Bill as Introduced

SB 455 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL ***455***

AN ACT relative to campgrounds.

SPONSORS: Sen. F. King, Dist 1

COMMITTEE: Wildlife and Recreation

ANALYSIS

This bill makes definitional changes in RSA 216-I, relative to recreational campgrounds and camping parks. This bill also requires that a minimum of 1,000 square feet be provided for camping cabin campsites, and that a recreational camping cabin which has water plumbed to it shall have a connection to an approved sewage disposal system.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Recreational Campgrounds and Camping Parks; Definition of Campsite. Amend RSA 216-I:1, II to read as follows:

II. "Campsite" means a parcel of land [~~in a recreational campground or camping park~~] ***used*** for the placement of a tent, [~~or a~~] recreational vehicle, ***or a recreational camping cabin*** for the [~~exclusive~~] ***overnight*** use of its occupants.

2 Recreational Campgrounds and Camping Parks; Definition of Recreational Campground or Camping Park. Amend RSA 216-I:1, VII to read as follows:

VII. "Recreational campground or camping park" means a parcel of land on which [~~5~~] ***2*** or more campsites are occupied or are intended for temporary occupancy for recreational dwelling purposes only, and not for permanent year-round residency, excluding recreation camps as defined in RSA 485-A:23.

3 New Paragraph; Recreational Campgrounds and Camping Parks; Definition of Recreational Camping Cabin. Amend RSA 216-I:1 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VII-a. "Recreational camping cabin" means a structure on a campsite, 400 square feet or less, calculated by taking the measurements of the exterior of the cabin, including all siding, corner trim, molding and area enclosed by windows, but not the roof or porch overhang, or log overhang at corners. It shall be designed not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary dwelling for recreational camping and vacation use.

4 Recreational Campgrounds and Camping Parks; Density Requirement. Amend RSA 216-I:2 to read as follows:

216-I:2 Density Requirement. A minimum of 600 square feet shall be provided for each tent site and a minimum of 1,000 square feet shall be provided for each recreational vehicle ***and recreational camping cabin*** campsite, with or without connections to an approved sewage disposal system.

5 New Paragraph; Recreational Campgrounds and Camping Parks; Recreational Camping Cabins; Disposal Systems. Amend RSA 216-I:4 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. A recreational camping cabin which has water plumbed to it shall have a connection to an approved sewage disposal system.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Speakers

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # SB 455 Date April 4, 2000

Committee Resources, Recreation + Development

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Stuart Trachy	136 No. Main St. Concord	226-2984	NH Campground Owners Assoc	✓	
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Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 455

BILL TITLE: relative to campgrounds.

DATE: April 4, 2000

LOB ROOM: 305 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:00 P.M.

Time Adjourned: 1:46 P.M.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Royce, D. Lawton, Whalley, Cooney, Kibbey, Mirski, Lavoie, O'Connell, Corbin, Roberts, Fields, Czech, Gallus, Russell, Blanchard, Downing, Williams, Lefebvre, Robb-Theroux, Fortnam, Glines and Spang.

Bill Sponsors: Sen. F. King, Dist 1

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Senator Fred King - Prime Sponsor. Supports the bill. Stated that this bill was the request of the campground association. There might be a loophole in the present law as it relates to cabins. This bill closes the loophole.

Rep. Fields: What is a recreation camping cabin? ANS: Small camping buildings.

Chairman Royce: Would Umbagog cabins be affected? ANS: They have sewer and water and are not affected.

* **Ronald Brown, N.H. Campground Owners Association** - Supports the bill. Written testimony, attached. Noted that they worked with DES to be sure proposal would be acceptable.

Rep. Blanchard: Is the definition of cabin mean a mobile or a fixed unit? ANS: Fixed, but would apply to some movable. Regulations should be the same as those for RV's.

Rep. Czech: On line 14, what does 400 square feet apply to? ANS: Not to RV's since they cannot be that big. How long do they have to comply? ANS: Immediately.

Rep. Glines: A cabin without water needs no sewer? ANS: Yes.

