SB 191-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL ***191-FN***

AN ACT relative to registration of vehicles in a fleet of 25 or more.

SPONSORS: Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Rep. Ohm, Hills. 10; Rep. S. Smith, Sull. 3; Rep. Packard, Rock. 16; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a 5-year fleet vehicle registration program in the division of motor vehicles for fleets of 25 vehicles or more.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to registration of vehicles in a fleet of 25 or more.

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

1 New Section; Five-Year Fleet Registration Program. Amend RSA 261 by inserting after section 140-d the following new section:

140-e Five-Year Fleet Registration Program.

I. The division of motor vehicles shall establish a 5-year registration program whereby qualified registrants, according to paragraph II, may elect a common quinquennial expiration date for all vehicles in the same fleet. Motor vehicles registered pursuant to the 5-year fleet registration program shall be issued registration credentials for a period of 5 years. A registrant may transfer a registration of a permanently retired fleet vehicle to a new in-service fleet vehicle for the remaining period of registration.

II. The 5-year fleet registration program shall be solely for the registration of a fleet of 25 or more in-service vehicles. Prior to fleet registration, a prospective registrant shall submit a current New Hampshire certificate of good standing issued by the secretary of state's office to the division of motor vehicles and receive the division's approval to enroll in the program. Once enrolled in the program, a registrant shall annually submit a current certificate of good standing as directed by the division. Additionally, the division may require a registrant to produce a current certificate of good standing at any time during the 5-year period of registration. If a registrant is not in good standing with the secretary of state or fails to meet other enrollment criteria set by the division of motor vehicles, including failing to maintain an in-service fleet of 25 or more vehicles, the division shall terminate the registrant's fleet registration and revert any existing registration credentials to those of a non-fleet vehicle.

III. Upon application, and then annually at a time prescribed by the division, the prospective registrant shall provide an itemized account of all motor vehicles in the fleet in the manner required by the division. The division shall calculate and collect both the state and municipal portions of fees for the entire 5 year period, based on rate and fee calculations under RSA 261:141, RSA 261:74-d, RSA 261:153, and RSA 154, if applicable. If the fleet registration is governed by the International Registration Plan (IRP), the costs and fees shall be determined according to the IRP. A municipality shall report any mill rate and fee updates to the division of motor vehicles annually on May 1. The division of motor vehicles shall disburse the municipal portions of the fees and costs collected upon registration to the appropriate municipality within 30 days of receipt. Any vehicle added to the fleet after the initial fleet registration and that is not to be registered under a transfer shall have its registration prorated from date of registration transfer until the common expiration date, and shall have as its base municipality the municipality in which the vehicle is parked overnight 50 percent or more of the time. No registrant shall be eligible for a refund of any kind for registrations under this section.

IV. Off highway recreational vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1 and snowmobiles as defined in RSA 259:102 shall not be not eligible for fleet vehicle registration.

V. The director of the division of motor vehicles shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A regarding enrollment and cancellation of enrollment in the program, filing, invoicing, and payment procedures under the program, and any other matters required for program administration under this section.

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

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SB 191-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**
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures*	$0	$25,000	$0	$0
Funding Source(s)	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			
Appropriations*	$0	$0	$0	$0
Funding Source(s)	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill** ***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes a fleet registration program for registrants with a fleet of 25 or more vehicles to register for a 5-year period. All fees associated with the municipal and state portions of the registration will be collected at the state level and appropriate fees dispersed to the proper municipalities as shown on the registration. For this fiscal note, it is assumed this bill will have no impact on state and local revenue related to vehicle registrations, as only the timing of payments would be changed, not the amounts. The Department of Safety states there would be a one-time cost of $25,000 in FY 2026 to make necessary system changes to reflect this bill.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety