

Definitions

Antique Motor Vehicle. Any motor vehicle over 25 years old which is maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest.

Exempt Vehicles. A motor vehicle that is exempted from titling requirements because its manufacturer's model year is older than 15 years.

Glider Kit. A kit supplied by a manufacturer to rebuild a wrecked truck tractor.

Rebuilt Vehicle. A vehicle that was once declared a salvage vehicle and has been restored so that it is in condition for legal use on a public way.

Reconstructed Vehicle. Any homemade vehicle or a vehicle made from various parts of other motor vehicles to the degree that it is obviously a mixture of parts or that the serial number of the body frame and engine do not reflect the vehicle's identity. The term includes "composite vehicle", "homemade vehicle" and "kit car".

Street rod. A vehicle, the body and frame of which were manufactured prior to the year 1949 and which has been modified for safe road use, or a replica thereof which has also been modified for safe road use. For purposes of this section, the word "modified" means, but is not limited to, a substantial and material alteration or replacement of the engine, drive-train, suspension or brake system or alteration of the body which may be chopped, channelled, sectioned, filled or otherwise changed dimensionally from the original manufactured body. Any such modification may be made only if said modification equals, improves or enhances the safety aspects of the original equipment so modified. For purposes of this section, the word "replica" means a body or frame manufactured after the year 1949 and which resembles that of the original vehicle and which retains the basic style and dimensions as originally manufactured and whose major components such as grill shell, hood, or doors are readily interchangeable with the original pre-1949 component.

Title Brand. A consumer protection device in which various legends are recorded on the title to convey the status of a vehicle, for example, salvage or rebuilt vehicle.

Titling & Registration

From New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles:

From New Hampshire Administrative Rules:

PART Saf-C 1904 EXEMPT VEHICLES

Saf-C 1904.01 Exempt Vehicles Determination. The determination as to whether a vehicle is exempt from the requirements of a title, pursuant to RSA 261:3, I, shall be made as follows:

- (a) January 1, of each calendar year, shall be the effective date utilized; and
- (b) The vehicle's model year, not year of manufacture, shall be utilized.

Saf-C 1904.03 Antique Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title.

(a) Upon the request of a vehicle owner, the bureau shall issue a certificate of title for an antique motor vehicle.

(b) A properly executed application for title, form TDMV 23, prepared by the local city or town clerk, dealer or lienholder, along with the appropriate fee pursuant to RSA 261:20, shall be required in order for a title to be issued.

(c) Each applicant shall furnish the bureau with one of the following in the order reflected:

- (1) A previous New Hampshire or out-of-state title;
- (2) A previous New Hampshire or out-of-state original registration;
- (3) A previous copy of a New Hampshire registration; or
- (4) An affidavit of ownership for antique vehicles, form TDMV 105.

(d) Pursuant to (c)(4) above, each applicant, if not in possession of a previous title or registration, shall furnish the following on form TDMV 105:

- (1) Owner's name and address;
- (2) Vehicle identification number;
- (3) Vehicle's year, make, model, color and body style;
- (4) Date of purchase;
- (5) Seller's name and address, if known;
- (6) Owner's signature; and
- (7) Signature of notary public or justice of the peace and date signed.

(e) If a previous New Hampshire or out-of-state title is not furnished, a properly executed verification of vehicle identification number, form TDMV 19A, shall be required, pursuant to Saf-C 1904.04.

(f) In the event an antique vehicle is transferred to a new owner, a properly executed report of sale or transfer of a non-titled motor vehicle, form TDMV 22a, or similar form from the seller, shall be required, pursuant to Saf-C 1904.05.

Saf-C 1904.04 Verification of Vehicle Identification Number, Form TDMV 19A.

(a) A verification of vehicle identification number, form TDMV 19A, shall be completed when there is no previous New Hampshire or out-of-state title furnished to the bureau.

(b) Form TDMV 19A shall be completed by a licensed New Hampshire dealer, other than a bonded dealer, an authorized New Hampshire inspection station or any New Hampshire law enforcement officer, after a physical examination of the vehicle.

(c) A person described in (b) above shall furnish the following on form TDMV 19A:

- (1) Owner's name and address;
- (2) Vehicle's year, make, model and body style;
- (3) Owner's registration number, if applicable;
- (4) Vehicle identification number;
- (5) Indication, if applicable, whether the vehicle identification number appears to be:
 - a. Altered;
 - b. Changed; or
 - c. Missing;
- (6) Town or city where the vehicle was physically examined;
- (7) Certification by the person authorized to perform the inspection and date signed;
and
- (8) Name and address of agency or company of person authorized to perform the inspection.

PART Saf-C 1901 DEFINITIONS

Saf-C 1901.14 "**Homemade vehicle**" means a vehicle made from various parts of other vehicles so that the serial number of the body frame does not reflect the vehicle's identity. The term includes "reconstructed vehicle".

PART Saf-C 1915 HOMEMADE VEHICLES

Saf-C 1915.01 Application for Title to a Homemade Vehicle.

(a) Each applicant for title to a homemade vehicle shall furnish the following to the bureau:

- (1) A properly executed application for title , form TDMV 23, prepared by the local town or city clerk;
- (2) The previous properly assigned title, if applicable, or the manufacturer's certificate of origin;
- (3) The affidavit described in (b) below;
- (4) A properly executed report of sale or transfer of a non-titled motor vehicle, form TDMV 22A, or similar form;
- (5) A properly executed salvage vehicle identification number verification report, form TDMV 547; and
- (6) The appropriate fee, pursuant to RSA 261:20.

(b) Pursuant to (a)(3) above, each applicant for title to a homemade vehicle shall complete an affidavit as to the origin of the component parts from which the vehicle was assembled, along with the bills of sale for those parts.

(c) Each applicant for title to a homemade vehicle shall submit the vehicle for inspection by a highway patrol and enforcement officer.

(d) Each applicant for title to a glider kit vehicle, shall furnish the following to the bureau:

- (1) A properly executed application for title, form TDMV 23, prepared by the local town or city clerk;
- (2) The previous properly assigned title, if applicable;
- (3) The previous vehicle identification number;
- (4) The properly assigned manufacturer's certificate of origin; and
- (5) A properly executed salvage vehicle identification number verification report, form TDMV 547.

(e) Pursuant to (d)(3) above, in the event there is no vehicle identification number, the bureau shall accept an affidavit from the applicant attesting to the original manufacturer's identification number.

(f) The vehicle identification number supplied by the manufacturer on a glider kit shall be deemed the sole vehicle identifier.

PART Saf-C 1921 TITLE BRANDS

Saf-C 1921.01 Brand Required.

A New Hampshire title shall be branded whenever evidence exists, by virtue of the existing title or through other documentation, that the condition of the vehicle is one in which its status should be disclosed to the consumer, such as a salvage vehicle, homemade vehicle or glider kit.

PART Saf-C 1924 BOND REQUIREMENTS AS SECURITY OF OWNERSHIP

Saf-C 1924.01 Withholding of Certificate: Bond Requirement.

(a) Pursuant to RSA 261:10, II, each applicant shall furnish the following to the bureau:

- (1) A properly executed application for title, form TDMV 23, prepared by the local town or city clerk, or dealer, as applicable;
- (2) A statement explaining the circumstances as to the posting of the bond and the reason the proper supporting documents could not be obtained;
- (3) A properly executed verification of vehicle identification number, form TDMV 19A; and
- (4) The appropriate fee, pursuant to RSA 261:20.

(b) The bureau shall accept one of the following in an amount equal to one 1/2 times the current National Automobile Dealer Association's (NADA) retail value of the vehicle:

- (1) Cash;
- (2) Certified check;
- (3) Bank passbook with a withdrawal slip executed to the division in the proper amount; or
- (4) Surety bond.

(c) Each applicant filing a surety bond, pursuant to (b)(4) above, shall furnish the following to the bureau:

- (1) Name and address of insurance company;
- (2) Amount of the bond;
- (3) Description of vehicle;
- (4) Bond number;
- (5) Provisions as to liability and return of the bond;
- (6) Name of principal and of surety; and
- (7) Signature of principal and attorney.

CHAPTER Saf-C 500 VEHICLE REGISTRATION RULES

PART Saf-C 514 VEHICLE PLATES

Saf-C 514.51 Street Rod Plate.

- (a) Street rod plates shall be issued to vehicles described in RSA 259:106-a.
- (b) Street rod plates shall:
 - (1) Have the words "STREET ROD"; and
 - (2) Have a numeral from one to 999.

From New Hampshire Revised Statutes:

TITLE XXI Motor Vehicles
CHAPTER 261 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles
Certificate of Title

RSA 261:3 (2016)

261:3 Exempted Vehicles.

- I.** No certificate of title need be obtained for:
- **(a)** A vehicle owned by the United States or owned or operated by the New Hampshire National Guard;
 - **(b)** A vehicle owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale, even though incidentally moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing or demonstration; or a vehicle used by a manufacturer solely for testing;
 - **(c)** A vehicle owned by a nonresident of this state and not required by law to be registered in this state;
 - **(d)** A vehicle regularly engaged in the interstate transportation of persons or property for which a currently effective certificate of title has been issued in another state;
 - **(e)** A vehicle moved solely by animal power;
 - **(f)** An implement of husbandry;
 - **(g)** Special mobile equipment;
 - **(h)** A self-propelled wheelchair or invalid tricycle;
 - **(i)** A snowmobile as defined in [RSA 259:102](#);
 - **(j)** Trailers with gross weight of less than 3,001 pounds;
 - **(k)** Any motor vehicle whose manufacturer's model year is before the year 2000, except heavy trucks and truck-tractors whose gross vehicle weight exceeds 18,000 pounds.
- II.** [RSA 262:1](#) to 5 inclusive do not apply to:
- **(a)** A vehicle moved solely by animal power;
 - **(b)** An implement of husbandry;
 - **(c)** Special mobile equipment;
 - **(d)** A self-propelled wheelchair or invalid tricycle.

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RSA 261:4-a (2016)

261:4-a Antique Motor Vehicle; Certificate of Title.

Nothing in [RSA 261:3](#) or [RSA 261:4](#) shall prohibit the department from issuing a certificate of title for an **antique** motor **vehicle** upon the request of the vehicle owner. The commissioner shall adopt rules, under [RSA 541-A](#), relative to the issuance of a certificate of title for an **antique** motor **vehicle**.

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RSA 261:89-c (2016)

261:89-c Vehicle Identification Number for Street Rods.

The vehicle identification number or "VIN" for a street rod or custom vehicle shall be the number stamped on the frame of the vehicle, or if no such number, as established pursuant to RSA 261:22, I.

TITLE XXI Motor Vehicles
CHAPTER 266 Equipment of Vehicles
Inspections

RSA 266:8-a (2016)

266:8-a Specially Assembled Motor Vehicles.

The director may establish equipment standards by rules adopted pursuant to [RSA 260:5](#), for the manufacture of special motor vehicles, or for the assembly and construction of vehicles from new or used parts or kits, or for the alteration or reconstruction of a motor vehicle which places it in the category of a special motor vehicle. Such standards shall be established for the purpose of reducing the danger of death and injury to the drivers and passengers of such vehicles and to other users of the public highways. The director may establish minimum construction and performance requirements that are technically feasible and based on sound engineering to achieve operational safety and to furnish a guide for registration eligibility and in-use conformity for vehicles in this category.

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RSA 261:89-a (2016)

261:89-a Antique Motor Vehicle, Motorcycle, or Trailer Plates.

I. The director may permit the owner of an antique motor vehicle or motorcycle, as defined in RSA 259:4, or trailer, as defined in paragraph II of this section, to use a registration plate which was issued in the same year that the antique motor vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer was manufactured, provided the motor vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer is registered as an antique motor vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer under this chapter, and the number of the antique plate is recorded with the director. Registration plates issued in the same year that the antique motor vehicle was manufactured may be affixed to both the front and rear of the antique motor vehicle, to either the front or rear of the antique motorcycle, and to the rear of the antique trailer for any such vehicle with a year of manufacture of 1975 or earlier if the registration plate matching the registration certificate is carried within the antique motor vehicle, so long as the number on the antique plate is not in use on another motor vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer. Any antique motor vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer bearing a registration plate with the year of manufacture shall also carry, within it, a valid antique motor vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer registration certificate and a permit issued under this section.

II. For the purposes of this section, "trailer" means any vehicle without motive power, designed for carrying passengers or property wholly on its own structure and for being drawn by a self-propelled vehicle.

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Number Plates

RSA 261:89-b (2016)

261:89-b Number Plates for Vehicles Registered as Street Rods.

I. The director is hereby authorized to design and to issue under such rules, as he shall deem appropriate, distinctive number plates to be used on motor vehicles registered as street rods. Such plates shall be in lieu of other number plates and shall be issued only upon receipt of a duly executed certificate verifying that the subject vehicle is in fact a street rod as defined in RSA259:106-a. The director is hereby authorized to issue a street rod vanity plate as provided by RSA 261:89.

II. A special fee in the amount of \$25 shall be paid for the certificate of verification. This special fee shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee as prescribed by law for the particular vehicle being registered, and any number plate manufacturing fee or fees otherwise required by law for the particular vehicle. All special fees collected shall be paid to the state treasurer and credited to the highway fund. A vehicle which is registered as a street rod, regardless of the year of manufacture of said vehicle, shall be assessed an annual municipal permit fee in the amount of \$50, which fee shall not be prorated regardless of the number of months in actual road use. This fee shall be in lieu of any other municipal permit fee. For purposes of this section and that of vehicle registration, the year of manufacture of a street rod is deemed to be the year of manufacture of the body. In the event the body is a replica as defined by RSA 259:106-a, then the year of manufacture is deemed to be the model year of the body so replicated.

III. The certificate of verification required by this section shall be documented by an instrument designed and issued by the director. Any authorized highway enforcement officer or any individual who is authorized by the director to perform motor vehicle inspections provided by RSA 266:1, V is hereby authorized to perform the verification and certification required by this section. A certificate of verification issued under this section shall be transferable in the event the vehicle described by such certificate is sold or the ownership is otherwise transferred or conveyed.

IV. Pursuant to RSA 261:75, a vehicle duly registered as a street rod shall be issued one number plate of the design as set forth in this section. Such plate shall be attached in a conspicuous place on the rear of the vehicle.

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Registration Fees

RSA 261:141 (2016)

261:141 Fees to be Collected.

