

HB 578-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

25-0744

06/11

HOUSE BILL **578-FN**

AN ACT erecting a sound barrier along the F.E. Everett Turnpike.

SPONSORS: Rep. B. Boyd, Hills. 12; Rep. Miles, Hills. 12; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 12; Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12; Rep. Presa, Hills. 12; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Rep. W. Thomas, Hills. 12; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. McGough, Dist 11

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of transportation to install sound barriers along a certain segment of the F.E. Everett turnpike in the town of Merrimack.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 erecting a sound barrier along the F.E. Everett Turnpike.

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

1 1 Installation of Sound Barriers. The department of transportation shall install sound barriers
2 along the F.E. Everett Turnpike ("FEET") as follows: along the west side of the FEET southbound,
3 southwest of Interchange 12, in the Town of Merrimack, encompassing the neighborhoods of
4 Roundtree Drive, Davis Road, Vista Way, Ministerial Drive, Weston Road, and Kittridge Lane; and,
5 on the west side of the turnpike southbound, northwest of Interchange 12, in the Town of
6 Merrimack, including Back River Road, Bradford Drive, Belmont Drive, Raymond Drive, Small
7 Lane, and Brookfield Drive.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**HB 578-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT erecting a sound barrier along the F.E. Everett Turnpike.

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	\$7,200,000	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Turnpike Fund			
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 requires the installation of sound barriers at certain locations along the F.E. Everett Turnpike in Merrimack, New Hampshire. The Department of Transportation states that including design and construction, the sounds barriers required under this bill would cost an estimated \$7,200,000. Based upon recent bids and adjustments for inflation, the Department's standard noise barrier design is estimated to cost approximately \$100 per square foot in 2023 dollars. It is estimated that the Roundtree Drive neighborhood sound barrier would cost approximately \$3,300,000 (32,890 square feet X \$100 = \$3,289,000) and the Back River Road neighborhood sound barrier would cost approximately \$3,900,000 (39,035 square feet X \$100 = \$3,903,500).

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Transportation