

SB 152-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL ***152-FN***

AN ACT authorizing the sale of toll credits to fund a newly established noise barrier construction fund for the design and construction of noise barrier projects.

SPONSORS: Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the sale of toll credits to fund a newly established noise barrier construction fund for the design and construction of noise barrier projects, provided that there are sufficient turnpike toll credits for the state match for certain federal apportionment totals.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Section; Noise Barrier Construction Fund. Amend RSA 228 by inserting after section
2 228:12-a the following new section:

3 228:12-b Noise Barrier Construction Fund.

4 I. Provided there are sufficient turnpike toll credits for the state match for the federal
5 apportionment totals for 5 years based on the current federal fiscal year and the preceding 4 federal
6 fiscal years, the commissioner is authorized in his or her discretion to sell up to \$10,000,000 per year
7 in turnpike toll credits in compliance with federal rules and regulations and turnpike covenants,
8 said sale being subject to the approval of the fiscal committee of the general court and the joint
9 legislative capital project overview committee.

10 II. The revenue from the sale of the turnpike toll credits shall be deposited into a restricted
11 fund to be established and known as the noise barrier construction fund, said revenue to be
12 nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department of transportation. Expenditures from
13 the noise barrier construction fund made by the commissioner being subject to the approval of the
14 fiscal committee of the general court and the joint legislative capital project overview committee.

15 III. The commissioner is authorized to use said revenue for the design and construction of
16 noise barrier projects that meet the Type II noise barrier criteria set forth in the department's Policy
17 and Procedural Guidelines for the Assessment and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise for Type I &
18 Type II Projects, as updated and amended. The commissioner may consider additional authorized
19 adjustment factors for the determination of eligibility after consultation with an affected community
20 concerning impacts to the community.

21 2 New Subparagraph; Dedicated Account; Noise Barrier Construction Fund. Amend RSA 6:12,
22 I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph:

23 (400) Moneys in the noise barrier construction fund, established in RSA 228:12-b.

24 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

SB 152-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable		
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	Highway Fund, Federal Funds			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable		
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Highway Fund, Federal Funds			
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 authorizes the sale of turnpike toll credits, with proceeds deposited into a newly established dedicated fund specifically to be used for the design and construction of noise barriers. The Department of Transportation states this bill’s fiscal impact is indeterminable as it states there is currently no federal authority or marketplace setup for the sale of turnpike toll credits. Any impact this bill may have on state revenue or expenditures is indeterminable.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Transportation