

HB 321-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **321-FN**

AN ACT requiring the division of motor vehicles to extend a fine payment period for certain motor vehicle violations from 30 days to 90 days if the driver requests the extension.

SPONSORS: Rep. Veilleux, Hills. 34; Rep. Coker, Belk. 2; Rep. Crawford, Carr. 3; Rep. C. McGuire, Merr. 27; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 43; Rep. Rombeau, Hills. 2; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 11; Sen. Long, Dist 20

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill allows drivers who plead guilty or nolo contendere to a driving violation on a summons, in lieu of appearing in court, to request an extension of the payment period from 30 days to 90 days from the division of motor vehicles, and request a second extension for 90 days if they cannot make the payment in the first 90 days.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Extension Request of 90 Days From 30 Days. Amend RSA 262:44 by
2 inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

3 I-a. Any person who enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere on a summons, in lieu of court
4 appearance as provided in paragraph I, and has no unpaid motor vehicle fines or other outstanding
5 motor vehicle violations, may request a fine payment extension of up to 90 days from the date of the
6 summons. Additionally, a person may request a second extension for an additional 90 days upon
7 proof that the driver is unable to make full payment within the period of the first extension. The
8 director of the division shall promulgate necessary administrative rules, procedures, and
9 requirements to effectuate this section.

10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**HB 321-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$36,000	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	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
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

METHODOLOGY:

This bill, effective January 1, 2026, requires the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to extend a fine payment period for certain motor vehicle violations from 30 days to 90 days, if the driver requests such an extension. The Department of Safety states it would need to make changes (development, testing, and implementation support) to DMV software to reflect the changes in this bill, at an estimated one-time cost of \$36,000 in FY 2026.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety