

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**05/30/25**

**SENATE FINANCE - 2025 BUDGET RECAP SHEET**

Department of Revenue Administration	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2555s, Page 6</b> Amends sections 177-180, by changing the split of business taxes, tobacco taxes, and real estate transfer tax from 70% GF / 30% ETF (as passed by the House) to 64.5% GF / 35.5% ETF.  <b>THIS AMENDMENT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR A GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND.</b>	Senator Lang	GF-REV	\$0	(\$75,200,000)	(\$74,400,000)	(\$149,600,000)	Hold - Lang
		ETF-REV	\$0	\$75,200,000	\$74,400,000	\$149,600,000	
		TOT-REV	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Housing Appeals Board	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2551s, Page 7</b> Amends sections 298-300, relative to the HAB being administratively attached to the BTLA and allowing staff of each board to support each other.	Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

Department of Corrections	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 1 Amendment #2025-2545s, Page 9</b> Restores position #41532 in AU 6635, Warehouse	Senator Watters	GF	\$ -	\$ 114,708	\$ 117,595	\$ 232,303	New
<b>2. HB 1 Amendment #2025-2554s, Page 10</b> Restores position #42270, in AU 8231, Mental Health	Senator Watters	GF	\$ -	\$ 104,105	\$ 105,412	\$ 209,517	New
<b>3. HB 1 Amendment #2025-2560s, Page 11</b> -Restores position #12879 in AU 3372, NH State Prison for Men. -Restores position #19938 in AU 5172, Shea Farm. -Restore Positions # 41465 and #44283 in AU 6820, Programs. -Restore Position #16929 in AU 7874, Calumet House. -Restore Position #42271 in AU 8235, Residential Treatment Program.	Senator Watters	GF	\$ -	\$ 752,723	\$ 770,617	\$ 1,523,340	New

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<b>Department of Environmental Services</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2052s, Page 12</b> Appropriates \$5,000,000 per a year for State aid grant wastewater infrastructure projects.	Senator Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000	Hold - Rosenwald
<b>2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1896s, Page 13</b> Amends section 217 and 218 by reducing dam fees by 50% compared to HB 2. With the increase in the dam fee, DES moved positions off of General Funds and instead fund them with the fee increase.	Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$329,090	\$335,200	\$664,290	Hold - Lang
<b>3a. HB 2 Amendment # 2025-2504s, Page 14</b> Amends section 222, relative to Solid Waste Management Fund providing quarterly payments, versus annual payments to NH municipalities to offset associated with solid waste disposal surcharge and reduces civil penalty.	Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Pearl
<b>3b. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2559s, Page 17</b> Amends section 222, relative to the Solid Waste Management Fund, by revising the surcharge remittal process, requiring quarterly rather than annual payments to New Hampshire municipalities to offset costs associated with the solid waste disposal surcharge, and reduces the applicable civil penalty.	Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
<b>4. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Section 17 and 18 relative to the Solid Waste Facility Site Evaluation Committee and Solid Waste Evaluation Committee Fund.	Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Pearl

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Department of Safety	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1a. HB 1 Change / Surplus Statement Adjustment</b> To reflect the deletion of sections 352-362, relative to motor vehicle inspections, restore eight (8) positions in Commercial Enforcement (AU 2305, compare page 574). Associated revenue adjustment will be made on general fund and highway fund surplus statements. In total, there is a net benefit, when compared to House budget, of approximately \$119K to the general fund and \$3.96M to the highway fund over the biennium.	Commissioner Robert Quinn / Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$108,544	\$222,620	\$331,164	Hold - Pearl
		HWY	\$0	\$325,630	\$667,860	\$993,490	
		<b>TOT</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$434,174</b>	<b>\$890,480</b>	<b>\$1,324,654</b>	
		GF-REV	\$0	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$450,000	
		HWY-REV	\$0	\$1,650,000	\$3,300,000	\$4,950,000	
		<b>TOT-REV</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>	<b>\$5,400,000</b>	
		<b>GF-NET (Benefit)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$41,456</b>	<b>\$77,380</b>	<b>\$118,836</b>	
		<b>HWY-NET (Benefit)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,324,370</b>	<b>\$2,632,140</b>	<b>\$3,956,510</b>	
		<b>TOT-NET (Benefit)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,365,826</b>	<b>\$2,709,520</b>	<b>\$4,075,346</b>	
<b>1b. HB 1 Change / HB 1 Amendment #2025-2542s, Page 20 / HB 2 Amendment #2025-2532s, Page 21/ Surplus Statement</b> Relative to motor vehicle inspections, restore eight (8) positions in Commercial Enforcement (AU 2305, compare page 574). Associated revenue adjustment will be made on general fund and highway fund surplus statements. In total, there is a net benefit, when compared to House budget, of approximately \$105K to the general fund and \$3.8M to the highway fund over the biennium.	Senator Pearl / Senator Innis / Senator Lang / Senator Watters	GF	\$0	\$108,544	\$222,620	\$331,164	NEW
		HWY	\$0	\$325,630	\$667,860	\$993,490	
		<b>TOT</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$434,174</b>	<b>\$890,480</b>	<b>\$1,324,654</b>	
		GF-REV	\$0	\$145,500	\$291,000	\$436,500	
		HWY-REV	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$3,200,000	\$4,800,000	
		<b>TOT-REV</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,745,500</b>	<b>\$3,491,000</b>	<b>\$5,236,500</b>	
		<b>GF-NET (Benefit)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$36,956</b>	<b>\$68,380</b>	<b>\$105,336</b>	
		<b>HWY-NET (Benefit)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,274,370</b>	<b>\$2,532,140</b>	<b>\$3,806,510</b>	
		<b>TOT-NET (Benefit)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,311,326</b>	<b>\$2,600,520</b>	<b>\$3,911,846</b>	

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<b>DHHS - Division of Behavioral Health</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 1 Change Request</b> Fund the Choose Love program at \$150,000 per year. (DHHS request; AU 6384, Compare Page 1277)	Nathan White, CFO	GF	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	New
<b>DHHS - Office of the Commissioner</b> <b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2552s (Replaces 2251s), Page 30</b> Add funds for a contract to assist with elimination of the backlog in Medicaid long-term care eligibility determinations. Partially offset costs by temporarily increasing the annual nursing home license fee from \$25 to \$80, expected to raise approximately \$300,000 per year, resulting in a net cost of \$2.4 million over the biennium.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	Hold (new amendment #) - Gray
		GF Revenue - License Fees	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000	
<b>2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2472s, Page 31</b> Increase various license fees in statute, and direct DHHS to increase various other fees in administrative rule. DHHS has stated that the amendment will generate other revenue of \$300,000 in FY26 and \$500,000 in FY27.	Sen. Gray	Other Revenue - License Fees	\$0	\$300,000	\$500,000	\$800,000	New

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<b>DHHS - Division of Medicaid Services</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2067s, Page 33</b> Delete sections 107 and 108, directing DHHS to institute premiums for those enrolled in the Granite Advantage and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP). Cost shown here reflects premium revenue assumptions included in the governor's recommended and House-passed budgets.	Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$3,300,000	\$23,000,000	\$26,300,000	Hold - Gray
<b>2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2548s, Page 34</b> Establish premiums for the CHIP and Granite Advantage populations that are fixed dollar amounts, rather than a percentage of income. Per DHHS, the CHIP premiums will generate the same revenue as in the House-passed budget, whereas the Granite Advantage premiums will generate \$7 million less in FY27.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	New
<b>3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2254s, Page 36</b> Require DHHS to ensure rate parity for all Medicaid state plan case management services.	Sen. Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Gray
<b>DHHS - Division of Long-Term Supports and Services</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2525s, Page 37</b> Incorporate SB 125, relative to long-term care eligibility.	Sen. Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Gray

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 177-180 with the following:  
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- 3 177 Business Profits Tax; Distribution of Funds. Amend RSA 77-A:20-a, I to read as follows:  
4 I. The commissioner shall determine [44] **35.5** percent of the revenue produced by the tax  
5 imposed by RSA 77-A:2 for each fiscal year and shall certify such amounts to the state treasurer by  
6 October 1 of that year for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.  
7 178 Business Enterprise Tax; Distribution of Funds. Amend RSA 77-E:14, I to read as follows:  
8 I. The commissioner shall determine [44] **35.5** percent of the revenue produced by the tax  
9 imposed by RSA 77-E:2 for each fiscal year and shall certify such amounts to the state treasurer by  
10 October 1 of that year for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.  
11 179 Tobacco Tax; Distribution of Funds. RSA 78:24 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:  
12 78:24 Distribution of Funds.  
13 I. Tax revenue on all tobacco products sold at retail in this state imposed by RSA 78:2 shall  
14 be divided with 35.5 percent of that total revenue deposited in the education trust fund established  
15 by RSA 198:39 and the remaining revenue deposited in the general fund.  
16 II. The commissioner shall certify such amount to the state treasurer for deposit in the  
17 education trust fund established by RSA 198:39. Such estimates shall be certified on June 1,  
18 September 1, December 1, and March 1 of each year.  
19 180 Tax on Transfer of Real Property; Distribution of Funds. RSA 78-B:13, I, is repealed and  
20 reenacted to read as follows:  
21 I. Tax revenue collected by RSA 78-B:1 shall be divided, with 35.5 percent of that total  
22 revenue deposited in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39 and the remaining revenue  
23 deposited in the general fund.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6  
May 29, 2025  
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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 298-300 with the following:  
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3 298 Board Established. Amend RSA 679:1 to read as follows:  
4 679:1 Board Established. There is hereby established a housing appeals board, hereinafter  
5 referred to as the board, which shall be composed of [3] 2 members who shall individually and  
6 collectively be learned and experienced in questions of land use law or housing development or both.  
7 At least one member shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of New Hampshire,  
8 and [~~at least one member~~] **the other** shall be either a professional engineer or land surveyor. The  
9 members of the board shall be full-time employees and shall not engage in any other employment,  
10 appointments, or duties during their terms that is in conflict with their duties as members of the  
11 board.  
12 299 New Section; Administrative Attachment. Amend RSA 679 by inserting after section 1 the  
13 following new section:  
14 679:1-a Housing Appeals Board; Administrative Attachment. The housing appeals board shall  
15 be administratively attached to the board of tax and land appeals for budgetary and administrative  
16 purposes, in accordance with RSA 21-G:10. Staff for each board may provide support for either  
17 board, as is deemed necessary by each board.  
18 300 Appointment; Term; Chair. RSA 679:2 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:  
19 679:2 Appointment; Term; Chair. The members of the housing appeals board shall serve at the  
20 pleasure of the governor and council, rather than fixed terms. The governor and council shall  
21 appoint board members and designate one member as chair, who shall serve in that capacity at the  
22 discretion of the appointing authority.  
23 301 New Section; Tie Vote; Resolution. Amend RSA 679 by inserting after section 9 the  
24 following new section:  
25 679:9-a Tie Vote; Resolution. In the event of a tie vote between the 2 members of the housing  
26 appeals board, a third, temporary voting member shall be selected from among the sitting members  
27 of the board of tax and land appeals, who shall cast the deciding vote on the matter. The selection  
28 shall be made in rotation among available members of the board of tax and land appeals.  
29 302 Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Membership. Amend RSA 71-B:2 to read as follows:  
30 71-B:2 Appointment; Term; Chairman. [~~The members of the board shall be appointed by the~~  
31 ~~governor and executive council for a term of 5 years and until their successors are appointed and~~  
32 ~~qualified; provided, however, that any vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term.]~~

1 ***The members of the board shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and council, rather***  
2 ***than fixed terms.*** The governor and council shall appoint one member as chairman to serve in that  
3 capacity for the duration of his or her term. The executive council shall hold a hearing prior to  
4 confirmation according to the procedures under RSA 4:44.

5 303 Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Quorum. Amend RSA 71-B:6, I to read as follows:

6 I. In all matters except in hearings and decisions relating to all taxation and eminent  
7 domain matters, a majority of the board shall constitute a quorum to transact business. In hearings  
8 and decisions in all taxation and eminent domain appeals, the board may sit with a quorum of 2;  
9 provided, however, that if the 2 members cannot reach a consensus on the decision, a third member  
10 shall review the record and participate in the decision, and the decision of the majority of the 3 shall  
11 constitute the board's decision. ***The third member may be a temporary voting member selected***  
12 ***from among the sitting members of the housing appeals board, with the selection of the***  
13 ***member being be made in rotation among available members of the housing appeals board.***

Sen. Watters, Dist 4  
May 29, 2025  
2025-2545s  
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Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend section 5, paragraph X of the bill by replacing subparagraph (k) with the following:
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- 3 (k) Accounting Unit #6635 Warehouse: 18848.

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Sen. Watters, Dist 4  
May 29, 2025  
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Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 5, paragraph X(q) with the following:
- 2
- 3 (q) Accounting Unit #8231 Mental Health: 16277, 19559, 41462, 41501, 41502, 41504.

Amendment to HB 1-A

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 5, paragraph X with the following:

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3 X. Department of Corrections. The following position numbers are hereby abolished:

4 (a) Accounting Unit #7101 Commissioner's Office: 42238.

5 (b) Accounting Unit #8338 Victim Services Coordinator: 42282.

6 (c) Accounting Unit #8300 Financial Services: 12983.

7 (d) Accounting Unit #5731 Correctional Industries Inventory: 12888, 12907.

8 (e) Accounting Unit #3372 NH State Prison for Men: 12821, 12882, 16320, 16913,  
9 40748.

10 (f) Accounting Unit #3373 Northern NH Correctional Facility: 41503.

11 (g) Accounting Unit #3374 NH Correctional Facility/Women: 40724.

12 (h) Accounting Unit #6632 Maintenance: 12894, 40167, 44336.

13 (i) Accounting Unit #6633 Laundry: 16811.

14 (j) Accounting Unit #6634 Kitchen: 18813.

15 (k) Accounting Unit #6635 Warehouse: 18848, 41532.

16 (l) Accounting Unit #8302 District Offices: 12829, 12845, 18563, 30356, 40899, 17428.

17 (m) Accounting Unit #4106 Concord Transitional Work Center: 12827.

18 (n) Accounting Unit #6820 Programs: 12901, 12937, 18809, 19552, 19564, 40719, 41315,  
19 42240, 42250, 42263, 44329, 44334.

20 (o) Accounting Unit #8231 Mental Health: 16277, 19559, 41462, 41501, 41502, 41504,  
21 42270.

22 (p) Accounting Unit #8234 Medical - Dental: 19536, 30352, 40709, 41497, 41522.

23 (q) Accounting Unit #8235 Residential Treatment Program: 30365.

24 (r) Accounting Unit #8236 Pharmacy: 9U662.

25 (s) Accounting Unit #6528 Employee Development: 42283.

26 (t) Accounting Unit #6529 Human Resources: 12805, 13028, 18180, 19901, 42269.

27 (u) Accounting Unit #6531 Business Information Unit: 30347, 44333.

28 (v) Accounting Unit #5929 Professional Standards: 12899, 9U548.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
May 9, 2025  
2025-2052s  
07/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Department of Environmental Services; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the  
2 department of environmental services the sum of \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
3 and the sum of \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, which shall be nonlapsing, for  
4 the purpose of making payments to communities for projects that have previously been awarded  
5 state aid grant funding for eligible and completed wastewater infrastructure projects, per RSA 486,  
6 as approved by the governor and executive council. Any remaining funds not used for making  
7 payments on existing grants may be used to award new grants. The governor is authorized to draw  
8 a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Appropriates funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of making payments to communities for projects that have previously been awarded state aid grant funding for eligible and completed wastewater infrastructure projects.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 217 and 218 with the following:  
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- 3 217 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Annual Registration Fee.  
4 Amend RSA 482:8-a to read as follows:  
5 482:8-a Annual Registration Fee. Annual registration fees for dams shall be payable to the  
6 department on January 1 of each calendar year. Yearly dam registration fees shall be based on  
7 classification as follows: Low hazard potential = [~~\$400~~] **\$600**; Significant hazard potential = [~~\$750~~]  
8 **\$1,125**; High hazard potential = [~~\$1,500~~] **\$2,250**. If the hazard classification designated by the  
9 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a dam differs from the classification designated by the  
10 department, the annual dam registration fees shall be based on the classification designated by the  
11 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission except that a dam which is classified as a non-menace dam  
12 by the department shall be exempt from the annual dam registration fee for as long as the dam is  
13 classified by the department as a non-menace dam. Revenues from this annual registration are to be  
14 collected by the department and deposited in the dam maintenance fund established in RSA 482:55  
15 to be used for the inspection of dams.
- 16 218 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Preliminary Filing of  
17 Information. Amend RSA 482:9, II(a)-(d) to read as follows:  
18 (a) Non-hazard potential dam [~~\$2,000~~] **\$3,000**  
19 (b) Low hazard potential dam [~~\$3,000~~] **\$4,500**  
20 (c) Significant hazard potential dam [~~\$4,000~~] **\$6,000**  
21 (d) High hazard potential dam [~~\$4,000~~] **\$6,000**

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 222 with the following:

2

3 222 Public Health; Solid Waste Management Fund. RSA 149-R:4-6 are repealed and reenacted  
4 to read as follows:

5 149-R:4 Purpose and Use of the Fund.

6 I. The fund shall be used to support the administration and implementation of the  
7 department's solid waste technical assistance, planning, regulatory and permitting activities,  
8 including, but not limited to, waste reduction and diversion technical assistance, reducing the  
9 expense to municipalities of hazardous waste materials disposal and recycling, long term solid waste  
10 management planning, education and outreach efforts, and administration of payments in  
11 accordance with paragraphs II and III.

12 II. The fund shall be used to provide quarterly payments to New Hampshire municipalities  
13 for source reduction and recycling efforts to offset payments made by the municipality associated  
14 with the solid waste disposal surcharge established under RSA 149-R:5, based upon the tonnage of  
15 solid waste for which the municipality was financially responsible for disposal at a New Hampshire  
16 landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. Administration of the payment program shall be in  
17 accordance with procedures established by rulemaking under the authority of RSA 149-R:6, IV and  
18 V. Such rulemaking shall specifically address the unique circumstances for municipalities that own  
19 and operate a facility that is subject to RSA 149-R:5, or that are part of a solid waste district that  
20 owns and operates such a facility, to ensure that the costs incurred by those municipalities are offset  
21 consistent with this chapter.

22 III. The fund shall be used to provide matching grant funding to New Hampshire  
23 municipalities, private entities, and businesses for projects that will provide a demonstrated,  
24 significant improvement in waste diversion methods and contribute to a reduction of wastes,  
25 including hazardous waste materials, requiring disposal, including a regional or municipal materials  
26 recovery facility operated by a public or private entity, and other regional recycling efforts.

27 IV. The fund may be used to hire consultants or contractors, or to pay other necessary  
28 expenses directly associated with approved activities in this chapter.

29 V. The department is authorized to solicit funds from any source, including the United  
30 States Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, gifts, donations of money,  
31 grants, legislative appropriations, or any matching funds and incentives. Notwithstanding RSA 4:8

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- 1 and RSA 14:30, VI, the commissioner may accept and deposit such funds directly into the solid waste  
2 management fund to be used for the purpose described in RSA 149-R:4.
- 3 149-R:5 Solid Waste Disposal Surcharge.
- 4 I. Beginning January 1, 2026, solid waste disposed of at a New Hampshire landfill,  
5 incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility shall be subject to a surcharge at the rate of \$3.50 per ton.  
6 Notwithstanding RSA 149-M:4, XXII, materials used as cover material at landfills shall not be  
7 subject to the surcharge.
- 8 II. Such surcharge shall be paid quarterly to the department by each holder of a permit  
9 issued pursuant to RSA 149-M for a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility  
10 for the solid waste disposed at such facility, on forms and with supporting documentation as  
11 provided for in rulemaking conducted pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, I, II, and III.
- 12 III. The first payment of the surcharge shall be due to the department no later than April  
13 30, 2026 and within 30 days of each quarter's end thereafter.
- 14 IV. The department shall deposit surcharges collected under this section into the fund.
- 15 V. Failure to pay surcharges within 30 days of the date due shall result in the assessment of  
16 interest at a rate established by rule pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, VII. The commissioner may waive  
17 all or any portion of interest for good cause. The department shall deposit interest collected under  
18 this section into the fund.
- 19 149-R:6 Rulemaking. The commissioner shall adopt rules, after public hearing and pursuant to  
20 RSA 541-A, relative to:
- 21 I. The time, amount, and manner of payment of solid waste disposal surcharges.
- 22 II. Required records to be kept by facility permit holders of the type and quantity of solid  
23 waste disposed.
- 24 III. Certified reports required to be submitted with surcharge payments by facility permit  
25 holders.
- 26 IV. The time, amount, and manner of payments to New Hampshire municipalities pursuant  
27 to RSA 149-R:4, II.
- 28 V. Certified reports required to be submitted by municipalities requesting payments  
29 pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.
- 30 VI. Administering matching grants pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, III.
- 31 VII. Establishment of the interest rate applied to late payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:5,  
32 V.
- 33 149-R:7 Penalties and Other Enforcement.
- 34 I. Any person who violates any of the provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under  
35 this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation. Each day a  
36 surcharge is not paid after it is due in accordance with RSA 149-R:5, III shall be a separate violation.

- 1           II. In addition to an action to recover unpaid surcharges and interest owed, any violation of  
2 the provisions of this chapter or of any rule adopted under this chapter, may be enjoined by the  
3 superior court upon application of the attorney general.
- 4           III. The provisions of RSA 7:15-a shall not apply to the collection of unpaid surcharges, and  
5 all money collected under this section shall be deposited into the fund.
- 6           149-R:8 Biennial Report. The department shall include in its biennial report required under  
7 RSA 149-M:29, II, information relative to the activities and finances of the solid waste management  
8 fund.

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4 to read as follows:

5 149-R:4 Purpose and Use of the Fund.

6 I. The fund shall be used to support the administration and implementation of the  
7 department's solid waste technical assistance, planning, regulatory and permitting activities,  
8 including, but not limited to, waste reduction and diversion technical assistance, reducing the  
9 expense to municipalities of hazardous waste materials disposal and recycling, long term solid waste  
10 management planning, education and outreach efforts, and administration of payments in  
11 accordance with paragraphs II and III.

12 II. The fund shall be used to provide quarterly payments to New Hampshire municipalities  
13 for source reduction and recycling efforts to offset payments made by the municipality associated  
14 with the solid waste disposal surcharge established under RSA 149-R:5, based upon the tonnage of  
15 solid waste for which the municipality was financially responsible for disposal at a New Hampshire  
16 landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. Administration of the payment program shall be in  
17 accordance with procedures established by rulemaking under the authority of RSA 149-R:6, IV and  
18 V. Such rulemaking shall specifically address the unique circumstances for municipalities that own  
19 and operate a facility that is subject to RSA 149-R:5, or that are part of a solid waste district that  
20 owns and operates such a facility, to ensure that the costs incurred by those municipalities are offset  
21 consistent with this chapter.

22 III. The fund shall be used to provide matching grant funding to New Hampshire  
23 municipalities, private entities, and businesses for projects that will provide a demonstrated,  
24 significant improvement in waste diversion methods and contribute to a reduction of wastes,  
25 including hazardous waste materials, requiring disposal, including a regional or municipal materials  
26 recovery facility operated by a public or private entity, and other regional recycling efforts.

27 IV. The fund may be used to hire consultants or contractors, or to pay other necessary  
28 expenses directly associated with approved activities in this chapter.

