Bill as Introduced

SB 340- AS INTRODUCED

2000 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***340***

AN ACT extending the reporting date of the committee to study the problems and possible regulation of outdoor lighting.

SPONSORS: Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. Cohen, Dist 24; Sen. Krueger, Dist 16; Sen. Russman, Dist 19; Rep. Griffin, Rock 27; Rep. Gagnon, Hills 48

COMMITTEE: Environment

ANALYSIS

This bill extends the reporting date of the committee to study the problems and possible regulation of outdoor lighting.

This bill is a request of the study committee established in 1999, 146.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT extending the reporting date of the committee to study the problems and possible regulation of outdoor lighting.

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

1 Reporting Date Extended. Amend RSA 1999, 146:6 to read as follows:

146:6 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before [~~July 1, 2000~~] ***November 1, 2000***.

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

Committee Minutes

Date: 1/13/00
Time: 9:20am
Room: LOB104

The Senate Committee on Environment held a hearing on the following:

SB340 extending the reporting date of the committee to study the problems and possible regulation of outdoor lighting.

Members of Committee present: Senator Russman
Senator Eaton
Senator Krueger
Senator Wheeler

The Chair, Senator Richard Russman, opened the hearing.

Senator Richard L. Russman, D. 19: We'll open the hearing on Senate Bill 340. We'll recognize the eminent Senator from Concord, Silvia Larsen.

Senator Sylvia B. Larsen, D. 15: Good morning, I will go very quickly, we need to all get to session. My name is Sylvia Larsen State Senator from District 15 and I am the Prime Sponsor form of Senate Bill 340 which is brought as a request of the outdoor lighting committee. While this committee has had some very interesting hearings, in fact. There's been chuckles around the State House that we would be studying outdoor light pollution but in fact it is an area that I think everyone needs to think about before we lose the kind of night skies that we have all treasured form our childhood and the early version of the bill had gone way to far in terms of regulation of outdoor lighting but what the committee is currently looking at are model ordinances which cities and towns could adopt if they so chose or variations of that which would establish a kind of lighting standards in the communities that adopted it which would help to avoid excess light, wasted light, going up into the night sky rather than going into the surfaces and lighting the areas that we're actually seeking to do. It's been an interesting committee. It is not likely that we would be able to finish it nor does it make a lot of sense. I believe our reporting date was July 1 of 2000. The thought was if we had until November which is the point at which most study committee's work

then we would be able to accomplish that job and not have to finalize our work during the rush of session day so I would ask for your support for this minor change and hope that you will take an interest in this bill as well.

Senator Richard L. Russman, D. 19: Questions for Senator Larsen? Thank you very much for coming and for your testimony. I notice that Judy Silva is in favor of the bill but does not wish to speak, Representing the New Hampshire Municipal Association is there anybody else wishing to speak on Senate Bill 340? Seeing none I'll close the hearing on Senate Bill 340.

HEARING CLOSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna-Maria Tsorvas
Committee Secretary

To: Members of the Senate
From: Megan Konys, Senate Legislative Aide
Date: January 18, 2000
Re: **Hearing report on SB 340,** extending the reporting date of the committee to study the problems and possible regulation of outdoor lighting. **(Senate Environment Committee, 1/13/00)**

Sponsors: Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. Cohen, Dist 24; Sen. Krueger, Dist 16; Sen. Russman, Dist 19; Rep. Griffin, Rock 27; Rep. Gagnon, Hills 48

What the bill does: This bill extends the reporting date of the committee to study the problems and possible regulation of outdoor lighting.

This bill is a request of the study committee established in 1999, 146.

Who supports the bill: Rep. Griffin, Rock 27; Judy Silva, NH Municipal Association

Who opposes the bill: No one testified in opposition to this bill.

Testimony report: Senator Larsen testified in support of SB 340, extending the reporting date of the committee to study the problems and possible regulation of outdoor lighting from July 1, 2000 to November 1, 2000. She noted that this bill was a request of the members of the study committee. Senator Larsen stated that this is an important committee as outdoor light pollution is a real problem effecting many growing communities in NH. Currently, the committee members are looking at model ordinances or variations thereof for lighting guidelines or standards for communities to adopt voluntarily, as a means of reducing light pollution and saving energy.

The NH Municipal Association supports the extension of the committee reporting date and will continue to work with the committee members on this issue.

Funding: N/A

Future Action: The Senate Environment Committee voted 4-0 that SB 340 OUGHT TO PASS.

Speakers

SENATE ENVIRONMENT. COMMITTEE

Date 1/13/2000 Time 8:50 am Public Hearing On SB340

Appearing in FAVOR: (Please print)	Please check box at left to speak.		
Speaking?	Name	Address	Representing
☑	Park Adams	Chichester NH	Tarp Inc.
☑	SEN SYLVIA LARSEN		
NO ☐	Judy Silva		NHMA
☐	Rep. Ruth Griffin		
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Appearing in OPPOSITION: (Please Print)	Please check box at left to speak.
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Committee Report

Date: 1/13/00 Time: 8:50am

The Senate Committee on Environment held its hearing in Room LOB104, Concord, New Hampshire.

BILL NO.: SB340 TITLE: extending the reporting date of the committee to study the problems and possible regulation of outdoor lighting.

Members of the Committee present: Senator Russman
Senator Eaton
Senator Krueger
Senator Wheeler

Those appearing in favor:

Name and Address	Representing
See Attached.	

Those appearing in opposition:

Name and Address	Representing
See Attached.	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE:

- ☒ Ought to Pass
- ☐ Ought to Pass w/ Amendment
- ☐ Inexpedient to Legislate
- ☐ Rereferred
- ☐ Interim Study
- ☐ Continued Hearing
- ☐ Postponed Hearing

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: 1/13/00

THE COMMITTEE ON Environment

to which was referred Senate Bill 340

AN ACT extending the reporting date of the committee to study the problems and possible regulation of outdoor lighting.

VOTE: 4-0

Having considered the same, report the same without amendment and recommend that the bill: **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Senator Patricia Krueger
For the Committee