



OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2025-221

Rule Number: Saf-C 1806.06

1. **Agency:** Department of Safety, Commissioner
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301
2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 21:P-14, IV
3. **Federal Authority:** N/A
4. **Action(s):** Readoption w/Amendment
5. **Short Title:** Road Skills Examination Vehicle
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

The Department of Safety is proposing to readopt with amendment Saf-C 1806.06, rules for commercial driver's license road tests. The current rule requires the road test vehicle to have undergone a recent safety inspection and bear the associated sticker. However, Laws 2025, Ch. 141:253 eliminated the requirement for safety inspections.

The proposed rule requires the vehicle used for a road test be safe and roadworthy. The road test examiner may assess the vehicle for obvious problems which may render the vehicle unsafe. This requirement is pursuant to the Commissioner's rulemaking authority and RSA 263:82, I(c)-II, which says that laws related to commercial driver licensing "should be liberally constructed to promote the public healthy, safety, and welfare." Promotion of public safety may require a road test vehicle be safe and roadworthy.

The proposed rule also requires the applicant maintain "full manual control of the vehicle at all times during the examination." That is, the applicant cannot use automated

assistance such as lane detection, cruise control, or other features of newer vehicles. This requirement ensures the applicant can drive and control the vehicle, rather than rendering the examination a test of a vehicle's safety features.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

People applying for commercial driver licenses and Department of Safety road test examiners.

6. **(c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:**

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Saf-C 1806.06	RSA 21-P:14, IV(m); RSA 263:82; RSA 263:87; RSA 263:98, III

7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

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8. **Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:**

Monday, November 10, 2025

- Fax
- Email Shaun.M.Filiault@dos.nh.gov
- Other

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**

Date: Friday, October 31, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Department of Safety
Second Floor Conference Room
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS #: 25:211, dated: 2025-09-24

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposal does not create a new program or responsibility. Although the proposal modifies a program or responsibility, it does not modify it in such a way as to mandate or assign this program or responsibility to any political subdivision so as to increase the costs a political subdivision must pay.