29 V. The department is authorized to solicit funds from any source, including the United  
30 States Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, gifts, donations of money,  
31 grants, legislative appropriations, or any matching funds and incentives. Notwithstanding RSA 4:8

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1 and RSA 14:30, VI, the commissioner may accept and deposit such funds directly into the solid waste  
2 management fund to be used for the purpose described in RSA 149-R:4.

3 149-R:5 Solid Waste Disposal Surcharge.

4 I. Beginning January 1, 2026, solid waste disposed of at a New Hampshire landfill,  
5 incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility shall be subject to a surcharge at the rate of \$3.50 per ton.  
6 Notwithstanding RSA 149-M:4, XXII, materials used as cover at landfills shall not be subject to the  
7 surcharge.

8 II. Such surcharge shall be paid by the customer of a facility that holds a permit issued  
9 pursuant to RSA 149-M for a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. This  
10 surcharge will be paid by the customer in addition to any other disposal tipping fee collected by the  
11 disposal facility, and such disposal facility shall remit the surcharge quarterly to the department on  
12 forms and with supporting documentation as provided for in rulemaking conducted pursuant to RSA  
13 149-R:6, I, II, and III.

14 III. The first payment of the surcharge shall be due to the department no later than April  
15 30, 2026, and within 30 days of each quarter's end thereafter.

16 IV. The department shall deposit surcharges collected under this section into the fund.

17 V. Failure to pay surcharges within 30 days of the date due shall result in the assessment of  
18 interest at a rate established by rule pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, VII. The commissioner may waive all  
19 or any portion of interest for good cause. The department shall deposit interest collected under this  
20 section into the fund.

21 149-R:6 Rulemaking. The commissioner shall adopt rules, after public hearing and pursuant to  
22 RSA 541-A, relative to:

23 I. The time, amount, and manner of payment of solid waste disposal surcharges.

24 II. Required records to be kept by facility permit holders of the type and quantity of solid  
25 waste disposed.

26 III. Certified reports required to be submitted with surcharge payments by facility permit  
27 holders.

28 IV. The time, amount, and manner of payments to New Hampshire municipalities pursuant  
29 to RSA 149-R:4, II.

30 V. Certified reports required to be submitted by municipalities requesting payments  
31 pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.

32 VI. Administering matching grants pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, III.

33 VII. Establishment of the interest rate applied to late payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:5,

34 V.

35 149-R:7 Penalties and Other Enforcement.

- 1 I. Any person who violates any of the provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under  
2 this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation. Each day a  
3 surcharge is not paid after it is due in accordance with RSA 149-R:5, III shall be a separate violation.
- 4 II. In addition to an action to recover unpaid surcharges and interest owed, any violation of  
5 the provisions of this chapter or of any rule adopted under this chapter, may be enjoined by the  
6 superior court upon application of the attorney general.
- 7 III. The provisions of RSA 7:15-a shall not apply to the collection of unpaid surcharges, and  
8 all money collected under this section shall be deposited into the fund.
- 9 149-R:8 Biennial Report. The department shall include in its biennial report required under  
10 RSA 149-M:29, II, information relative to the activities and finances of the solid waste management  
11 fund.

Sen. Pearl, Dist 17  
May 29, 2025  
2025-2542s  
07/05

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend section 5 of the bill by deleting paragraph XIV, relative to department of safety abolished
- 2 positions.

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Sen. Pearl, Dist 17  
Sen. Innis, Dist 7  
Sen. Lang, Dist 2  
Sen. Watters, Dist 4  
May 28, 2025  
2025-2532s  
09/08

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1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 352-362 with the following:

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3 1 Inspections Authorized. Amend RSA 266:1, I to read as follows:

4 I. The director may require the inspection of any vehicle, except an OHRV, snowmobile,  
5 moped, roadable aircraft, or any other vehicle exempted under this chapter, to determine whether it  
6 is fit to be driven. Such inspection shall be made at such times and in such manner as the director  
7 may specify, subject to the requirements set forth in this section, **and shall consist of an**  
8 **examination of:**

9 (a) *The registration certificate;*

10 (b) *The vehicle identification number;*

11 (c) *The steering and suspension systems;*

12 (d) *The braking system, odometer and speedometer;*

13 (e) *The horn;*

14 (f) *The starter safety switch;*

15 (g) *The reverse gear and parking position;*

16 (h) *The lights and reflectors, including headlight aim;*

17 (i) *The glass, glazing, and mirrors;*

18 (j) *The windshield wipers and defroster;*

19 (k) *The exhaust system;*

20 (l) *The body, chassis, and bumper height;*

21 (m) *The fuel system; and*

22 (n) *The tires and wheels.*

23 ***I-a. Except for commercial motor vehicles and school buses, and notwithstanding***  
24 ***the provisions of RSA 266:59, an inspection shall ensure the vehicle's compliance with***  
25 ***applicable safety and operational standards. Items identified as mandatory failure items***  
26 ***shall require the vehicle to fail inspection if objective, measurable safety defects are found,***  
27 ***as set forth in this chapter. Items identified as advisory-only shall require the inspector to***  
28 ***document and disclose deficiencies to the vehicle owner but shall not result in a safety***  
29 ***inspection failure. No vehicle shall fail inspection except as expressly authorized by the***  
30 ***provisions of this chapter.***

1 *I-b. Except for commercial motor vehicles and school buses, and notwithstanding*  
2 *the provisions of RSA 266:59-b, vehicle inspection failures shall be limited to the vehicle*  
3 *identification number (VIN); steering and suspension; brakes; reverse gear and parking*  
4 *position; horn; starter safety switch; lights and lighting, including aim; glass; mirrors;*  
5 *wiper function and defroster; body, chassis, and bumper height; fuel system; tires and*  
6 *wheels. No component outside of those listed shall serve as grounds for failure.*

7 2 Motor Vehicle Inspection; Grace Period. Amend RSA 266:1, IV to read as follows:

8 IV. ~~[Notwithstanding paragraphs II and III]~~ *Except as provided in paragraph VIII,*  
9 newly registered vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles,  
10 mopeds, *and* roadable aircraft~~], and vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer,~~  
11 OHRVs, snowmobiles, mopeds, ~~and roadable aircraft],~~ the ownership of which has been transferred,  
12 shall be inspected not later than ~~[40]~~ *30* days after the registration or transfer of ownership of said  
13 vehicle. However, if a new vehicle is purchased at retail from a licensed dealer, as defined in RSA  
14 259:18, the vehicle shall be inspected not later than ~~[20]~~ *30* days after the date of transfer. A used  
15 vehicle for which a dealer has issued a 20-day plate pursuant to RSA 261:109 shall be inspected by  
16 the dealer or an authorized inspection station on behalf of the dealer at the time of the attachment of  
17 the plate unless a valid inspection sticker issued by the dealer is in place, in which case the vehicle  
18 shall be inspected within ~~[20]~~ *30* days or before the sticker expires, whichever occurs first. All other  
19 expired motor vehicle inspections shall be subject to the ~~[40-day]~~ *30-day* grace period in RSA 266:5.

20 3 Motor Vehicle Inspection; Motorcycle-Only Station Designation. Amend RSA 266:1, V-a to  
21 read as follows:

22 V-a. An inspection station may, upon request, be designated a "motorcycle only" inspection  
23 station. A "motorcycle only" inspection station may inspect only motorcycles~~]-and shall not be~~  
24 ~~required to conduct OBD II emission testing under RSA 266:59-b or to purchase or lease any~~  
25 ~~equipment relating to the OBD II emission testing program].~~

26 4 Motor Vehicle Inspection; Inspection Fees. Amend RSA 266:1, VII-VIIa to read as follows:

27 VII. ~~[Except as provided in paragraph XII]~~ Each inspection station shall conspicuously post  
28 on the outside of the building a sign showing the inspection fee charged ~~[and the additional fee~~  
29 ~~charged for OBD II testing under RSA 266:59-b. No inspection station shall include the cost of OBD~~  
30 ~~II testing or reporting in the inspection fee charged for a vehicle not subject to the OBD II~~  
31 ~~requirements under RSA 266:59-b].~~

32 VII-a. ~~[(a)]~~ The director is authorized to require inspection stations to submit inspection  
33 data to the department electronically, provided that if electronic submission is required the following  
34 inspection stations shall be allowed to submit inspection data electronically or on a designated  
35 schedule and form prescribed by the department:

36 ~~[(4)]~~ *(a)* Inspection stations that are authorized to inspect only motorcycles.