The department shall collect fees for registrations as follows:

I. Flat fees:

(a) For each trailer or semi-trailer upon which is permanently mounted a power substation or transformer and associated equipment used for standby or emergency purposes in public service—\$5.

(b) For motorized locomotives of the American Legion—\$5.

(c) For each dealer's, motorcycle dealer's, moped dealer's, or utility dealer's temporary plate—\$1 each.

II. All unused temporary plates issued pursuant to paragraph I, which are returned by a bona fide dealer to the division shall be refundable at the rate of \$1 each; except that temporary plates purchased at the rate of \$.50 each shall be refundable at the rate of \$.50 each.

III. Prorated fees:

(a) For agricultural vehicles—\$3.60.

(b) For each agricultural tractor—\$1.80.

(c) For air compressors—\$6.

(d) For cement mixers—\$6.

(e) For saw rigs or log splitters—\$6.

(If the equipment cited in RSA 261:141, III(c)–(e), is towed exclusively within the limits of a single city or town, the state registration fee shall not be collected.)

(f) For antique motorcycles—\$2.40.

(g)

For all motor vehicles other than those in RSA 261:141, I:

0–3000 lbs. \$31.20 (\$2.60 per month)

3001–5000 lbs. \$43.20 (\$3.60 per month)

5001–8000 lbs. \$55.20 (\$4.60 per month)

8001–73,280 lbs. \$.96 per hundred lbs. gross weight.

(h) Truck-tractors to be used in conjunction with a semi-trailer, gross weight shall include the weight of such tractors, the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer to be used therewith, and the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby: up to 73,280 pounds \$.96 per 100 pounds gross weight, over 73,280 pounds—\$1.44 shall be charged for each 100 pounds gross weight or portion thereof in excess of 73,280 pounds.

(i) Each additional semi-trailer used in conjunction with such truck-tractor—\$24.00.

(j)

For semi-trailers or automobile utility trailers (the weight of the trailer shall include the maximum load to be carried thereby):

0–1000 lbs. \$3.00

1001–1500 lbs. 6.00

1501–3000 lbs. 12.00

3001–5000 lbs. 24.00

5001–8000 lbs. 36.00

8001–up .60 per hundred lbs. gross weight.

(k) For each semi-trailer not registered in connection with a truck-tractor, the gross weight shall include the weight of such trailer and the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby. The registration fee shall be \$.60 per hundred lbs. gross weight and such trailer shall not be registered for less than 10,000 lbs.

(l) For equipment mounted on trucks of which the equipment is an integral part of the unit and the truck is not capable of carrying freight or merchandise, the registration fee shall be $\frac{1}{3}$ of the regular fee charged as determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (i).

(m) For each farm truck or combination of motor type tractor and semi-trailer used only for transportation of agricultural products produced on and meant to be used in connection with the operation of a farm or farms owned, operated, or occupied by the registrant, for the first 16,000 pounds—\$24, for any additional weight above 16,000 pounds—\$.74 per hundred weight.

(n) For each additional or extra semi-trailer used in connection with a motor type tractor registered for farm purposes—\$24. (In the event that a farm truck registered under the \$24 fee as provided in this subparagraph and thereafter registered for general use during the same registration year, such fee shall be applied toward the fee for such general registration.)

(o) For each motorcycle—\$15.

(p) For each moped—\$3.

(q) For each motor vehicle used exclusively as a school bus or owned by a religious organization or a non-profit organization used exclusively as a bus for the transportation of its members in connection with functions of the organization for which no fee is charged—\$24. (These provisions shall not apply to municipally owned vehicles nor to vehicles of public utilities or common carriers.)

(r) For antique motor vehicles other than antique motorcycles—\$6.

(s) For each road oiler or bituminous distributor—\$72.

(t) For plates issued to motor vehicle repairer—\$24 for the first set of plates, \$9 for each additional set of plates.

(u)

(1) For each vehicle, owned by or under control of a manufacturer, wholesaler, or dealer—\$200 for the first plate.

(2) For every additional plate—\$12.

(v) For motor vehicles owned by or under control of automotive recycling dealer licensee—\$30 up to first 7,000 lbs., over 7,000 lbs.—\$.74 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

(w)

(1) For motorcycles owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in motorcycles—\$12 for the first plate.

(2) For every additional plate—\$3.

(x)

(1) For mopeds owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in mopeds—\$12 for the first plate.

(2) For every additional plate—\$3.

(y) For each transporter—\$36. Additional sets of number plates at \$18 per set.

(z) For each utility dealer registration—\$36. Additional number plates at \$9 per plate.

(aa) For ski area vehicles—\$6.

(bb) For construction equipment as defined by RSA 259:42—the exclusive fee charged by the state shall be \$25.

(cc) For each vanity number plate set—\$40.

(dd) For agricultural/industrial utility vehicles the registration fee shall be 1/ of the registration fee determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (g). of the registration fee determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (g).

IV. If the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, the fee shall be increased by 1/ for each whole month or part thereof remaining until the end of the month in which such anniversary will occur. for each whole month or part thereof remaining until the end of the month in which such anniversary will occur.

V. In all other cases, the fee shall be determined by multiplying 1/ of the registration fee times the total number of whole months and any part of a month remaining until the end of the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs, or the last day of the month as designated by the director as the month for termination of the registration period. of the registration fee times the total number of whole months and any part of a month remaining until the end of the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs, or the last day of the month as designated by the director as the month for termination of the registration period.

VI. If a vehicle has been previously registered with the division, pursuant to RSA 261:141, III and RSA 261:153, said vehicle registration shall not be renewed for less than a 12 month fee, provided that the renewal registration is effected within 12 months of the expiration of the registrant's last valid registration. If a vehicle has been previously registered, and the owner of said vehicle fails to renew the vehicle registration in the month said renewal was legally required to be made when said renewal is obtained within 12 months of the last valid registration, the 12 months renewal fees charged hereunder shall be computed at the applicable mill rate which applied in the month when the vehicle should have been legally registered. If the registration is renewed beyond the 12 months immediately succeeding the last valid registration, the 12 months fee charged shall be computed at the mill rate applicable on the date when any successive registration period would have begun, and the minimum fee in such cases shall be for 12 months, except in those cases where the registrant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the

director that the vehicle has not been operated since the expiration of the last valid registration, in which case the registrant may register at the applicable mill rate on the date of registration.

VII. Fees charged for the purpose stated:

- (a) For neutral zone registration pursuant to RSA 261:47—\$2.
- (b) For the transfer of the registration of any motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or tractor for that of another motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or tractor previously registered pursuant to this chapter—\$10.
- (c) For official cover plates—\$1.
- (d) For vanity plate service fee— \$40.
- (e) For the replacement of each number plate which has been lost, mutilated, or made illegible—\$4.
- (f) For the replacement of lost or illegible validation sticker—\$1.

VIII. No fee shall be charged for registering a vehicle owned by any person who:

- (a) Because of being an amputee, or paraplegic, has received said motor vehicle from the United States government or whose vehicle is to replace one so received, or who is evaluated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled from such service connected disability.
- (b) Has been determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs to be suffering from total blindness as a result of a service connected disability.
- (c) Is a former prisoner of war and was captured and incarcerated while serving in a qualifying war or armed conflict as defined in RSA 72:28, V, and who was honorably discharged.

IX. For every certified copy of and duplicate of a certificate of registration— \$15.

X. Whenever a registration has been suspended, a fee of \$25 shall be paid for the restoration of such registration. Such fee shall be in addition to the fee required under RSA 263:42, V. This \$25 shall be placed in the highway fund. All moneys remaining in the supplementary motor vehicle fund shall lapse to the highway fund on July 1, 1991.

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Municipal Permits for Registration

RSA 261:153 (2016)

261:153 Fees for Registration Permits.

I. The treasurer of each city, or such other person as the city government may designate, and the town clerk of each town shall collect fees for such permits as follows: on each vehicle offered for registration a sum equal to 18 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for a current model year vehicle, 15 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the first preceding model year vehicle, 12 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the second preceding model year vehicle, 9 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the third preceding model year vehicle, 6 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the fourth preceding model year vehicle, and 3 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the fifth preceding model year vehicle and any model year prior thereto. In no event, however, shall the fee be less than \$5. Registration permit fees for construction equipment, as defined in RSA 259:42, shall be governed by RSA 261:64. The director shall make the final determination of any vehicle model year in any case in which a dispute arises. The fee collected hereunder for a vehicle used only in the manner and for the purposes specified in RSA 261:82 and for an agricultural/industrial utility vehicle, as defined in RSA 259:2-a, shall be \$5; and provided further, that the fee collected hereunder for a farm tractor shall be \$5. In cases of doubt, the director may investigate for the purpose of determining eligibility for limited purpose registrations.

II. In all cases the manufacturer's list price shall be rounded off to the nearest \$100 and the actual permit fee shall be rounded off to the nearest dollar.

III. If the permit is issued for a vehicle specified in RSA 261:141, III in a month other than the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs, the amount of the permit fee shall be changed as follows:

(a) If the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, the permit fee shall be increased by 1/ for each whole month or part thereof remaining until the end of the month in which such anniversary will occur and the owner shall not be required to obtain a permit for the next registration period. for each whole month or part thereof remaining until the end of the month in which such anniversary will occur and the owner shall not be required to obtain a permit for the next registration period.

(b) In all other cases for vehicles specified in RSA 261:141, III the permit fee shall be determined by multiplying 1/ of the permit fee for the vehicle times the total number of whole months and any part of a month remaining until the end of the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs, and the owner shall be required to obtain a permit for the next registration period. of the permit fee for the vehicle times the total number of whole months and any part of a month remaining until the end of the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs, and the owner shall be required to obtain a permit for the next registration period.

IV. Each designated city official as the city government may designate and the town clerk of each town shall use the straight line method in computing fees stipulated in paragraph I for any registration. The straight line method means that no registrant shall pay less or more than 12 months at each stipulated mill rate, whether such 12 months extend over one or more registration periods. The mill rate to be charged on a vehicle originally offered for registration by a registrant shall be based on the year of manufacture of the said vehicle and shall continue for the next 12 months, including the month of registration. For each successive 12 months registration of the same vehicle thereafter, whether or not such 12 months registration extends beyond one or more registration periods, the fees to be charged shall be computed successively at the next lower mill rate; provided, that the minimum rate to be charged for any registration shall always be 3 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price of a vehicle.

V. Beginning July 1, 1989, in addition to each registration fee collected under paragraph I, there may be collected an additional fee for the purposes of a town reclamation trust fund as established in RSA 149-M:18. Of this amount, \$.50 shall be retained by the city official designated by the city government or by the town clerk for administrative costs and the remaining amount shall be deposited into the reclamation trust fund established by the town for the purpose of paying collection and disposal fees for the town's motor vehicle waste and paying for the recycling and reclamation of other types of solid waste. For the purposes of this paragraph, "motor vehicle waste" means "motor vehicle waste" as defined in RSA 149-M:18. A town which collects such additional fees shall not charge a disposal fee for motor vehicle waste at

the town's solid waste disposal facility. If a town finds the additional fee is not sufficient to cover fees for collection and disposal of town motor vehicle waste, it shall notify the office of energy and planning. The office shall study the fee in accordance with RSA 4-C:1 and make recommendations, if necessary, for increases in the fee. The additional fee schedule shall be graduated by class of vehicle as follows:

(a) The fee for heavy vehicles, including mobile homes and house trailers, heavy trucks and truck-tractors whose gross weight exceeds 18,000 pounds, and buses shall be \$5.

(b) Unless otherwise provided, the fee for automobiles, light vehicles including trucks, and commercial motorized vehicles including tractor trailers, shall be \$3.00.

(c) Unless otherwise provided, the fee for special use vehicles including all-terrain vehicles, agricultural and farm vehicles, and antique vehicles and for 2-wheeled vehicles including mopeds, motorcycles, and automobile utility trailers, shall be \$2.

VI.

(a) Beginning on July 1, 1997, in addition to the motor vehicle registration fees collected under paragraphs I and V, the legislative body of a municipality may vote to collect an additional fee for the purpose of supporting a municipal and transportation improvement fund, which shall be a capital reserve fund established for this purpose and governed by the provisions of RSA 34 and RSA 35 for cities and towns, respectively. Of the amount collected, up to 10 percent, but not more than \$0.50 of each fee paid, may be retained by the local official designated by the municipal government or by the town or city clerk for administrative costs. The remaining amount shall be deposited into the municipal transportation improvement fund established to allow a community to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities, electric vehicle charging stations, and public transportation. The funds may be used for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs of transportation facilities, including electric vehicle charging stations, and for operating and capital costs of public transportation only. The funds may be used as matching funds for state or federal funds allocated for local or regional transportation improvements. Such funds shall not be used to offset any other non-transportation appropriations made by the municipality.

(b) The maximum fee charged under this paragraph shall be \$5. The municipality shall establish the required fee, up to the maximum amount allowable, based on anticipated funding needs for transportation improvements. The additional fee shall be collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles, as defined in RSA 259:4.

(c) Any town or city may adopt the provisions of subparagraphs (a) and (b) for an optional additional motor vehicle registration fee to fund municipal transportation improvements in the following manner:

(1) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of a special or annual town meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on by ballot. In a city, the legislative body may consider and act upon the question in accordance with their normal procedures for passage of resolutions, ordinances, and other legislation. The legislative body of a city may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or in the alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.

(2) The selectmen or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days before the hearing.

(3) A town or city may choose to restrict the use of the municipal transportation improvement fund to one or more of the transportation system modes provided for in paragraph VI(a). Any such restriction shall be so stated in the wording of the question.

(d) If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," the additional motor vehicle registration fee shall apply within the town or city on the date set by the selectmen or the city council.

(e)

(1) A town or city may consider rescinding its action in the manner described in subparagraph (c). The wording of the question shall be the same as that was adopted by the town or city, except the word "adopt" shall be changed to "rescind."

(2) If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," following the action taken to rescind, the additional motor vehicle registration fee shall not apply within the town or city.

Equipment Exemptions

From New Hampshire Administrative Rules:

PART Saf-C 3202 DEFINITIONS

Saf-C 3202.04 "Homemade vehicle" means a vehicle made from various parts of other vehicles so that the serial number of the body frame does not reflect the vehicle's identity. The term includes "composite vehicle", "reconstructed vehicle" and "kit car".

