



State of New Hampshire Department of Safety

FY 2026 - 2027

Senate Finance: Part 2 - Requested Actions

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Senate Finance Requested Action Summary

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Consolidation of the International Registration Program between the Division of Administration and the Division of Motor Vehicles:

The Department of Safety requests a transfer of positions (#10357, 10369, 10497, 10635, & 18653) and budget appropriations from the Division of Administration to the Division of Motor Vehicles. This change is being implemented in an effort to enhance efficiency and streamline internal operations of the International Fuel Tax Association (IFTA) and International Registration Plan (IRP). This consolidation will improve the customer service experience by allowing carriers to complete multiple transactions in a single visit or online submission, further simplifying compliance and reducing wait times. This is \$0 net impact to the Department's budget and will remain at 100% Cost of Collections as the funding source.

Revenue Source: 100% Cost of Collections for both AUs (407017)		FY26			FY27		
Acct Unit	Exp Cls	Current	Requested Change	Revised	Current	Requested Change	Revised
34610000-ROAD TOLL BUREAU	010-Personal Services-Perm. Classi	1,054,949	(244,710)	810,240	1,088,197	(252,528)	835,670
	018-Overtime	11,268	(15,775)	(4,507)	11,268	(15,775)	(4,507)
	020-Current Expenses	165,075	(182,773)	(17,698)	165,082	(182,775)	(17,693)
	022-Rents-Leases Other Than State	4,403		4,403	4,403		4,403
	024-Maint.Other Than Build.- Grnds	900		900	900		900
	026-Organizational Dues	37,000	(24,600)	12,400	39,000	(24,600)	14,400
	027-Transfers To Oit	331,407		331,407	836,138		836,138
	029-Intra-Agency Transfers	124,295		124,295	142,580		142,580
	030-Equipment New/Replacement	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000
	039-Telecommunications	25,022	(15,000)	10,022	25,022	(15,000)	10,022
	044-Debt Service Other Agencies	-		-	230,000		230,000
	049-Transfer to Other State Agenci	920		920	920		920
	060-Benefits	667,398	(221,116)	446,282	707,119	(235,251)	471,868
	066-Employee training	6,450	(4,193)	2,258	6,450	(4,193)	2,258
	070-In-State Travel Reimbursement	11,512	(2,324)	9,188	11,512	(2,324)	9,188
	080-Out-Of State Travel	12,000	(12,000)	-	12,000	(12,000)	-
	34610000-ROAD TOLL BUREAU Total		2,453,599	(722,490)	1,731,109	3,281,591	(744,445)
31090000-INTERNATL REGISTRATN PROGRAM	010-Personal Services-Perm. Classi	131,097	244,710	375,807	135,540	252,528	388,068
	018-Overtime	15,000	15,775	30,775	15,000	15,775	30,775
	020-Current Expenses	12,700	182,773	195,473	12,700	182,775	195,475
	022-Rents-Leases Other Than State	500		500	500		500
	024-Maint.Other Than Build.- Grnds	500		500	500		500
	026-Organizational Dues	15,000	24,600	39,600	15,000	24,600	39,600
	029-Intra-Agency Transfers	13,044		13,044	14,965		14,965
	030-Equipment New/Replacement	2,550		2,550	2,550		2,550
	039-Telecommunications	2,200	15,000	17,200	2,200	15,000	17,200
	049-Transfer to Other State Agenci	145		145	145		145
	050-Personal Service-Temp/Appointe	23,200		23,200	23,200		23,200
	060-Benefits	111,673	221,116	332,789	118,435	235,251	353,686
	066-Employee training	1,000	4,193	5,193	1,000	4,193	5,193
	070-In-State Travel Reimbursement	-	2,324	2,324	-	2,324	2,324
	080-Out-Of State Travel	1,700	12,000	13,700	1,700	12,000	13,700
	103-Contracts for Op Services	250,000		250,000	250,000		250,000
	31090000-INTERNATL REGISTRATN PROGRAM Total		580,309	722,490	1,302,799	593,435	744,445
Net Impact:		\$ 0			\$ 0		

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- **Consolidation of the International Registration Program between the Division of Administration and the Division of Motor Vehicles:**

Amendment; Department of Safety; 21-P:6 Division of Administration. –There is established within the department the division of administration under the supervision of an unclassified director of administration who shall, in accordance with applicable laws, be responsible for the following functions:

- I. Accounting, purchasing, and budget control.
- II. Personnel management.
- III. Property, contracts, and grants management.
- IV. Data processing.
- V. Assistance to the commissioner with short and long range department level planning activities.
- VI. [Repealed.]
- VII. [Repealed.]
- VIII. Collection of fuel taxes and administration of road tolls, ~~the international fuel tax agreement~~, and the audit functions of the international registration plan under RSA 260.
- IX. Appointment, with the approval of the commissioner, of a road toll administrator who shall be a classified employee and who shall, under the supervision of the director of administration, be responsible for administration of the motor vehicle road toll law and the fuel tax agreement. The director of administration may delegate to the administrator authority to sign and execute any documents pertaining to the director's work and such documents so signed by the road toll administrator shall have the same effect as though signed by the director.

Amendment; Department of Safety; 21-P:8 Division of Motor Vehicles. –There is established within the department the division of motor vehicles under the supervision of an unclassified director of motor vehicles who shall be responsible for the following functions, in accordance with applicable law:

- I. Motor vehicle and driver regulation, including, but not limited to, driver licensing, vehicle registration, financial responsibility compliance, and title issuance.
- II. Registration of commercial and private boats, as provided in RSA 270-E:3.
- III. Administration of the motor vehicle laws ~~and the international fuel tax agreements~~ under RSA 260, except for road toll administration under RSA260:30 through RSA 260:65-a and the fuel tax agreement under RSA 260:65-b through RSA 260:65-e, which shall be administered by the division of administration.
- IV. [Repealed.]

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The Department of Safety requests the repeal of proposed House Passed HB2 section 338 (page 115) to allow the continuation of maintaining the existing motor vehicle record request fee of \$17:

338 Motor Vehicles; Administration of Motor Vehicle Laws; Copies of Certificates and Motor Vehicle Records. Amend RSA 260:15, II to read as follows:

II. The department may issue a copy of any motor vehicle record upon the request of an insurance company or any other authorized agent, and notwithstanding RSA 91-A shall require payment by the insurance company or authorized agent of a fee of ~~[\$17]~~\$20, which shall be deposited in the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d.

The Department of Safety requests the continuation of state inspections and to repeal the proposed House Passed HB2 sections 352-362 (page 122 through page 124) and to fund the following 8 positions: 43692, 43700, 43701, 43702, 43703, 43704, 43705, 43706.

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- **Transfer Plate Production from Department of Corrections to Department of Safety (part a):**

The Department of Safety requests the following HB2 addition to align with the House Public Works and Highways Committee, recently approved capital budget request to modernize the plate production equipment, in the amount of \$1,302,950. With upgraded equipment and efficiencies, from the volume of plates produced in the state, a single License Plate Blanking Line and one License Plate Printer can produce 1 million plates per year, nearly double our current volume. This capacity allows us to manage both the ongoing production needs and a potential plate reissuance, with current existing staff. The source of funds will be 100% Other Funds through the Plate Fund. The Plate Fund was established under RSA 261:97-council and is a dedicated resource that will be used to support this initiative. After the biennium, ongoing annual maintenance and support would be incorporated into our operating budget and funded through the Plate Fund.

Amendment; Department of Safety; 228:25 Addition to Fund.

I. There is hereby established an inventory fund in the department of safety consisting of the initial appropriation of \$1,000,000 which sum is hereby authorized as a revolving fund comprised of funds in the highway fund that are not otherwise appropriated and into which shall be deposited additional revenues derived from the number plate manufacturing fee established in this paragraph. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department. The ~~prison department of safety~~ shall purchase such raw materials ~~as may be required and agreed to by the commissioner of safety in order for the commissioner of safety~~ to issue fully reflectorized motor vehicle number plates. This purchase shall be a charge against the inventory fund and the ~~prison department of safety~~ shall be responsible for the control and accountability of the raw materials so charged. Said number plates shall be manufactured at the ~~state prison department of safety~~. ~~The prison shall be furnished out of said inventory account the raw materials necessary to manufacture said plates and upon receipt of the finished plates by the department of safety shall be reimbursed for their direct and indirect costs. The commissioner of safety shall, biennially, request the commissioner of administrative services to review and approve said cost rates.~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner of safety shall charge, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, a number plate manufacturing fee of ~~\$4.00~~ \$6.00 per plate at the time of issuing said reflectorized motor vehicle number plates or replacement reflectorized number plates. Said additional charge shall not give the registrant any title or other property interest in said plates. ~~The commissioner of safety or assistant commissioner may request from time to time delivery of the number plates from the prison and shall reimburse the inventory fund by a transfer from revenue. At least 6 months prior to subsequent general issue, a transfer from revenue shall be made for all remaining finished plates in inventory.~~ The commissioner of safety shall report to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, no later than 90 days after the close of the second fiscal year of each biennium, the year ending balance in the inventory fund and the department's recommendation as to when the next general issue of number plates should commence, the estimated cost of such a general issue, and the estimated annual cost to support routine plate issue and replacement without a new general issue.

II. [Repealed.]

III. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph I, replacement plates may be purchased from the inventory fund.

IV. If the ~~state prison department of safety shop~~ is unable to manufacture or deliver reflectorized motor vehicle plates in a timely manner because of an emergency interruption resulting from ~~a riot or other~~ an unforeseen cause, as determined by the ~~commissioner of corrections~~ the commissioner of safety, ~~the commissioner shall~~ submit a written report to the governor and council and shall request that an outside vendor be retained to manufacture said plates. If at any time the commissioner of safety ~~or the commissioner of corrections~~ determines that the ~~prison department of safety~~ cannot produce number plates at a competitive price or meet reasonable delivery schedules, the commissioner of safety shall report to the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council, and shall request that an outside vendor be retained to manufacture the plates. Upon approval of the governor and council, the commissioner of safety shall request the department of administrative services, division of procurement and support services to select an outside vendor in accordance with RSA 8:19.

V. The commissioner of safety, with approval of the governor, may charge the necessary expenses for the manufacture, storage, handling, issuance, and distribution of reflectorized motor vehicle number plates against the inventory fund provided under this section.

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- **Transfer Plate Production from Department of Corrections to Department of Safety, and remove the embossment requirement (part b):**

Amendment; Department of Safety; 261:90 Official Cover Plates.

Upon payment of a fee, the director may issue and shall designate official cover plates with the reproduction of the state seal thereon to be affixed to a vehicle of United States senators from this state, representatives to congress from this state, the governor, members of the governor's council, the president of the senate, members of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the clerk of the house of representatives, the clerk of the senate, members of the house of representatives, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the President of the United States and members of his or her executive staff, and any ambassador or member of the foreign diplomatic corps. The fee for official cover plates shall be \$1 in addition to any other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required. The official cover plates, exclusive of the seal, shall be white with green lettering, which shall alternate with red lettering every other biennium, with the exception of the governor's council plates which shall be white with blue lettering every biennium. Official cover plates shall have the title of the person requesting the plates, except for members of the governor's council whose plates shall have their council district numbers **embossed** on them, and members of the general court, whose plates shall have their house seat numbers or their senate district numbers **embossed** on them unless the president of the senate, for members of the senate, or the speaker of the house of representatives, for members of the house of representatives, shall designate a title for their plates. The president of the senate, or a designee, and the speaker of the house of representatives, or a designee, shall provide the director with input as needed on the cover plate design for members of the general court. The director shall not issue more than 2 sets of official cover plates to any person. Official cover plates may be attached only to vehicles registered in the name of the person issued the plates or the name of the spouse of a member of the general court, or any vehicle being operated by a member of the general court. A cover plate and a regular motor vehicle plate may be displayed simultaneously on the same vehicle, with one plate on the front and the other plate on the rear. Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the issuance of regular motor vehicle plates and the payment of the registration fee therefore. ~~Official cover plates shall be manufactured at the state prison and the prison shall provide the plates to the department at the prison's cost.~~

The Department of Safety requests an exemption to the proposed HB2 language:

Administrative Charge on Dedicated Funds for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027.

I. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 6:12 and any other provision of law to the contrary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department of administrative services shall assess an administrative charge of 5 percent per fiscal year on revenue deposited into a dedicated fund listed in RSA 6:12, I(b), except those funds exempted pursuant to paragraph II, **and the department of safety shall be exempt from these provisions**. Revenue collected by said charge shall be deposited into the general fund as unrestricted revenue.

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The Department of Safety requests a transfer of funds into class 050 to fund a part-time position to assist with subrecipient monitoring and audit compliance. This is \$0 net impact to the Department's budget and will remain at 100% Federal Funds as the funding source.

Revenue Source: 100% Federal Funds (Revenue Account #404492)		FY26			FY27		
Acct Unit	Exp Cls	Current	Requested Change	Revised	Current	Requested Change	Revised
72130000-HLS NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANTS	018-Overtime	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000
	020-Current Expenses	2,500		2,500	2,500		2,500
	039-Telecommunications	-		-	-		-
	040-Indirect Costs	6,200		6,200	6,200		6,200
	041-Audit Fund Set Aside	1,519		1,519	1,519		1,519
	050-Personal Service-Temp/Appointe	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
	060-Benefits	207		207	207		207
	072-Grants-Federal	950,000	(30,000)	920,000	950,000	(30,000)	920,000
72130000-HLS NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANTS Total		961,426	\$0	961,426	961,426	\$0	961,426

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- **Substance Abuse Enforcement/Granite Shield (AU3077)**

- Opioid Abatement Trust Fund; Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, funds from the opioid abatement trust fund, established under RSA 126-A:83, may be appropriated to the department of safety, as authorized by the general court. The funds are intended to cover overtime costs **and other costs related to carrying out law enforcement activities related to aiming to prevent and reduce overdose deaths and other opioid related harms for county and local law enforcement officers in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties who wish to participate in a substance abuse enforcement program.** ~~for county and local law enforcement officers participating in the substance abuse enforcement program, established in RSA 21-P:66. Specifically, the funding may support officers in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties in carrying out law enforcement activities related to the program, which aims to prevent or reduce overdose deaths and other opioid related harms.~~ **The commissioner of safety shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, to implement this section under similar conditions and protocols as the substance abuse enforcement program established in RSA 21-P:66.**

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- **Northern Border Alliance Program:**

Appropriation; Department of Safety; Northern Border Alliance Program.

I. The sum of \$600,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is hereby appropriated to the department of safety and shall be nonlapsing. This sum shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime patrols, related training activities and purchase equipment in support of the northern border alliance program by state police, and to disburse grants to other state, county, and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of funding overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers performing law enforcement activities attributable to the northern border alliance program established in RSA 21-P:69.

II. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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The Department of Safety requests housekeeping language to formally codify the longstanding use of 911 funds to maintain the State radio & communications infrastructure utilized to support interoperable communications between 911 public safety answering points, emergency communications centers, and first responders:

- Department of Safety; Division of Emergency Services and Communications. 21-P:48-a. –

I. There is hereby created a division of emergency services and communications within the department of safety under the supervision of the director of emergency services and communications and reporting to the assistant commissioner. The commissioner shall nominate a director of the division of emergency services and communications for appointment by the governor, with the consent of the council, who shall serve a term of 4 years until a successor has been appointed. The director shall be responsible to carry out such duties as are specifically enumerated in this subdivision and as may be assigned by the office of the commissioner. The director shall be academically and technically qualified to hold the position and shall receive the salary specified in RSA 94:1-a for the director of emergency services and communications.

II. With the approval of the commissioner, the director may employ such necessary technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel, and may make such expenditures from state or federal funds as are or may be made available for purposes of emergency services and communications **and the state radio communications systems**. The director and other personnel of the division shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery and printing, and funds for traveling and related expenses, in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state agencies. With general oversight by the assistant commissioner, the director shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency 911 telecommunications within the state, state and local, county, and private, and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with police, fire, emergency medical, and sheriff's departments and emergency telecommunications organizations of other states and of the federal government. The director shall **also oversee the state radio communications system, which includes infrastructure and any communication systems that directly support interoperable communications and the exchange of information between the Public Safety Answering Point / Emergency Communications Center and the first responder**, and have such additional duties, responsibilities, and authority authorized by applicable laws as may be prescribed by the commissioner.

III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, maintenance of the state radio communications systems overseen by the division of emergency services and communications pursuant to this section shall be funded by the surcharge fund established in RSA 106-H:9.