



ROBERT L. QUINN
COMMISSIONER OF SAFETY

State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
STEPHEN E. MERRILL BUILDING
23 HAZEN DRIVE, CONCORD, N.H. 03305
TELEPHONE: (603) 227-4050 • RELAY NH (7-1-1)



JOHN C. MARASCO
DIRECTOR OF MOTOR VEHICLES

February 20, 2026

Dan Bennett, President
NH Automobile Dealers Association
507 South Street
Bow NH 03304

Dear Mr. Bennett,

The Department is in receipt of your letter requesting guidance regarding the requirement that dealers provide a valid inspection sticker and an official inspection report for a vehicle prior to issuing a temporary plate or temporary registration certificate to a vehicle. On February 13, 2026, the New Hampshire Department of Justice and Department of Safety announced that the vehicle inspection program is suspended until further notice.

In light of this suspension, dealers will not be required to comply with the inspection requirements set forth in N.H. Administrative Rule Saf-C 2003.13(p) and may issue a temporary plate and/or registration certificate to a vehicle without affixing an inspection sticker to the vehicle or providing the official vehicle inspection report. All other requirements surrounding the issuance of temporary plates remain in effect.

The State will provide updated guidance on vehicle inspections as more information becomes available and will provide additional regulatory flexibility as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Marasco".

John C. Marasco