PART Saf-C 3210 INSPECTION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND TIME FOR INSPECTION

Saf-C 3210.01 Verification of Information.

(a) Prior to inspecting any vehicle, the mechanic shall examine the registration certificate, plates, vehicle description and vehicle identification number. The mechanic shall advise the owner of any error.

(b) The mechanic shall examine the registration certificate of any homemade vehicle to ensure the certificate shows the vehicle is registered as a composite and that the vehicle has a state issued vehicle identification number beginning with "NH".

Saf-C 3210.02 Correction of Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

(a) If the VIN on the registration certificate does not match the number on the VIN plate of the vehicle, the mechanic shall:

- (1) Make corrections to the VIN on the registration certificate of up to 3 digits or 3 letters, by drawing a slash " / " mark through the incorrect digit or letter and placing the correct digit or letter above it;
- (2) Complete a correction slip, form DSMV 28C, and place it in a separate envelope marked "VIN corrections" to be forwarded to the department;
- (3) Furnish the following on form DSMV 28C:
 - a. Plate number and type;
 - b. Expiration date of plate;
 - c. Owner's name, address and date of birth;
 - d. Incorrect VIN;
 - e. Correct VIN;
 - f. Mechanic's signature and date signed; and
 - g. Inspection station name and address.

(b) If more than 3 digits or 3 letters are incorrect on the VIN, corrections shall be made by the department. No inspection sticker shall be issued until the VIN has been corrected.

(c) In the event a vehicle identification number plate is missing or has been tampered with, for example, is missing pop rivets, the mechanic shall reject the vehicle and notify the department.

PART Saf-C 3244 STREET RODS

Saf-C 3244.01 Inspection Required.

- (a) All street rods shall be inspected annually during the month of April.
- (b) Notwithstanding (a) above, a newly registered street rod shall be inspected within 10 days from the date of registration.

Saf-C 3244.02 Verification of Information. Prior to inspecting any street rod, the mechanic shall examine the registration certificate pursuant to Saf-C 3210 and the certificate of verification.

Saf-C 3244.03 Steering, Front End and Suspension.

- (a) A street rod shall be rejected if:
 - (1) It does not meet the requirements set forth in Saf-C 3211.07;
 - (2) The steering wheel is less than 13 inches in diameter; or
 - (3) Pursuant to RSA 266:113, IV, the ground clearance is such that the street rod is not able to be in motion and functional while on its 4 rims on a flat surface, and any portion of the suspension, steering or chassis touches that surface.
- (b) Notwithstanding (a) above, the suspension of a street rod may be altered as long as the alteration meets or exceeds the safety of the original equipment.

Saf-C 3244.04 Brakes and Parking Brake.

- (a) A street rod shall be rejected if:
 - (1) At a speed of 20 miles per hour, it fails to stop upon application of the foot or service brake, within 30 feet, on a dry, smooth, level pavement free of loose material, pursuant to RSA 266:28;
 - (2) Brake pedal reserve shows that less than 1/5 of the total service brake pedal travel remains when the pedal is depressed and held, or if the pedal height cannot be maintained for 10 seconds with moderate foot force;
 - (3) The brake lines are made of copper or are not made of steel or material of equivalent strength;
 - (4) The parking brake:
 - a. Does not hold the street rod with engine slightly accelerated in low gear;
 - b. Does not hold the street rod on a 20% grade; or
 - c. The pedal or lever reaches its limit before the brakes are set;
 - (5) Fluid is leaking from the master cylinder, calipers, wheel cylinders or, parts are missing, improperly retained or not in good working condition;
 - (6) Hydraulic hoses, tubing or connections are leaking, chaffed, restricted, crimped, cracked, broken, corroded, flattened or insecurely fastened;

- (7) Any mechanical linkage parts are missing, broken or badly worn;
- (8) There is high friction in the brake pedal and linkage or in the brake components; or
- (9) On vacuum booster power brakes:
 - a. Any hose or tube is leaking, collapsed, broken, badly chafed or improperly supported;
 - b. Any clamp is loose, missing or broken; or
 - c. The service brake pedal does not move slightly when the engine is started.

Saf-C 3244.05 Odometer.

- (a) A street rod shall be rejected if:
 - (1) It is not equipped with an odometer;
 - (2) The odometer has been tampered with or removed; or
 - (3) The odometer does not work.

Saf-C 3244.06 Speedometer.

- (a) A street rod shall be rejected if;
 - (1) It is not equipped with a speedometer;
 - (2) The speedometer has been tampered with or removed; or
 - (3) The speedometer does not work.

Saf-C 3244.07 Transmission.

- (a) A street rod shall be rejected if it does not have a functional reverse gear which enables it to be backed under power.
- (b) If equipped with an automatic transmission, a street rod shall be rejected if:
 - (1) The transmission shift lever sequence does not have the neutral position placed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications;
 - (2) The transmission shift pattern is not visible within the area of the shift lever or within the driver's view of the instrument panel; or
 - (3) The street rod moves on a grade while in the "park" position.

Saf-C 3244.08 Electrical System.

- (a) A street rod shall be rejected if:
 - (1) The horn does not meet the requirements set forth in Saf-C 3214.01;
 - (2) The starter on a street rod equipped with an automatic transmission operates when the gear selector is in any position other than park or neutral; or

(3) Any portion of the electrical system shows signs of burning, short-circuiting or bare or uninsulated wires.

Saf-C 3244.09 Lights and Lighting.

(a) A street rod shall be rejected if any turn signal lamp or operating unit:

- (1) Does not function properly;
- (2) Is not properly directed;
- (3) Is obscured; or
- (4) Has a self-canceling mechanism that does not function properly.

(b) A street rod shall be equipped with emergency lights which meet the requirements set forth in Saf-C 3215.02(a);

(c) A street rod shall be rejected if:

- (1) Any bulb, sealed beam unit or lamp fails to light or does not function properly;
- (2) Any bulb, sealed beam unit, lamp or reflector does not meet the manufacturer's specifications or violates federal motor vehicle safety standards;
- (3) Turn signal lamps fail to light when the turn signal lever is moved to the "on" position, or flashes less than 60 or more than 120 cycles a minute;
- (4) The back-up light system does not turn off automatically when the vehicle is moved forward, if the light system is designed to turn off and if the vehicle is so equipped;
- (5) Any lamp shows a color inconsistent with the following:
 - a. Headlamps shall show a white light and colored headlamps;
 - b. Colored headlamps, covers or tinted lenses shall not be permitted;
 - c. License plate lamps shall show a white light;
 - d. Directional signals shall show an amber or white light to the front and an amber or red light to the rear;
 - e. Tail and brake lamps shall show a red light; and
 - f. Clearance lamps shall show a red light to the rear and an amber light to the front;
- (6) Any lamp or reflector does not direct light in the proper direction;
- (7) Auxiliary equipment is placed on or in front of any lamp;
- (8) Any lamp assembly, or any portion thereof, is improperly fastened or installed;
- (9) Any lamp has a cracked, broken or missing lense or reflex reflector; or
- (10) A headlight is too dim or too bright, with the following candlepower:
 - a. 7,500 minimum candlepower for low beam;

b. 10,000 minimum candlepower for high beam; and

c. 150,000 maximum candlepower for all headlamps and auxiliary lights.

