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HOUSE BILL

119-FN

AN ACT

allowing rental companies applying to register a rental fleet to choose New Hampshire as the base jurisdiction under the International Registration Plan (IRP).

SPONSORS:

Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Berezhny, Graf. 11; Rep. B. Boyd, Hills. 12; Rep. Cambrils, Merr. 4; Rep. Cole, Hills. 26; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. S. Smith, Sull. 3; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE:

Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill allows rental companies applying to register a passenger vehicle or truck, truck tractor, or tractor rental fleet to choose New Hampshire as the base jurisdiction under the International Registration Plan (IRP).

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT allowing rental companies applying to register a rental fleet to choose New Hampshire as the base jurisdiction under the International Registration Plan (IRP).

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

1 1 New Section; Rental Fleet Base Jurisdiction Choice. Amend RSA 260 by inserting after
2 section 260:73 the following new section:

3 260:73-a Rental Fleet Registration with New Hampshire as Base Jurisdiction.

4 I. A rental company applying to register a rental fleet may select New Hampshire as the
5 base jurisdiction for the fleet according to the basing requirements of the International Registration
6 Plan (IRP), except that when the term of the lease of the vehicles in the fleet is greater than 60 days,
7 the leasing rental customer must:

8 (a) Have an established place of business in New Hampshire; and

9 (b) The fleet must accrue distance in New Hampshire.

10 II.(a) A rental company may allocate its rental passenger car registrations pursuant to section
11 905 of the IRP.

12 (b) The number of vehicles to be registered in New Hampshire must be determined by:

13 (1) Dividing the gross revenue earned in New Hampshire in the preceding year for
14 the use of all rental passenger cars by the gross rental revenue earned in all jurisdictions; and then

15 (2) Multiplying the number of vehicles in the rental fleet by the percentage
16 determined in (1) above. The number of vehicles must be the greatest number of vehicles in the fleet
17 during the preceding year.

18 (c) The rental company must file an annual report with the IRP administrator by
19 January 31 following the close of the registration year. The annual report must list the company's
20 revenue by jurisdiction and the total number of vehicle registrations in each jurisdiction for the
21 registration year.

22 (d) The rental company must register a portion of its rental fleet in New Hampshire
23 which is at least equal to the percentage of revenue earned in the state.

24 (e) Consumer rental companies in compliance with this section may assign vehicles
25 registered in any jurisdiction to its vehicle fleet in New Hampshire.

26 III.(a) A rental company that owns trucks registered for 26,000 pounds or less that are
27 identified as a part of a one-way rental fleet may:

28 (1) allocate all such vehicles to the respective member jurisdictions in proportion to
29 the mileage operated in each member jurisdiction by the rental fleet; or

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1 (2) register all such vehicles as apportioned vehicles under the Plan.

2 (b) A one-way rental vehicle so registered may be used in both intra-jurisdictional and
3 inter-jurisdictional operations.

4 IV.(a) The following options are available to those companies controlling rental or leased
5 fleets:

6 (1) The rental or leasing company may register all of its vehicles in a single fleet and
7 be responsible for all distance reporting; or

8 (2) The rental or leasing company may register all of its vehicles but may maintain
9 separate fleets and submit separate distance reports for each fleet; or

10 (3) The rental or leasing company may allow the leasing carrier to register the
11 leased vehicles thereby requiring the leasing carrier to report distance; or

12 (4) The rental or leasing company may use all or a combination of the above
13 methods of registration.

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

HB 119-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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AN ACT allowing rental companies applying to register a rental fleet to choose New Hampshire as the base jurisdiction under the International Registration Plan (IRP).

FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable Increase		
Revenue Fund(s)	Highway Fund			
Expenditures*	\$0	Department of Safety Position Costs - \$138K in FY 2026, \$140K in FY 2027, and \$144K in FY 2028 Apportionment A (Highway Block Grants) - Indeterminable Increase in FY 2027 and Beyond		
Funding Source(s)	Highway Fund and 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
Funding Source(s)	No funding provided for position. The Department of Transportation has open warrant language under RSA 235:23, I, to make necessary Apportionment A payments.			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	
Local Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill allowing rental companies applying to register a rental fleet to choose New Hampshire as the base jurisdiction under the International Registration Plan (IRP). The Department of Safety states it would need an additional two (2) cash terminal operators (SOC 43-03, step 1) to handle the additional paperwork and customer traffic generated under this bill. The estimated total cost for both positions, assuming a start date of July 1, 2025, is \$138,000 in FY 2026,

\$140,000 in FY 2027, and \$144,000 in FY 2028. This bill provides neither authority nor funding for new personnel.

The Department states this bill will also increase state registration revenue to the highway fund beginning in FY 2026, however is unable at this time to provide an estimation or range. Also, pursuant to RSA 235:23 ("Apportionment A"), 12 percent of highway fund road toll and motor vehicle fee revenue collected is distributed to municipalities in the year following collection, therefore, this bill will also have an indeterminable impact on state expenditures and local revenue beginning in FY 2027.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety