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April 16, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

For inclusion on the Governor and Council Consent Calendar, pursuant to MOP 1200 I.D., authorize the Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety (OHS) to pay in the amount of \$5,274.00 to the Governors Highway Safety Association (VC# 170334 - R001), Washington, DC, for annual membership dues. Effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. 50% Federal Funds; 50% Highway Funds

Funds are anticipated to be available in the SFY2026 operating budget from the following account:

02-23-23-231015-75460000	Dept. of Safety – OHS – Highway Safety Admin	<u>SFY 2026</u>
026-500251	Organizational Dues – Membership Fees	\$5,274.00

EXPLANATION

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) members consist of representatives from state Highway Safety Offices, organizations, associations, businesses and individuals that support the highway safety goals and objectives of GHSA.

The payment of these GHSA dues will allow the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety to retain the membership and voting privileges with GHSA. Dues must be paid prior to commencement of the annual meeting held on August 23-27, 2025, in Pittsburgh, PA.

The mission of the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety (OHS) is to reduce traffic crashes, fatalities, injuries, and related property damage. OHS coordinates highway safety programs by utilizing federal funds to support initiatives that enhance traffic safety across the state. Following the passage of the Highway Safety Act of 1966, which established a highway safety office in each state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) was founded in 1974 to support and improve the administration of these programs. GHSA assists State Highway Safety Offices by developing policies aligned with state goals, studying highway safety challenges, and creating technical, administrative, and educational standards. GHSA also collaborates with other agencies to address safety issues and works to increase public and community leader awareness of the impact of traffic crashes and the measures necessary to reduce them.

GHSA serves as New Hampshire's voice on traffic safety issues at the national level, representing the state's interests before the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Congress, and the Administration. GHSA works closely with NHTSA to reduce the administrative burden associated with federal grant requirements, enabling the Office of Highway Safety (OHS) to focus more on addressing New Hampshire's most critical traffic safety challenges. In addition, GHSA engages with Congress and congressional staff to ensure that behavioral highway safety programs are prioritized in both current and future legislation pertaining to transportation funding. This advocacy helps secure the resources states need to prevent crashes and save lives.

GHSA also provides valuable resources, training, and technical assistance to states. These include best practices, federal guidance documents available through GHSA's website, the annual Executive Seminar, and the Emerging Leaders in Highway Safety training program.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

- 1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?* The Governors Highway Safety Association was incorporated in 1975. The Office of Highway Safety has been a member of the Association since its inception.
- 2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?* No, the Office of Highway Safety does not belong to any other organization providing the same/similar benefits.
- 3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?* There are 55 states and territories that belong to GHSA. The Office of Highway Safety is the sole New Hampshire state agency belonging to GHSA.
- 4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)* Dues are based on each state's share of Section 402 funding under the current transportation bill, making them proportional across states. Because New Hampshire receives a smaller share, it pays some of the lowest dues in the country. GHSA dues are reviewed and approved each year by the Executive Board, which includes representatives from each region. New Hampshire is part of Region 1. In June, the Executive Board votes on the proposed dues. These are then shared with all member states in July and officially approved during the annual business meeting in August or September.
- 5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?* The purpose for which the Association is organized and for which it shall be perpetuated is: to develop and improve methods of highway safety program administration, particularly in response to the Highway Safety Act of 1966 and amendments thereto; to assist the members of the Association in a) implementing the Governor's state highway safety programs; b) aiding Governors in the development of policies consistent with the needs and goals of the several states; and c) informing Governors of actions needed at national, state and local levels to develop and to implement strategic highway safety programs; to study all problems connected with highway safety; to cooperate with other agencies and organizations in the consideration and solution of highway safety problems; to develop better ways and means of adequately informing community leaders and the public as to the magnitude and costs of highway crashes and as to corrective measures and to inform Congress and the Administration of the policy concerns of State Highway Safety Offices.

6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.* Throughout the year GHSA hosts conference calls and web-based trainings to educate members regarding management reviews, funding requirements, reporting, equipment inventory, etc. Membership dues cover costs associated with all trainings.
7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.* No.
8. *Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.* There is no travel included in the membership fee.
9. *Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)* The Coordinator/Governor's Representative of the Office of Highway Safety is directly involved with GHSA and is a voting member representing the State.
10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.* Without GHSA membership, New Hampshire would lose its voice and influence in shaping federal programs and policies related to highway safety. This lack of representation could result in decisions that do not reflect the state's needs or priorities, potentially leading to negative impacts on New Hampshire's highway safety efforts.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety



INVOICE

April 1, 2025
 Invoice No: 4249
 Member ID: 33
 Contact ID: 5148

Bill To:

New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety
 Attn: John Clegg
 33 Hazen Drive, Room 208
 Concord, NH 03305

Remit Payment To:

Governors Highway Safety Association
 660 North Capitol Street, NW
 Suite 220
 Washington, DC 20001-1642
 (Federal ID# 521021004)

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	QTY	AMOUNT
Membership Renewal Member Type: SHSO - New Hampshire Until: 6/30/2026 Member Join Date: 01/01/2011	\$5,274.00	1	\$5,274.00

TERMS: Net 30

Subtotal	\$5,274.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Prior Payments	\$0.00
TOTAL DUE	\$5,274.00

Notes:

Organization Name: New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety
 Primary Member Name: John Clegg
 Organization ID: 33
 Member Type: SHSO - New Hampshire
 Membership Expiration Date: 6/30/2026
 Membership Cost: \$5,274.00

Payable to Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)

- All major credit cards accepted.
- ACH or EFT: ABA #044000804 Account #8902010599903
- Bank Wire: ABA #021000089 Account #40811172 (for further credit to Account #504114543)

Note: All credit card charges over \$5,000 incur a 3% processing fee. To pay invoices of \$5,000+ by credit card, please reach out to Wilnie Petrush at WPetrush@ghsa.org. If you process the credit card online GHSA will send you a separate invoice for the 3%.