

SB 266-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL        **266-FN**

AN ACT            relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.

SPONSORS:        Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

COMMITTEE:      Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill further specifies requirements for reinstatement of a youth operator's license.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to safety and accountability of drivers under 18 years of age.

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

1       1 Youth Operator License; Suspension or Revocation. Amend RSA 263:14, III(b) to  
2 read as follows:

3               (b) The periods of suspension or revocation set forth in subparagraph III(a) of this  
4 section shall be as follows:

5                       (1) For a first offense, ***a minimum of 20 days, but not more than 40 days.***

6                       (2) For a second offense, ***a minimum of 45 days, but not more than 90 days.***

7                       (3) For a third or subsequent offense, ***a minimum of 90 days, but not more than***  
8 ***180 days. A condition of license reinstatement for a person convicted of a third or***  
9 ***subsequent offense is the successful completion of an approved in-person driver program in***  
10 ***accordance with Saf-C 212.08, regardless of the speeds traveled for each offense.***

11       2 License Reissuance. Amend RSA 263:14, V to read as follows:

12               V. In addition to the other requirements of this section, the holder of a youth operator's  
13 license who is convicted of an offense under RSA 265-A, ***265:79, or convicted of a violation of***  
14 ***RSA 265:60 in excess of 30 miles per hour above the posted speed limit,*** shall not be eligible for  
15 reissuance of a license [~~prior to the age of 21 unless the person satisfies the director after an~~  
16 ~~administrative hearing that the person will drive in a safe manner if the license is issued]~~ ***for a***  
17 ***minimum of 90 days, consecutive to any court-imposed license suspension, and until the***  
18 ***person has completed an approved in-person driver attitude program in accordance with***  
19 ***Saf-C 212.08. Should the license holder complete the program during the period of***  
20 ***suspension, up to 60 days of the suspension may be stayed until they turn 21, so long as they***  
21 ***have no further motor vehicle moving violations. As an additional requirement for***  
22 ***reinstatement, the director may require the license holder to attend an additional hearing***  
23 ***and demonstrate to the director's satisfaction that they will operate a motor vehicle in a***  
24 ***safe and lawful manner.*** The director may place such restrictions on any license so issued as the  
25 director deems in the best interest of public safety.

26               VI. ***Any law enforcement agency that makes an arrest or issues a summons for a***  
27 ***youth operator violation of RSA 265-A, RSA 265:79, or RSA 265:60 in excess of 30 miles per***  
28 ***hour above the posted speed limit, shall submit a DSMV 384 request for administrative***  
29 ***action to the director within 10 days of the violation.***

30       3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**SB 266-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
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	\$15,000	\$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			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$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 modifies the requirements for reinstatement of a youth operator's license. The Department of Safety states it would incur one-time system programming costs of \$15,000 in FY 2026 to reflect the changes in this bill.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Safety