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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court
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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety to accept and expend \$457,747.00 (405e program) funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) federal grant program to support grants to state and local law enforcement and public awareness campaigns aimed at reducing fatalities caused by distracted driving, including increasing law enforcement visibility on New Hampshire roadways and enhancing public awareness of the dangers of distracted driving to promote safer driving behavior, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY26 in the following account:

02-23-23-231010-75510000 NHTSA Distracted Driving

Class	Class Description	Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised Adjusted Authorized
000-403787-16	Federal Funds	(\$430,991.99)	(\$457,747.00)	(\$888,738.99)
	Total Revenue	(\$430,991.99)	(\$457,747.00)	(\$888,738.99)
029-500290	Intra-Agency Transfers	\$314,190.00	\$400,315.00	\$714,505.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs - SWCAP	\$16,611.00	\$6,975.00	\$23,586.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$420.00	\$457.00	\$877.00
102-500731	Contracts for Programs	\$99,770.99	\$50,000.00	\$149,770.99
	Total Expenses	\$430,991.99	\$457,747.00	\$888,738.99

EXPLANATION

These funds are necessary to increase law enforcement visibility on New Hampshire roadways, helping to reduce crashes and the injuries and fatalities associated with distracted driving. The funds will also support public messaging to educate motorists about the dangers of distracted driving and encourage safer driving behavior.

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In 2025, distracted driving/lack of attention contributed to more than 16% of crashes in New Hampshire. However, both non-fatal crash data and distracted driving fatality data are likely under reported, as many crashes occurring on New Hampshire roadways have no identifiable contributing factor other than the vehicle leaving the roadway. In some cases, these crashes occurred on a straight road during clear summer weather conditions, with no apparent explanation for how the crash occurred. Distracted driving remains a persistent and preventable traffic safety issue that continues to impact the safety of New Hampshire roadways.

These funds will support high-visibility traffic enforcement efforts throughout New Hampshire to deter distracted driving behaviors, increase compliance with traffic laws, and reduce serious injury and fatal crashes. High-visibility enforcement remains an important deterrence strategy and supports the State's broader roadway safety initiatives aimed at protecting motorists, passengers, pedestrians, and first responders.

The following appropriation adjustments are being requested:

Class 029 – Intra-Agency Transfers - to provide funding for grants to sub-grantees within the Agency.

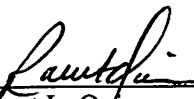
Class 040 – Indirect Cost -SWCAP - as allowable for Contracts for Program Services.

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside to comply with RSA 124:16 that requires all agencies which receive federal funds to set aside a percentage (0.1%) of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 102 - Contracts for Program Services to provide funding for grants to sub-grantees.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds/Highway Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety