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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Administration to accept and expend \$149,906.00 from the New Hampshire Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust program administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Other (New Hampshire Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust funds).**

02-23-23-232010-XXXX0000, Volkswagen Mitigation Trust

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class	Description	SFY 2026 Current Authorized	Requested Action	SFY 2026 Adjusted Authorized
007-401746-44	Fed Rev Xfers Fr Oth Agency	-	(\$149,906.00)	(\$149,906.00)
030-500320	Equipment – New	-	\$149,906.00	\$149,906.00
	Total Expenses	-	\$149,906.00	\$149,906.00

EXPLANATION

In July of 2025, the Department of Safety (DOS), Division of Administration, applied to replace its 2009 Chevrolet C550 diesel tow truck through the Volkswagen Mitigation trust fund program administered through NHDES. On August 03, 2025, the DOS was notified that our project was selected, and funds were being allocated to us to replace our agency tow truck. The DOS has been approved by the program to purchase a 2025 Hino L6 diesel tow truck. This acquisition will proceed through a competitive bidding process, adhering to all relevant State policies and procedures.

A tow-truck for the Department of Safety plays a vital role in public safety, especially for the Division of State Police. The current tow truck is used frequently by the State Police Major Crimes Unit for transporting evidence back to the impound yard. Additionally, if a state police cruiser goes out of service, the Department of Safety Automotive Unit can tow a spare cruiser out to the trooper and tow the out of service cruiser back to the Department of Safety Automotive Garage for diagnostics testing and repair. This is a reason why this new tow truck will be slightly larger than the current model. Our current model is not rated for towing the Tahoe's or pick-up trucks that the troopers are

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now using. The current model was purchased when Crown Victoria's and Chargers were the standard issue. The Division of State Police also uses the tow-truck to tow non-road worthy vehicles to various areas for necessary training that troopers must go through in subject areas of pursuit, vehicle stops, and other officer safety / emergency type training.

As an additional cost savings measure, the Department of Safety will utilize this tow truck to recover vehicles from other divisions when they break down, reducing reliance on outside vendors and avoiding towing expenses. The new tow truck will continue to display the State Police door seals and will be featured at community outreach events such as "touch-a-truck". These events provide a valuable opportunity for the Department to engage with New Hampshire residents and visitors while promoting awareness and dialogue around public safety.

Funds are to be budgeted in the following accounts:

Class 030 Funds are available to purchase the authorized a 2025 Hino L6 diesel tow truck associated with this program.

There are no General Funds required with this request. In the event federal funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety