side:*

- 9 (1) *Class 1: \$0.53*
- 10 (2) *Class 2: \$0.70*
- 11 (3) *Class 3: \$0.88*
- 12 (4) *Class 4: \$1.05*
- 13 (5) *Class 5: \$1.35*
- 14 (6) *Class 6: \$1.80*
- 15 (7) *Class 7: \$2.25*
- 16 (8) *Class 8: \$2.70*
- 17 (9) *Class 9: \$3.15*
- 18 (10) *Class 10: \$3.60*
- 19 (11) *Class 11: \$4.05*
- 20 (12) *Class 12: \$4.50*

21 (f) *Dover:*

- 22 (1) *Class 1: \$0.53*
- 23 (2) *Class 2: \$0.70*
- 24 (3) *Class 3: \$0.88*
- 25 (4) *Class 4: \$1.05*
- 26 (5) *Class 5: \$1.35*
- 27 (6) *Class 6: \$1.80*
- 28 (7) *Class 7: \$2.25*
- 29 (8) *Class 8: \$2.70*
- 30 (9) *Class 9: \$3.15*
- 31 (10) *Class 10: \$3.60*
- 32 (11) *Class 11: \$4.05*
- 33 (12) *Class 12: \$4.50*

34 (g) *Rochester:*

- 35 (1) *Class 1: \$0.53*
- 36 (2) *Class 2: \$0.70*
- 37 (3) *Class 3: \$0.88*

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- 1 ***(4) Class 4: \$1.05***
- 2 ***(5) Class 5: \$1.35***
- 3 ***(6) Class 6: \$1.80***
- 4 ***(7) Class 7: \$2.25***
- 5 ***(8) Class 8: \$2.70***
- 6 ***(9) Class 9: \$3.15***
- 7 ***(10) Class 10: \$3.60***
- 8 ***(11) Class 11: \$4.05***
- 9 ***(12) Class 12: \$4.50***

10 2 New Paragraph; Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; Roll Rate Comparison to
11 Inflation Rate. Amend RSA 228:99 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

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

15 3 Agency Directive; Department of Transportation; New Hampshire E-ZPass Transponder.
16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for a period of 210 days, beginning upon the effective
17 date of this section, the department of transportation shall issue at no cost, a New Hampshire E-
18 ZPass transponder to any resident, as defined by RSA 21:6, who opens or currently maintains a
19 funded New Hampshire E-ZPass account, if so requested by the resident.

20 4 Repeal. RSA 237:11, V, relative to the E-Z Pass discount on established tolls on any of the New
21 Hampshire turnpike system, is repealed.

22 5 Effective Date.

23 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect December 1, 2026.

24 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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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.

III. Directs the department of transportation to issue at no cost, a New Hampshire E-ZPass transponder to any resident who opens or currently maintains a funded New Hampshire E-ZPass account, if so requested by the resident.