

New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Association

Brief Description of Bills that passed in 2017

Relative to Purple Heart and Pearl Harbor survivor number plates. Chapter 119 (HB 88) allows for special number plates, designed by the director with the approval of the commissioner, for one motor vehicle owned by a veteran, *who may be listed as the first or second owner on the certificate of title or certificate of registration.*

Retention of Electronic Records and Disposal of Paper Records. Chapter 96 (HB 108) clarifies that any municipal records in paper form that are listed in the disposition and retention schedule under RSA 33-A:3-a may be transferred to electronic form, and the original paper records may be disposed of as the municipality chooses (subject to other limitations in law). Electronic records with a retention period of 10 years or less may be retained solely electronically in their original format; those with a retention period longer than 10 years must be transferred to paper or microfilm or stored in portable document format/archival (PDF/A). The municipal committee established under RSA 33-A:3 must review documents and procedures at least once every five years for compliance with guidelines issued by the Secretary of State and the Municipal Records Board.

Increases the maximum optional fee for transportation improvements charged by municipalities when collecting motor vehicle registration fees to \$10 from \$5 (HB 121) this bill increases the maximum optional fee for transportation improvements that may be charged by municipalities when collecting motor vehicle registration fees.

This bill provides for the continuation of 10-day, nonresident OHRV registrations. The bill also adds a requirement for certain trail connector use on state rights of way. (HB 211)

Limiting 20-day registration plates, relative to the suspension of a driver's license, and relative to salvage certificates of titles for motor vehicles. (HB 319) this bill includes

- I. Limits the 20-day registration plates used for the same vehicle to 3 plates within a 12-month period.
- II. Authorizes the director of the division of motor vehicles to suspend or revoke the driver's license of a person whose driver's license or right to operate has been suspended or revoked in another jurisdiction.
- III. Authorizes the issuance of a salvage certificate of title for a vehicle under specified conditions after a total loss payment has been made.

Documentation for Registration of Title-Exempted Vehicles. Chapter 31 (HB 424) provides that when a person registers a vehicle that is exempt from the certificate of title requirement under RSA Chapter 261 because its model year is prior to 2000, the City or Town Clerk shall make copies of the bill of sale and the New Hampshire certificate of registration or certificate of title for his or her records.

Taxability of Lease Interests in Public Property. Chapter 168 (HB 568) clarifies that when property owned by the state or a political subdivision is leased to another party, the party using the property is required to pay property taxes even though the lease does not contain the precise language required by the statute. It also allows a political subdivision to adopt an exemption from the tax obligation for land that is used exclusively for agriculture.