37 ~~[(2)]~~ [Repealed.]

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1           ~~[(3)]~~ (b) Fleet motor vehicle inspection stations ~~[for non-OBD II vehicles].~~

2           ~~[(4)]~~ (c) Municipal and county government inspection stations.

3           ~~[(b)]~~ ~~The department shall not require an inspection station to transfer inspection~~  
4           ~~information electronically for any vehicle of model year 1995 or older.]~~

5           5 Motor Vehicle Inspection; Inspection Fees. Amend RSA 266:1, VII-VIIa to read as follows:

6           (d) Each inspection station authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall conspicuously  
7           post on the outside of its vehicle or trailer a sign showing the inspection fee charged ~~and the~~  
8           ~~additional fee charged for OBD II testing under RSA 266:59-b. No inspection station authorized~~  
9           ~~pursuant to this paragraph shall include the cost of OBD II testing or reporting in the inspection fee~~  
10           ~~charged for a vehicle not subject to the OBD II requirements under RSA 266:59-b).~~

11           6 Penalty for Failing to Obey Inspection Requirements. Amend RSA 266:5 to read as follows:

12           266:5 Penalty for Failing to Obey Inspection Requirements. The driver or owner of any motor  
13           vehicle failing to comply with the requirements of the director relative to inspection shall be guilty of  
14           a violation, and the director may refuse to register, or may suspend or revoke the registration of, any  
15           motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer which has not been inspected as required or which is unsafe or  
16           unfit to be driven; provided, however, no person shall be charged with a violation of this section until  
17           a period of ~~[40]~~ 30 days has elapsed from the date the inspection was due. It shall be a rebuttable  
18           presumption that a vehicle that is required to be inspected is in violation of this section if the vehicle  
19           fails to display a valid inspection sticker. This section shall not apply to those vehicles required to be  
20           inspected under the provisions of RSA 266:1, IV. The fine for a violation of this section shall be \$60.

21           7 New Paragraphs; Inspection Upon Retail Sale. Amend RSA 266:1 by inserting after  
22           paragraph VIII the following new paragraphs:

23           VIII-a. Every new vehicle, with a certificate of origin, excluding commercial motor vehicles,  
24           school buses, shall be subject to inspection at the time of initial registration in accordance with  
25           paragraph IV, and thereafter prior to the last day of the registered owner's month of birth that  
26           occurs not more than 36 months following the date of initial registration.

27           VIII-b. The inspection sticker issued shall retain the originally scheduled expiration date  
28           corresponding to the registered owner's month of birth, provided such date does not exceed 36  
29           months from the date of initial registration. Notwithstanding paragraph VIII-a, any vehicle  
30           registered under this title, except an OHRV, snowmobile, moped, roadable aircraft, or other exempt  
31           vehicle, shall be inspected once a year, during the month in which the birth date of the owner is  
32           observed, if the owner is a natural person. An inspection sticker shall be valid for the same duration  
33           as the vehicle's registration, which shall not exceed 16 months. If the month in which the  
34           anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, an inspection sticker may  
35           be issued, with an expiration date of the birth month in the following year, of the first person named  
36           on the title application. Nothing in this paragraph shall require any person who has registered and  
37           had inspected a vehicle with temporary plates to have the vehicle reinspected upon receipt of

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1 permanent motor vehicle plates. An inspection sticker shall not expire when a vehicle is transferred  
2 to a licensed dealer.

3 8 Rust. RSA 266:3-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:  
4 266:3:a Rust.

5 I. Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with a body and frame in sound and  
6 safe condition. A vehicle operated on a way shall fail inspection as a result of body or frame-related  
7 conditions due to rust only when there is any of the following:

8 (a) A defect that permits exhaust gases to enter the passenger or cargo compartment.  
9 (b) A structural exterior panel, including doors, hood, fenders, trunk, or bumpers, that is  
10 missing, insecurely mounted, improperly latched, not at the correct height, or not constructed from  
11 materials meeting the manufacturer's specifications.

12 (c) A frame or unibody that is cracked, broken or rusted to the extent that it  
13 compromises structural integrity.

14 9 New Sections; Additional Equipment. Amend RSA 266 by inserting after section 3-a the  
15 following new sections:

16 266:3-b Starter Safety Switch. A motor vehicle shall fail inspection if it is manufactured with a  
17 starter safety switch and the engine starts with the gear selector in any position other than "park" or  
18 "neutral," or without engaging the clutch on a manual transmission.

19 266:3-c Steering and Suspension. Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a steering and  
20 suspension system in good working order. A vehicle shall only fail inspection if any component is  
21 loose beyond manufacturer tolerances; improperly secured, bent, or damaged in a way that impairs  
22 control; excessively worn, corroded, or deteriorated such that it compromises the structural integrity;  
23 or repaired or modified in a manner inconsistent with manufacturer specifications or accepted  
24 industry standards.

25 266:3-d Fuel System.

26 I. Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with a fuel system in good working  
27 order, free from leaks and maintained in such a condition that leakage is not present at any part of  
28 the system.

29 II. Fuel components shall be deemed to fail inspection only where there is evidence of  
30 leakage or improper connection in the fuel system, including lines, hoses, or tank.

31 266:3-e Reverse Gear.

32 I. All passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses shall be equipped with a functional reverse gear  
33 capable of moving the vehicle backward under its own power.

34 II. A vehicle shall fail inspection if the reverse gear is missing, inoperative, or otherwise  
35 incapable of propelling the vehicle in reverse under its own power.

36 10 Parking Brake. Amend RSA 266:27-a to read as follows:  
37 266:27-a Parking Brakes Required.

1 I. Every motor vehicle and combination of vehicles except motorcycles, farm tractors and  
2 mopeds, shall have a parking brake system adequate to hold the vehicle or combination of vehicles  
3 on any grade on which it is driven under all conditions of loading on a surface free from snow, ice or  
4 loose material, and which shall comply with performance standards issued by the director by rule  
5 adopted pursuant to RSA 260:5.

6 **II. A vehicle equipped with an automatic transmission shall only fail inspection if**  
7 **it rolls or moves when placed in the "park" position on a grade.**

8 11 Brake Performance. Amend RSA 266:28 to read as follows:

9 266:28 Brake Performance.

10 I. Every motor vehicle and every combination of motor vehicle with trailer or semi-trailer  
11 when driven upon the ways of the state shall at a speed of 20 miles per hour be capable, at all times  
12 and under all conditions of loading, of stopping on a dry, smooth, approximately level pavement free  
13 from loose material, upon application of the foot or service brake, within a distance of 30 feet.

14 **II. Braking systems shall only cause inspection failure when any component shows**  
15 **fluid leakage; lines or hoses are improperly repaired or altered; brake linings are worn**  
16 **below 2/32 inch; rivets are exposed, loose, or the lining is unsecured; or if drums or rotors**  
17 **are cracked, damaged, excessively rusted, have defective grease retainers, collapsed vanes,**  
18 **or fall below the minimum allowable thickness.**

19 12 Front Lights. Amend RSA 266:31 to read as follows:

20 266:31 Front Lights.

21 I. Every motor vehicle driven during the period from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before  
22 sunrise, and whenever rain, snow, or fog shall interfere with the proper view of the road so that  
23 persons and vehicles on the way are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead, shall  
24 display at least 2 lighted lamps on the front; provided, however, that one suitable lighted lamp on  
25 the front of a motorcycle shall be sufficient. The headlamp shall throw sufficient light ahead within  
26 the traveled portion of the way to make clearly visible all vehicles, persons, or substantial objects  
27 within a distance of 200 feet, except that the headlamps of motorcycles shall be sufficient if they  
28 make clearly visible objects within a distance of 150 feet. No headlamp shall be used unless it is  
29 approved by the director and is equipped with a proper lens or other device designed to prevent  
30 glaring rays. All headlamps on every motor vehicle shall be located at a height of not more than 54  
31 inches nor less than 24 inches from the ground on an unladen vehicle. The measurement shall be  
32 made from the ground to the center of the lens. No device which obstructs, reflects, or alters the  
33 beam of such headlamp shall be used in connection therewith unless approved by the director.  
34 Every lens or other device to prevent glaring rays, the use of which on motor vehicles has been  
35 approved by the director, shall be arranged, adjusted, and operated in accordance with the  
36 requirements of the certificate approving the use thereof. Every lamp, bulb, or light used in any  
37 headlamp shall be of such candle power as may be specified for the approved device in the certificate

1 approving the use thereof. Every reflector which is used as a part of such headlamp shall have a  
2 reflecting surface approved by the director after satisfactory tests have been made, ~~and every~~  
3 ~~reflecting surface shall be free from dents, rust, and other imperfections~~. The driver of every motor  
4 vehicle shall permit any properly authorized person to inspect the headlighting equipment of such  
5 motor vehicle and to make such tests as he or she may deem necessary to determine whether the  
6 provisions of this section are being complied with. **Headlamp aim shall only be checked if the**  
7 **inspection reveals that the beams appear to be misaligned.** Any headlamp color approved by  
8 the director for motor vehicles shall be considered approved for motorcycles. ~~[Any headlamp color~~  
9 ~~approved by the director for motor vehicles shall also apply to headlamps approved for motorcycles.]~~  
10 II. Headlamps shall shine white when shined against a white surface. All other forward  
11 facing lights shall be amber or white.

12 III. Notwithstanding paragraph II, fog lights shall be permitted to shine yellow.

13 IV. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a vehicle with an original equipment  
14 manufacturer (OEM) front lighting system, or a front lighting system of a similar type installed as  
15 standard equipment by the vehicle manufacturer.

16 **V. A headlamp shall not cause inspection failure unless it fails to light or does not**  
17 **function properly, does not meet the manufacturer's specifications or violates federal**  
18 **motor vehicle safety standards, is a LED headlamp that is not 100 percent functional,**  
19 **shows a color which is not approved by the director, is improperly aimed, is not securely**  
20 **mounted in the manufacturer-specified location, is obscured, permits the accumulation of**  
21 **water within the assembly excluding normal condensation, or provides a level of light**  
22 **output and projection that is inferior to that of the vehicle's original equipment.**

23 **VI. Tape or a comparable sealing method shall be deemed an acceptable repair of a**  
24 **headlamp assembly, provided it effectively prevents the pooling of water.**  
25 **VII. A required colored lamp or lens shall not be missing or damaged in such a**  
26 **manner that white light is emitted.**

27 13 Directional Signals. Amend RSA 266:42 to read as follows:

28 266:42 Directional Signals. It shall be unlawful to drive on any way in this state any motor  
29 vehicle registered in this state which is manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1952, unless  
30 such vehicle is equipped with directional signals approved by the director. The provisions of this  
31 section shall not apply to motorcycles manufactured prior to January 1, 1973. **A directional signal**  
32 **shall cause inspection failure only if fails to light or does not function properly, does not**  
33 **meet the manufacturer's specifications or violates federal motor vehicle safety standards,**  
34 **is a LED lamp that is more than 25 percent inoperable, shows a color which is not**  
35 **approved by the director, is not securely mounted in the manufacturer-specified location, is**  
36 **obscured from view, is damaged in a manner that causes the emission of white light,**  
37 **permits the accumulation of water within the assembly excluding normal condensation, or**

1 *provides a level of light output and projection that is inferior to that of the vehicle's*  
2 *original equipment. Tape or a comparable sealing method shall be deemed an acceptable*  
3 *repair if it effectively prevents water accumulation.*

4 14 Additional Lighting Equipment. Amend RSA 266:45-a to read as follows:  
5 266:45-a Additional Lighting Equipment.

6 **I.** Any vehicle 80 inches or more in overall width, if not otherwise required by this chapter,  
7 may be equipped with not more than 5 identification lamps showing to the front which shall emit an  
8 amber or white light without glare and with not more than 3 identification lamps showing to the  
9 rear which shall emit a red light without glare. Such lamps shall be grouped in a horizontal row,  
10 with lamp centers spaced not less than 6 nor more than 12 inches apart, and mounted on the  
11 permanent structure of the vehicle as close as practicable to the vertical center line. Any vehicle  
12 may be equipped with one or more side marker lamps, and any such lamp may be flashed in  
13 conjunction with turn or vehicular warning signals. Lamps allowed by this section shall be of a type  
14 approved by the director.

15 **II. Except as provided by RSA 266:31, the failure of an auxiliary light to illuminate**  
16 **shall not cause inspection failure.**

17 15 Wheel and Tire Requirements. RSA 266:49 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:  
18 266:49 Wheel and Tire Requirements.

19 **I.** A tire shall be deemed to be in unsafe driving condition, and shall cause inspection failure,  
20 only if such tire has:

- 21 (a) A fabric break, or a cut in excess of one inch in any direction as measured on the
- 22 outside of the tire and deep enough to reach the body cords, or has been repaired temporarily by the
- 23 use of blowout patches or boots;
- 24 (b) Any bump, bulge, or knot related to separation or partial failure of the tire structure;
- 25 (c) Any portion of the ply or cord structure exposed;
- 26 (d) A portion of the tread design completely worn, provided such worn portion is of
- 27 sufficient size to affect the traction and stopping ability of the tire; or
- 28 (e) With tread depth having been measured in accordance with the method prescribed
- 29 under RSA 266:51, a tread depth in a major tread groove nearest the center of the tire which
- 30 measures less than 2/32 inch or 4/32 inch on the front axles of any vehicle with a gross vehicle
- 31 weight in excess of 10,000 pounds.

32 **II.** Notwithstanding paragraph I, the any of the following shall cause inspection failure:

- 33 (a) Radial and bias-ply tires on the same axle.
- 34 (b) Different tire sizes on the same axle, except for U.S. and metric sizes of compatible
- 35 construction, dimensions and load capacity.
- 36 (c) Tires marked "for farm use only", "off highway use only", or "racing only" on any axle.

1 III. A wheel shall not be considered to be in safe operating condition and shall be cause for  
2 inspection failure only if any wheel bolt, nut, stud, or lug is loose, missing, or cracked.

3 16 Muffler, Horn and Lamps. Amend RSA 266:54 to read as follows:  
4 266:54 Muffler, Horn and Lamps. Every motor vehicle driven on the ways of this state shall be  
5 provided with a muffler, a suitable and adequate horn or other device for signaling, and suitable  
6 lamps. ***A motor vehicle shall fail inspection if the horn is not securely mounted, fails to***  
7 ***emit a sound audible from a distance of at least 200 feet under normal operating***  
8 ***conditions, or is inoperative.***

9 17 Mirrors. Amend RSA 266:55 to read as follows:  
10 266:55 Mirrors.

11 ***I.*** No person shall drive upon any way any closed motor vehicle, or motor vehicle so  
12 constructed, equipped, or loaded that the driver is prevented from having a constantly free and  
13 unobstructed view of the way immediately in the rear, unless there is attached to the vehicle a  
14 mirror or reflector so placed and adjusted as to afford the driver a clear, reflected view of the way in  
15 the rear of the vehicle.

16 ***II. No rule shall require inspection failure due to cracks in an exterior mirror***  
17 ***provided that the mirror continues to provide an unobstructed view to the rear of the***  
18 ***vehicle.***

19 ***III. No rule shall require inspection failure due to cracks in the interior mirror***  
20 ***provided that exterior mirrors are installed on both the left and right sides.***

21 18 Windshield Wipers and Defrosters. Amend RSA 266:56 to read as follows:  
22 266:56 Windshield Wipers and Defrosters.

23 ***I.*** Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a windshield wiper, or wipers so-called, for  
24 cleaning rain, ice, snow or other moisture from its windshield, and every motor vehicle  
25 manufactured after January 1, 1947, shall, in addition to such windshield wiper, be also equipped  
26 with a defroster, so-called, designed for melting snow and ice from the windshield. All such devices  
27 shall at all times be maintained in good working condition.

28 ***II. A vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1968, shall be rejected from inspection***  
29 ***if the windshield wiper system does not have at least two distinct operating speeds.***

30 ***III. A vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1947, shall be rejected from inspection***  
31 ***if not equipped with a functional defroster capable of melting snow and ice on the***  
32 ***windshield.***

33 19 Safety Glass. Amend RSA 266:58 to read as follows:  
34 266:58 Safety Glass Required.

35 ***I.*** It shall be unlawful to register or to drive on any way in this state any motor vehicle  
36 which shall have been manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1936, unless it be equipped  
37 with safety glass wherever glass is used in partitions, doors, windows, or windshields. This section

1 shall not apply to any motor vehicle registered in another state by a bona fide resident of said state.  
2 ***Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in inspection failure.***

3 ***II. No windshield shall be deemed to be in safe driving condition and shall only fail***  
4 ***inspection if it contains any intersecting cracks, or two or more star breaks or bullseyes***  
5 ***larger than 1.5 inches, within the critical viewing area. For the purposes of inspection***  
6 ***under this section, the critical viewing area shall mean the portion of the windshield***  
7 ***extending 2 inches inward from the left-side windshield post, 2 inches down from the top***  
8 ***edge, 2 inches up from the bottom edge, and 2 inches to the right of the vertical centerline.***

9 20 Emission Control Equipment. RSA 266:59-b, is repealed and reenacted as follows:  
10 266:59-b Emission Control Equipment. Every motor vehicle driven on the ways of this state  
11 which is subject to inspection under this chapter shall be equipped with all of the emission control  
12 equipment which was part of that motor vehicle as originally equipped, and such equipment shall be  
13 properly connected to prevent excessive emissions.

14 21 Rulemaking Amendments. The department of environmental services shall submit  
15 amendments to the state implementation plan (SIP) that reduces the scope of the emissions testing  
16 program by January 1, 2026. The initial SIP amendment shall remove the emissions testing  
17 requirements under 266:59-b. Notwithstanding RSA 266, the department of safety shall establish  
18 draft amendments to its rules implementing the vehicle inspection program consistent with the  
19 proposed SIP amendments, as revised according to this section, necessary for review and  
20 concurrence by the Environmental Protection Agency in their review of the SIP submittals. The  
21 draft rules shall be finalized for inclusion in the final SIP submittals for the Environmental  
22 Protection Agency approval, and shall become effective when the commissioner of the department of  
23 environmental services certifies to the director of the office of legislative services that the  
24 Environmental Protection Agency has approved amendments to the SIP as it relates to emissions  
25 testing under the state's vehicle inspection program. These rules shall be exempt from the  
26 rulemaking process requirements under RSA 541-A.

27 22 Effective Date.

28 I. Section 21 shall take effect upon its passage.

29 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19  
May 29, 2025  
2025-2552s  
06/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Processing of Medical Assistance Applications;  
2 Hiring Consultant; Appropriation.

3 I. The sum of \$3,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to  
4 the department of health and human services for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide  
5 staffing support to assist with eliminating the backlog in Medicaid long-term care eligibility  
6 determinations. The department shall begin a competitive bidding process on or before September  
7 30, 2025, to hire a contractor to begin on or before December 31, 2025, subject to governor and  
8 executive council approval, for the purposes of this section. In addition to providing staffing support,  
9 the contractor shall develop a plan for the efficient processing of long-term care applications by or  
10 before June 30, 2026. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money  
11 in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The department may accept and expend additional  
12 federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.

13 II. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the annual licensing fee set forth in RSA 151:5,  
14 IV for nursing homes shall be \$85 per licensed bed and \$60 of said fees collected by the department  
15 of health and human services during this period shall be deposited into the general fund of the state.  
16 The purpose of this is to partially offset the appropriation set forth in paragraph I in this section.  
17 The remaining \$25 per licensed bed will continue to go into account 05-95-95-952010-5146.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2025-2552s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Appropriates money to the department of health and human services for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide staffing support to assist with Medicaid long-term care eligibility.

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- 1 1 Residential Care and Health Facility Licenses; Fees. Amend RSA 151:5 to read as follows:  
2 151:5 Licenses.  
3 Licenses issued hereunder shall expire one year after the date of issuance. Licenses shall be  
4 issued only for the premises and persons named in the application, and shall not be transferable or  
5 assignable; provided that home health care providers, personal care providers, home health hospice  
6 providers, and case management agencies shall not be required to apply for and receive a new  
7 license if they change the physical location of their office within the one year licensing period.  
8 Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises. Fees for an annual license  
9 shall be as follows:  
10 I. Hospitals; [~~25~~] **\$38** per licensed bed.  
11 II. Specialty hospital-psychiatric; [~~25~~] **\$38** per licensed bed.  
12 III. Specialty hospital-rehabilitation; [~~25~~] **\$38** per licensed bed.  
13 IV. Nursing homes; [~~25~~] **\$38** per licensed bed.  
14 V. Acute psychiatric residential treatment programs; [~~25~~] **\$38** per licensed bed.  
15 VI. Residential treatment and rehabilitation facilities; [~~25~~] **\$38** per licensed bed.  
16 VII. Hospice houses; [~~25~~] **\$38** per licensed bed.  
17 VIII. Adult family care homes; [~~25~~] **\$38** per licensed bed.  
18 IX. Residential and supported residential care; [~~15~~] **\$23** per licensed bed.  
19 X. Home health hospice providers; [~~250~~] **\$380**.  
20 XI. Home health care providers:  
21 (a) Registered individuals; [~~25~~] **\$38**.  
22 (b) Agencies; [~~250~~] **\$380**.  
23 XII. Personal care providers:  
24 (a) Fewer than 10 clients; [~~25~~] **\$38**.  
25 (b) Ten (10) or more clients; [~~250~~] **\$380**.  
26 XIII. Outpatient clinics; [~~500~~] **\$758**.  
27 XIV. End stage renal dialysis centers; [~~500~~] **\$758**.  
28 XV. Ambulatory surgical centers; [~~500~~] **\$758**.  
29 XVI. Educational health centers; [~~500~~] **\$758**.  
30 XVII. Freestanding emergency rooms; [~~500~~] **\$758**.  
31 XVIII. Health promotion clinics; [~~500~~] **\$758**.  
32 XIX. Collecting stations; [~~250~~] **\$380**.

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- 1 XX. Adult day care centers; [~~\$200~~] **\$304.**
- 2 XXI. Birthing centers; [~~\$150~~] **\$228.**
- 3 XXII. Case management agencies; [~~\$150~~] **\$228.**
- 4 XXIII. Laboratories; [~~\$150~~] **\$228** per year for each category of testing licensed.
- 5 2 Department of Health and Human Services; Public Health Fees. The department of health
- 6 and human services is hereby directed to increase the following fees set by administrative rule by no
- 7 less than the inflationary increases experienced since the year the fee was last established or
- 8 increased:
- 9 I. Special health care license (mega voltage, cardiac) under He-P 4070.
- 10 II. Radioactive materials use license under He-P 4070.
- 11 III. Radiation-producing equipment use license under He-P 4071.
- 12 IV. Low-level radioactive waste disposal under He-P 4071.
- 13 V. Food service establishments and homestead operations under He-P 2300.
- 14 VI. Shellfish certificate fees under He-P 2151.
- 15 VII. Beverage and bottled water manufacturing registration under He-P 2100.
- 16 VIII. Milk plans, distributors, and dairy plants under He-P 2700.
- 17 IX. Clinical specimens chemistry under He-P 2205.01.
- 18 X. Clinical specimens, microbiology under He-P 2205.02.
- 19 XI. Occupation and environmental health samples under He-P 2205.03.
- 20 XII. Consumer protection samples under He-P 2205.04.
- 21 XIII. Therapeutic cannabis patient application fee under He-C 401.14.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
May 9, 2025  
2025-2067s  
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 107-108.