(d) A street rod shall be equipped with auxiliary driving lamps and fog lamps which meet the requirements of Saf-C 3215.05.

(e) A street rod shall be rejected if:

(1) A mechanical aimer shows the headlight beam is not straight ahead and 2 degrees down;
or

(2) A headlight board shows the headlight beam is not straight ahead and less than 2 inches lower than the horizontal center line of the board, measured 25 feet from the headlamps.

Saf-C 3244.10 Glass, Glazing and Mirrors.

(a) Pursuant to RSA 266:58 and RSA 266:113, II(e), a street rod manufactured on or after January 1, 1936, shall be equipped with safety glass, marked with the proper code number, AS 1, AS 10, DOT code number or lexan, and shall have safety glass installed whenever replacement is required.

(b) A street rod shall be rejected if the inside rear view mirror:

(1) Is loose, so that the driver's rear vision is impaired;

(2) Is located in a position that does not give the driver a clear view of the road at least 200 feet to the rear of the street rod;

(3) Is cracked or broken;

(4) Has sharp edges; or

(5) Does not stay in position when adjusted.

(c) If the rear of the street rod is blocked, the street rod shall be exempt from having a rear view mirror, as long as the street rod is equipped with an outside mirror that gives the driver a clear view of the road at least 200 feet to the rear of the street rod.

(d) A street rod with tinted glass shall be rejected unless the glass complies with the requirements of RSA 266:58-a or a waiver has been obtained pursuant to Saf-C 2500.

(e) Curtains shall be permitted on any window other than the windshield and windows to the right and left of the driver, as long as the street rod is equipped with outside mirrors, on the left and the right side of the driver, which affords a clear view of the rear of the street rod.

(f) Rigid plastic glazing, such as plexiglass, shall be permitted in the windows of a street rod in which the windows are frequently broken.

(g) Rigid plastic glazing shall be replaced when it becomes scratched, clouded or worn to the extent the driver's vision is limited or obscured.

(h) Glazing or plexiglass shall not be permitted unless it meets the requirements set forth in 49 CFR 393.60.

Saf-C 3244.11 Wipers and Defroster.

(a) A street rod shall be rejected if:

- (1) Pursuant to RSA 266:113, II(f), it is not equipped with an electric or vacuum windshield wiper located in front of the driver;
- (2) The wiper blades fail to clear the windshield, so that the driver's vision is limited or obscured;
- (3) The rubber section of the wiper blade is worn or missing; or
- (4) Pursuant to RSA 266:56, if manufactured after January 1, 1947, it is not equipped with a functional defroster capable of melting snow and ice on the windshield.

Saf-C 3244.12 Exhaust System.

(a) The exhaust system, including the exhaust pipe, muffler, resonator, catalytic converter, tailpipe, hangers, brackets and all other component parts shall be inspected for leakage, improper fastening and proper operation.

(b) All street rods shall be equipped with mufflers in good working condition.

(c) A street rod shall be rejected if:

- (1) It has no tailpipe or muffler;
- (2) There is, inside the street rod, an operator controlled device such as a muffler cut-out or muffler by-pass which amplifies or increases the noise emitted by the muffler;
- (3) There are holes, rusted or worn surfaces in any component parts or supporting hardware;
- (4) There are loose or leaking joints or leaking seams in any section;
- (5) Any portion of the exhaust system is not securely fastened;
- (6) Any portion of the exhaust system passes through the passenger compartment or trunk;
- (7) Muffler jackets or flexible pipe, which does not seal itself, is used in the exhaust system;
- (8) The tailpipe end is pinched or damaged;
- (9) The muffler has loose or missing interior baffles or holes which have been repaired with patches; or
- (10) Excessive fumes, smoke, flame, gas, oil or fuel residue escapes in violation of RSA 266:59.

(d) A street rod with an outside exhaust system shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) The muffler shall be installed according to the vehicle's manufacturer's specifications and shall not give off excessive noise, fumes, smoke, flame, gas, oil or fuel residue;
- (2) No exhaust gases shall enter the passenger compartment;
- (3) Any flexi-type exhaust piping shall be self-sealing, free of leaks, holes, patches or defects, properly fastened to the street rod and used only on the exhaust side of the emission control system; and

(4) Pursuant to RSA 266:113, III, the exhaust discharge point shall be to the rear of the rear edge of the front door and shall exit exhaust gases away from the street rod.

Saf-C 3244.13 Fuel System.

(a) A street rod shall be rejected if:

- (1) There is vapor or fuel leakage anywhere within the fuel system;
- (2) Any portion of the fuel system is not securely fastened;
- (3) The fuel system is equipped with a fuel filler cap that does not meet the manufacturer's specifications; or
- (4) Any portion of the fuel lines are made of material that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(b) A street rod with the fuel tank located within the trunk area shall be rejected if the fuel tank is not equipped with a sealed gas cap and a spill-proof vent system which has its discharge opening outside of the body of the street rod.

Saf-C 3244.14 Vehicle Body or Chassis.

(a) A street rod shall be rejected if:

- (1) The body components have tears, sharp edges or protruding areas which present a safety hazard to any person;
- (2) Any door is:
 - a. Missing;
 - b. Improperly fastened; or
 - c. Adjusted so that it cannot be tightly closed;
- (3) Any door latch, lock, hinge or handle:
 - a. Is broken;
 - b. Does not work properly; or
 - c. Is defective;
- (4) The floor pan in the passenger compartment or trunk area has a hole, is worn or is rusted so that exhaust gases enter or cannot support occupants;
- (5) Any portion of the transmission is missing or does not function properly;
- (6) The body is damaged so that rear doors, windows, deck lids or other similar items cannot be fully closed and properly sealed, or any other condition or body opening exists which allows exhaust gases to enter the passenger compartment; or
- (7) The frame or other structural components are broken, cracked or rusted to a degree which affects the safety of the street rod.

(b) Welded frames shall be permitted as long as any joints have the equivalent strength of the original frame and the alignment of chassis parts is not affected.

(c) Lap joint welds shall be permitted as long as the joints have the equivalent strength of the original frame.

(d) Hood or carburetor air scoops may be installed on a street rod as long as they meet the requirements set forth in Saf-C 3221.07.

Saf-C 3244.15 Seat Belts. Pursuant to RSA 266:113, II(c), a street rod shall be rejected if it is not equipped with a securely anchored federal motor vehicle safety standard seat belt for all occupants.

Saf-C 3244.16 Tire and Wheels.

(a) A street rod shall be rejected if a tire has:

(1) A fabric break;

(2) A cut, break or weather crack which is:

- a. In excess of one inch in any direction as measured on the outside of the tire; or
- b. Deep enough to reach the body cords;

(3) Temporary repairs made with blowout patches or boots;

(4) Any bumps, bulges or knots related to separation or partial failure of the tire structure;

(5) Any portion of the ply or cord structure exposed through the tread; or

(6) A portion of the tread completely worn, which is of sufficient size to affect the traction and stopping ability of the tire.

(b) A street rod shall be rejected if the tread depth measured in a major tread groove nearest the center of the tire is less than 2/32 inch.

(c) Pursuant to RSA 266:47, a street rod shall be rejected if it is equipped with one or more regrooved tires.

(d) A street rod shall be rejected if:

(1) Radial and bi-ply tires are on the same axle;

(2) Different tire sizes are on the same axle, except for U.S. and metric sizes of compatible construction, dimensions and load capacity;

(3) Tires are marked "for farm use only", "off highway use only" or "racing only";

(4) Wheel bolts, studs or lugs are loose, missing or damaged; or

(5) Any portion of the wheel is bent, cracked, re-welded, damaged or has elongated bolt holes that affects the safe operation of the street rod.

From New Hampshire Revised Statutes:

TITLE XXI Motor Vehicles
CHAPTER 266 Equipment of Vehicles
Miscellaneous

RSA 266:62-a (2016)

266:62-a Motor Vehicles Manufactured 60 Years or Older.

Any motor vehicle whose model year is 60 years or older shall be exempt from all motor vehicle equipment and inspection requirements if the motor vehicle is equipped as it was manufactured or in accordance with the motor vehicle's original equipment specifications.

TITLE XXI Motor Vehicles
CHAPTER 266 Equipment of Vehicles
Street Rods

RSA 266:113 (2016)

266:113 Equipment Required of Street Rods.

I. A vehicle registered as a **street rod** shall be equipped as prescribed by [RSA 266](#) and state of New Hampshire official inspection station rules adopted pursuant to [RSA 541-A](#), as they may be applicable to vehicles whose model year is prior to the year 1949.

II. Notwithstanding paragraph I, **street rods** shall be equipped with the following:

- (a)** Hydraulic service brakes on all wheels.
- (b)** Sealed beam or halogen headlamps.
- (c)** Seat belts for all passengers.
- (d)** Turn signal lamps and switch.
- (e)** Safety glass or Lexan.
- (f)** Electric or vacuum windshield wiper located in front of the driver.
- (g)** Parking brake operating on at least 2 wheels on the same axle.

III. Notwithstanding the requirements of this subdivision, bumpers, fenders, and hoods shall be optional equipment. Exhaust systems discharging along the side of the vehicle shall be allowed, provided the exhaust discharge point is to the rear of the rear edge of the front door and such system shall exit exhaust gas away from the vehicle.

IV. The ground clearance for a **street rod** shall be such that the vehicle shall be able to be in motion and functional while on its 4 rims on a flat surface, and no part of the suspension, steering or chassis shall touch that surface. The director may adopt rules, pursuant to [RSA 541-A](#), as are necessary to implement the provisions of this subdivision.

TITLE XXI Motor Vehicles
CHAPTER 266 Equipment of Vehicles
Inspections

RSA 266:1 (2016)

266:1 Inspection Authorized.

- I. The director may require the inspection of any vehicle, except an OHRV, snowmobile, moped, or any other vehicle exempted under this chapter, to determine whether it is fit to be driven. Such inspection shall be made at such times and in such manner as the director may specify, subject to the requirements set forth in this section.
- II. Any vehicle registered under this title, except an OHRV, snowmobile, moped, or other exempt vehicle, shall be inspected once a year, during the month in which the birth date of the owner is observed, if the owner is a natural person. An inspection sticker shall be valid for the same duration as the vehicle's registration, which shall not exceed 16 months. If the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, an inspection sticker may be issued, with an expiration date of the birth month in the following year, of the first person named on the title application. Nothing in this paragraph shall require any person who has registered and had inspected a vehicle with temporary plates to have the vehicle reinspected upon receipt of permanent motor vehicle plates. An inspection sticker shall not expire when a vehicle is transferred to a licensed dealer.
- II-a. Notwithstanding RSA 266:1, II, if the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, and the vehicle owner provides written verification of absence from New Hampshire during the entire anniversary month, an inspection sticker may be issued, with an expiration date of the birth month in the following year, of the first person named on the title application.
- III. If the owner of the vehicle is a company or corporation or other than a natural person, the annual inspection shall be made during the month designated by the director as the registration month for such legal entity. Vehicles registered as antique motor vehicles and antique motorcycles and which are 40 years old and over shall be inspected biennially. Antique motor vehicles and custom vehicles shall be inspected in the month of April. Without regard to the owner's birth date or registration month, motorcycles, autocycles, and recreational vehicles shall be inspected annually by July 1.
- IV. Notwithstanding paragraphs II and III, newly registered vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, and mopeds, and vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, and mopeds, the ownership of which has been transferred, shall be inspected not later than 10 days after the registration or transfer of ownership of said vehicle. However, if a new vehicle is purchased at retail from a licensed dealer, as defined in RSA 259:18, the vehicle shall be inspected not later than 20 days after the date of transfer. A used vehicle for which a dealer has issued a 20-day plate pursuant to RSA 261:109 shall be inspected by the dealer or an authorized inspection station on behalf of the dealer at the time of the attachment of the plate unless a valid inspection sticker issued by the dealer is in place, in which case the vehicle shall be inspected within 20 days or before the sticker expires, whichever occurs first. All other expired motor vehicle inspections shall be subject to the 10-day grace period in RSA 266:5.
- V. The director may authorize properly qualified persons to make inspections without expense to the state at stations designated by the director, and may at any time revoke such authorization or designation; provided, however, that inspections conducted at such stations at the request and under the direction of a police officer or a state trooper or authorized employee of the department of safety shall be paid for as follows:
- (a) In the event violations of this section are uncovered, by the owner of the vehicle.
- (b) In the event no such violations are uncovered, by the agency represented by the police officer or state trooper or authorized employee of the department of safety.
- The biennial fee to be paid by the inspection station upon authorization to make inspections shall be \$50 and shall not be refundable nor prorated, however, applications submitted during the second year of the license cycle shall be subject to a fee of only \$25.
- V-a. An inspection station may, upon request, be designated a "motorcycle only" inspection station. A "motorcycle only" inspection station may inspect only motorcycles and shall not be required to conduct OBD II emission testing under RSA 266:59-b or to purchase or lease any equipment relating to the OBD II emission testing program.
- VI. Each inspection station shall conspicuously post on its premises a notice, in a form and size approved by the director, indicating that the station is an authorized inspection station.

VII. Each inspection station shall conspicuously post on the outside of the building a sign showing the inspection fee charged and the additional fee charged for OBD II testing under RSA 266:59-b. No inspection station shall include of the cost of OBD II testing or reporting in the inspection fee charged for a vehicle not subject to the OBD II requirements under RSA 266:59-b.

VII-a.

(a) The director is authorized to require inspection stations to submit inspection data to the department electronically, provided that if electronic submission is required the following inspection stations shall be allowed to submit inspection data electronically or on a designated schedule and form prescribed by the department:

- (1) Inspection stations that are authorized to inspect only motorcycles.
- (2) [Repealed.]
- (3) Fleet motor vehicle inspection stations for non-OBD II vehicles.
- (4) Municipal and county government inspection stations.

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

VIII. A new vehicle which has been delivered in this state with a certificate of origin in the form prescribed by the director is exempt from the inspection requirements contained in this section until it is sold at retail. Upon retail sale of such a vehicle, the owner shall be required to have the vehicle inspected pursuant to paragraph IV and as provided in this section and the rules adopted under this chapter.

IX. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, all school buses exceeding 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight shall be inspected semiannually. The month for the first inspection shall be the month in which the birth date of the owner is observed, if the owner is a natural person; if the owner is other than a natural person, the first inspection shall be conducted during the month designated by the director as the registration month for such legal entity. In either case, the second inspection shall be 6 months later.

X. The director may authorize properly qualified persons to inspect any motor vehicle, except an OHRV, snowmobile, moped, or any other vehicle exempted under this chapter, which has been involved in a fatal accident or an accident involving serious bodily injury as defined in RSA 625:11, VI, to determine whether the vehicle was in compliance with state inspection requirements.

XI.

(a) The department may impose an administrative fine upon any inspection station for any violation of an inspection law or rule adopted under the provisions of this chapter. The authority to impose such a fine shall be in addition to any other remedy or penalty that may be imposed, but in no event shall the department impose both a fine and a suspension of inspection privileges in the same proceeding. The maximum amounts of the fines which may be assessed shall be as follows:

- (1) For the first violation, \$250.
- (2) For the second violation, \$500.
- (3) For the third violation, \$750.
- (4) For the fourth violation, \$1,000.
- (5) For 5 or more violations, \$2,000.

(b) No fine shall take effect unless approved by the commissioner. The commissioner shall have the authority to modify the amount of the fine assessed.

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CHAPTER 266 Equipment of Vehicles
Lights, Signals, Flashers, Reflectors and Flags

RSA 266:31-a (2016)

266:31-a Multiple Beam Lighting Equipment.

All motor vehicles shall be equipped with multiple beam headlighting equipment, except that headlamp systems which provide only a single distribution of light shall be permitted on all farm tractors regardless of date of manufacture and on **antique** motor **vehicles** which were not originally equipped with multiple beam road lighting equipment.

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RSA 266:33 (2016)

266:33 Antique Vehicles Exemption.

Notwithstanding the provisions of [RSA 266:44](#), the tail lamps on antique motorcars as defined in [RSA 259:4](#) shall be deemed adequate if they display a red light visible for a distance of 100 feet to the rear of such vehicle, and the tail lamp or lamps on such vehicles may be located at a height of more than 72 inches from the ground, provided they were so located at the time of original manufacture of the vehicle.

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RSA 266:44 (2016)

266:44 Tail Lamp and Reflectors.

Every motor vehicle and trailer or any combination of vehicles, when on the ways of this state at night, shall have on the rear thereof, and to the left of the axis thereof, one lamp, displaying a red light visible for a distance of at least 1000 feet to the rear of such vehicle, and a white light illuminating the registration plate of such vehicle so that the characters thereon shall be visible for a distance of at least 50 feet, except that passenger **cars** manufactured or **assembled** after January 1, 1952, shall have at least 2 tail lamps, one to either side of the axis thereof. On a combination of vehicles, only the tail lamps on the rearmost vehicle need actually be seen from the distance specified. On vehicles equipped with more than one tail lamp, the lamps shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable. All tail lamps on any vehicle shall be located at a height of not more than 72 inches nor less than 20 inches from the ground, measured from the ground to the center of the reflector, and shall be placed in such manner as to indicate the extreme width of the vehicle and load and to reflect rays of light thrown upon such reflector. The visibility of such reflectors shall not be impaired at any time. Whenever a vehicle is manufactured with multiple tail lamps or multiple bulbs or filaments in the tail lamps, each of the lamps, bulbs, or filaments and any other exterior lighting equipment with which the vehicle was manufactured shall be in working order.

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RSA 266:58 (2016)

266:58 Safety Glass Required.

It shall be unlawful to register or to drive on any way in this state any motor **vehicle** which shall have been manufactured or **assembled** on or after January 1, 1936, unless it be equipped with safety glass wherever glass is used in partitions, doors, windows, or windshields. This section shall not apply to any motor vehicle registered in another state by a bona fide resident of said state.

TITLE XXI Motor Vehicles
CHAPTER 265 Rules of the Road
Special Rules

RSA 265:107-a (2016)

265:107-a Child Passenger Restraints Required.

I. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any way while carrying as a passenger a person less than 18 years of age unless such person is wearing a seat or safety belt which is properly adjusted and fastened. Except as provided in paragraph II, no person shall drive a motor vehicle on any way while carrying as a passenger a person less than 18 years of age unless the motor vehicle was designed for and equipped with child passenger restraints in accordance with the safety standards approved by the United States Department of Transportation in 49 C.F.R. section 571.213.

I-a. No person who is less than 18 years of age shall drive a motor vehicle or auticycle on any way unless such person is wearing a seat or safety belt which is properly adjusted and fastened.

I-b. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any way while carrying as a passenger a person less than 7 years of age unless such passenger is properly fastened and secured by a child restraint system which is in accordance with the safety standards approved by the United States Department of Transportation in 49 C.F.R. section 571.213. If the passenger is 57 inches or more in height, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply.

II. A person shall not be guilty of a violation of this section if the motor vehicle the person is driving is regularly used to transport passengers for hire, is a school bus weighing more than 10,000 pounds or is a school bus weighing less than 10,000 pounds that was manufactured without safety belts, or there is an individualized education program statement contraindicating the use of restraints, is a vehicle manufactured before 1968, is a motorcycle as defined in RSA 259:63, is an antique motor car or motorcycle as defined in RSA 259:4, or is being operated in a parade authorized by law or ordinance, provided that the parade vehicle is travelling at a speed of no more than 10 miles per hour.

III. Any driver who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation, and shall be subject to the following fines:

(a) \$50 for a first offense.

(b) \$100 for a second or subsequent offense.

IV. A violation of this section shall not be used as evidence of contributory negligence in any civil action.

V. A conviction for violating the provisions of this section shall not preclude prosecution of any other offense for which violation of this section might constitute an element.

VI. [Repealed.]

TITLE XII Public Safety and Welfare
CHAPTER 157-A Boilers and Pressure Vessels

RSA 157-A:6 (2016)

157-A:6 Exemptions.

I [Repealed.]

Emissions Exemptions

New Hampshire requires emissions testing on vehicles that are MY 1996 and newer with a GVWR of 8,500 lbs and less.

Diesel Vehicles:

Diesel vehicles that are MY 1997 and newer with a GVWR of 8,500 lbs or less must undergo emissions testing.

Exemptions:

1. Pre-1996 MY vehicles

From New Hampshire Administrative Rules:

PART Saf-C 3222 ON-BOARD DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM

Saf-C 3222.01 Applicability.

(a) Notwithstanding Saf-C 3203.01(a)(10), the OBD inspection pursuant to this part shall apply to the following vehicles:

- (1) Model year 1996 and newer light-duty gasoline vehicles and light-duty gasoline trucks; and
- (2) Model year 1997 and newer light-duty diesel vehicles and light-duty diesel trucks.

(b) The year of the engine, as specified by the manufacturer, shall determine whether an OBD inspection is required pursuant to (a) above. New engines, as specified by the manufacturer, built to replicate older model vehicle engines, shall be considered to be the year of the engine being replicated.

(c) Notwithstanding Saf-C 3203.01(a)(10) or any other rule to the contrary, the OBD inspection pursuant to this part shall not apply to the following vehicles:

- (1) Street rods, if equipped with an engine manufactured prior to the year 1996;
- (2) Replicas, if equipped with an engine manufactured prior to the year 1996;
- (3) Motorcycles; or
- (4) Vehicles 20 or more model years old.