

HB 390-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to adding retired fire apparatus (fire trucks) to antique vehicle exemptions.

SPONSORS: Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 13; Rep. Foote, Rock. 13; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill integrates "retired fire apparatus" into the definition of antique vehicles. It also specifies exemptions and regulations for their use, similar to other antique vehicles.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Antique Motor Vehicle, Farm Tractor, Retired Fire Apparatus, or Motorcycle. Amend RSA
2 259:4 to read as follows:

3 259:4 Antique Motor Vehicle, Farm Tractor, ***Retired Fire Apparatus***, or Motorcycle.
4 "Antique motor vehicle, farm tractor, ***retired fire apparatus***, or motorcycle" shall mean any
5 motor vehicle, including a truck regardless of its weight, over 25 years old, ***and in the case of a***
6 ***retired fire apparatus, over 20 years old***, which is maintained for use in exhibitions, club
7 activities, parades, and other functions of public interest, but not for use in commerce. For the
8 purposes of this section, "maintained for use" shall mean a motor vehicle, ***retired fire apparatus***,
9 or motorcycle in its original condition or restored to original or better condition and not intended for
10 daily use.

11 2 Equipment Prohibited; Sirens. Amend RSA 266:73 to read as follows:
12 266:73 Sirens. It shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to be driven on the ways of this state
13 equipped with a siren. The provisions of this section shall not apply to such emergency vehicles as
14 police, fire department, fire patrol, state department of corrections vehicles, ***retired fire***
15 ***apparatuses as defined under RSA 259:4***, nor to those law enforcement officers or volunteer
16 members of fire departments nor to public or private ambulances.

17 3 Emergency Lights and Warning Lights; Red Lights Restricted to Police, Fire, and Rescue
18 Vehicles. Amend RSA 266:78-c, I to read as follows:

19 I. Emergency response vehicles owned or leased by municipal, village district, or federal fire
20 departments and forestry departments, ***and retired fire apparatuses***.

21 4 Lights, Signals, Flashers, Reflectors and Flags; Antique Vehicles Exemption. Amend RSA
22 266:33 to read as follows:

23 266:33 Antique Vehicles Exemption. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 266:44, the tail
24 lamps on antique motor vehicles, farm tractors, ***retired fire apparatuses***, or motorcycles as defined
25 in RSA 259:4 shall be deemed adequate if they display a red light visible for a distance of 100 feet to
26 the rear of such vehicle, and the tail lamp or lamps on such vehicles may be located at a height of
27 more than 72 inches from the ground, provided they were so located at the time of original
28 manufacture of the vehicle.

29 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 390-FN- FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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