2025-2067s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Deletes paragraphs 42 and 43, which direct the department of health and human services to file a Medicaid waiver and state plan amendment to institute premiums based on income for individuals participating in the granite advantage health care program and households with children participating in the Medicaid program.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 107 and 108 with the following:  
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3 107 New Section; New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program; Premiums  
4 Established. Amend RSA 126-AA by inserting after section 2 the following new section:  
5 126-AA:2-a New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program; Premiums Established.  
6 The department of health and human services shall file a Medicaid waiver and state plan  
7 amendment, if necessary, on or before July 1, 2026, to institute premiums, as provided in this  
8 section, for individuals participating in the granite advantage health care program who have income  
9 at or above 100 percent of the federal poverty level, subject to federal limitations on cost sharing and  
10 eligibility limitations. The premium amount shall be based on a portion of the cost of the services  
11 and the program, and shall not vary based on the participant's income. The department shall  
12 develop hardship criteria in administering these premiums.  
13 I. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, monthly premium amounts for individuals  
14 participating in the granite advantage health care program shall be:  
15 (a) Household size of one: \$60 per month.  
16 (b) Household size of 2: \$80 per month.  
17 (c) Household size of 3: \$90 per month.  
18 (d) Household size of 4 or more: \$100 per month.  
19 II. Beginning in fiscal year 2028, the commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A, to  
20 establish monthly premiums for individuals participating in the program in accordance with this  
21 section.  
22 108 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Children's Health Insurance  
23 Program; Premiums Established. Amend RSA 126-A:3 by inserting after paragraph VIII the  
24 following new paragraph:  
25 IX. The commissioner shall file a Medicaid state plan amendment on or before January 1,  
26 2026, to institute premiums, as provided in this paragraph, for households with children enrolled in  
27 Medicaid with income at or above 255 percent of the federal poverty level, subject to federal  
28 limitations. The premium amount shall be based on a portion of the cost of the services and the  
29 program, and shall not vary based on the participant's income. The premium shall only apply to  
30 Medicaid and shall not apply to waiver services. The department shall develop hardship criteria in  
31 administering these premiums.

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- 1 (a) For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, monthly premium amounts for households  
2 with children enrolled in Medicaid with income at or above 255 percent of the federal poverty limit  
3 shall be:
- 4 (1) Household size of 2: \$190 per month.
  - 5 (2) Household size of 3: \$230 per month.
  - 6 (3) Household size of 4 or more: \$270 per month.
- 7 (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2028, the commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A  
8 to establish monthly premiums for households with children enrolled in Medicaid in accordance with  
9 this paragraph.

Sen. Pearl, Dist 17  
May 19, 2025  
2025-2254s  
05/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 New Section; Rate Setting for Medicaid State Plan Case Management Services. Amend RSA  
2 126-A by inserting after section 18-b the following new section:
- 3 126-A:18-c Rate Setting for Medicaid State Plan Case Management Services.
- 4 I. Annually, on or before October 1, the department of health and human services shall  
5 establish unit rates for all case management services paid under the Medicaid state plan which  
6 better reflect the average cost to deliver services. The department shall ensure rate parity for all  
7 Medicaid state plan case management services using the billing code T1016. For the biennium  
8 ending June 30, 2027, the department shall achieve such rate parity in a budget-neutral manner  
9 within the department's appropriated budget.
- 10 II. The department shall consider the factors of economy, efficiency, quality of care, and  
11 access to care, in accordance with guidelines in federal regulations.

2025-2254s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Directs the department of health and human services to annually establish rates for Medicaid state plan case management services to better reflect the cost of such services and to create rate parity for such services within the program.

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1 1 Long-Term Care; Eligibility. Amend RSA 151-E:3 to read as follows:  
2 151-E:3 Eligibility.

3 I. A person is ~~[medicaid]~~ **Medicaid** eligible for nursing facility services or Medicaid home  
4 and community-based care waiver services if the person is:

5 (a) Clinically eligible for nursing facility care because the person requires 24-hour care  
6 for one or more of the following purposes:

7 (1) Medical monitoring and nursing care when the skills of a licensed medical  
8 professional are needed to provide safe and effective services;

9 (2) Restorative nursing or rehabilitative care with patient-specific goals;

10 (3) Medication administration by oral, topical, intravenous, intramuscular, or  
11 subcutaneous injection, or intravenous feeding for treatment of recent or unstable conditions  
12 requiring medical or nursing intervention; or

13 (4) Assistance with 2 or more activities of daily living ~~[involving]~~ **which include**  
14 **but are not limited to** eating, toileting, transferring, **mobility**, bathing, dressing, and continence.  
15 **For purposes of this section “mobility” means the need to be physically steadied, assisted, or**  
16 **guided in ambulation, or unable to propel a wheelchair alone or appropriately and**  
17 **require the assistance of another person;** and

18 (b) Financially eligible as either:

19 (1) Categorically needy, as calculated pursuant to rules adopted by the department  
20 under RSA 541-A; or

21 (2) Medically needy, as calculated pursuant to rules adopted by the department  
22 under RSA 541-A.

23 II. Skilled professional medical personnel employed by or designated to act on behalf of the  
24 department shall determine clinical eligibility in accordance with the criteria in subparagraph I(a).  
25 The clinical eligibility determination shall be based upon an assessment tool, approved by the  
26 department, performed by skilled professional medical personnel employed by the department, or by  
27 an individual with equivalent training designated by the department. The department shall train  
28 all persons performing the assessment to use the assessment tool. For the purposes of this section,  
29 "skilled professional medical personnel" shall have the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R. section  
30 ~~[432-50(d)(1)(ii)]~~ **432.2**.

31 II-a. Subject to written approval by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, financial  
32 eligibility rules in paragraph II shall include eligibility if the person's countable income is at or

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1 below the nursing facility special income standard, as defined in 42 C.F.R. 435.236, for the Medicaid  
2 program or the person incurs allowable medical expenses each month, including the anticipated cost  
3 of waiver services, which when deducted from the individual's income would reduce the individual's  
4 income to an amount that is no higher than the nursing facility special income standard. The  
5 department shall submit a request for such approval within 30 days of the effective date of this  
6 paragraph.

7 III. [Repealed.]

8 IV. If the skilled professional medical personnel employed by or designated to act on behalf  
9 of the department are unable to determine that an applicant is eligible following the clinical  
10 assessment tool pursuant to paragraph II, the ~~[skilled professional medical personnel]~~ **department**  
11 shall obtain **a determination for the need for long term care from the applicant's primary**  
12 **care physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse. The**  
13 **department shall request information from and give substantial weight to other** clinical  
14 information provided by the applicant's ~~[physician or nurse practitioner, including, but not limited to~~  
15 ~~diagnosis, prognosis, and plan of care recommendations, and consider information from other~~  
16 ~~licensed practitioners, including occupational or physical therapists, if available. All clinical~~  
17 ~~information obtained shall also be used in the preparation of the initial support plan] **other known**~~  
18 **health care providers, including but not limited to specialty care physicians, case**  
19 **management providers, or occupational or physical therapists, including diagnosis,**  
20 **prognosis, and plan of care recommendations. All clinical information obtained by the**  
21 **department shall be reviewed by skilled professional medical personnel employed by or**  
22 **designated to act on behalf of the department for an eligibility decision.**

23 2 Effective Date. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.