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Rene Pelletier, N.H. Department of Environmental Services (DES) - They are addressing wastewater requirements at Umbagog. He is concerned with conversions of summer use to fulltime use.

Rep. Blanchard: Are the 2000 window requirements in effect? ANS: The number of sites has increased over time. The 2000 criteria put campgrounds on notice to provide proper waste disposal systems. Compliance is good.

Chairman Royce: If 5 RV's are on my site, do I need a permit? ANS: If over 7 days.

Rep. Fields: Does temporary occupancy take care of day use? ANS: It is taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard T. Cooney
Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 455

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DATE: April 4, 2000

1:16 PM

LOB ROOM: 305 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** ~~2:00~~ P.M.

Time Adjourned:

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HEARING CLOSED AT 1:46 PM

Testimony

FILE

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Ronald F Brown

April 4, 2000
1 PM

New Hampshire House of Representatives
Hon H. Charles Royce, Chairman
Resources, Recreation & Development Committee
Room 305 L.O.B.
Concord New Hampshire 03301

Mr. Chairman,

My name is Ronald F Brown, I reside in the town of Carroll in Coos County.

I am the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Campground Owners' Association. Our membership consists of 140 Private Campgrounds and 17 State Parks located throughout the State.

We support Senate Bill 455 which amends RSA 216-I. In 1989 RSA 216-I was written and passed through this committee. It has passed the test of time and the courts and we want to take this opportunity to thank the General Court for an excellent piece of legislation.

Our organization in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Sub-Surface Bureau submitted these changes in an effort to more clearly define the Recreational Campgrounds and Camping Parks in New Hampshire.

The proposed changes to RSA 216-I in SB 455 are mostly housekeeping measures.

The definitional changes to campsites and Recreational Campground or Camping Parks Are in keeping with the many zoning issues faced by zoning boards.

The evolution of Camping has brought us to Camping Cabins. These have become very popular, thus the addition of a definition of Recreational Camping Cabins.

We have held many meetings with the NHDES Sub-Surface Bureau personnel in an effort to insure what we are proposing was acceptable. The NH DES Sub-Surface Bureau is supportive of these changes.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Respectfully,

Ronald F Brown

Ronald F Brown, Executive Director

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 455

BILL TITLE: **relative to campgrounds.**

DATE: 4/12/00

LOB ROOM: 305

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: (OTP) OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Cooney

Seconded by Rep. Downing

Vote: 13-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard T. Cooney, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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Seconded by Rep.

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Respectfully submitted,

Blurb

Rep. Richard T. Cooney, Clerk Cooney

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

2000 SESSION

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Bill #: SB 455 **Title:** RELATIVE TO CAMPGROUNDS

PH Date: 4/4/00 Exec Session Date: 4/12/00

Motion: OTP Amendment #:

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Royce, H Charles, Chairman	X	
Lawton, David M, V Chairman	X	
Whalley, Michael D		
Cooney, Richard T, Clerk	X	
Kibbey, David D		X
Mirski, Paul M		
Lavoie, Gerard H		
O'Connell, Timothy D	X	
Corbin, C David		
Roberts, William E	X	
Fields, Dennis H	X	
Czech, Stanley E	X	
Gallus, John T	X	
Russell, David H	X	
Blanchard, MaryAnn N	X	
Downing, Michael W	X	
Williams, Carol A		
Lefebvre, Roland J		
Robb-Theroux, Amy E		
Fortnam, Janet W		
Glines, Sara B	X	
Spang, Judith T	X	

TOTAL VOTE: 13-1

Printed: 3/28/2000

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Resources, Recreation and Development**

BILL NUMBER: **SB 455**

TITLE: relative to campgrounds.

DATE: April 12, 2000 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☐ NO ☒

☒ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ RE-REFER

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

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Vote 13-1.

Rep. Richard T. Cooney
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

Resources, Recreation and Development

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4/12/00

BLURB ON SB 455

OTP

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Okay C Rep

Richard J Cooney