

HB 326-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

326-FN

AN ACT prohibiting the operation of antique passenger vehicles, model year 1968 or older, on state or local highways for more than 20 miles unless the vehicle is fitted or retrofitted with seat or safety belts.

SPONSORS: Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 10

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill requires drivers and passengers of antique vehicles with model years of 1968 or older to wear seat or safety belts unless participating in a parade or traveling off-road.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 prohibiting the operation of antique passenger vehicles, model year 1968 or older, on state or local highways for more than 20 miles unless the vehicle is fitted or retrofitted with seat or safety belts.

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

1 1 New Section; Antique Passenger Vehicles; Seat and Safety Belts. Amend RSA 265 by
2 inserting after section 265:107-a the following new section:

3 265:107-b Antique Passenger Vehicle Seat and Safety Belts Required.

4 I. No person shall drive an antique passenger motor vehicle, model year 1968 or older, for
5 more than 20 miles upon a state or local highway unless such person and any passenger is wearing a
6 seat or safety belt that meets the United States Department of Transportation applicable standards
7 set forth in 49 C.F.R. section 571.207-210, which is properly adjusted and fastened.

8 II. Paragraph I shall not apply to a person driving an antique passenger motor vehicle, and
9 their passengers, when the vehicle is:

10 (a) Driven in a parade, or is traveling to or from a parade, as a parade vehicle under
11 RSA 265:108-a.

12 (b) Driven off-road, if otherwise permitted by law.

13 III. This section is not intended to supersede any other law requiring the use of seat or
14 safety belts.

15 IV. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.

16 V. The department of transportation shall adopt rules in accordance with RSA 541-A
17 regarding the installation, retrofitting, and regulation of seat and safety belts in antique passenger
18 vehicles described in paragraph I of this section.

19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**HB 326-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

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

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association