

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 19, 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs to
which was referred HB 167-FN,**

**AN ACT prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board
waxes that contain intentionally added per and
polyfluorinated alkyl substances. Having considered
the same, report the same with the recommendation
that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Lilli Walsh

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Bill Number:	HB 167-FN
Title:	prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.
Date:	March 19, 2025
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill ensures that no PFAS (per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) are contained in any ski, boat or board waxes sold in NH. By prohibiting the sale of such waxes, NH waters and land will be protected against contamination via snow boards, snow and water skis and boats.

Vote 15-0.

Rep. Lilli Walsh
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 167-FN

BILL TITLE: prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

DATE: March 19, 2025

LOB ROOM: 302-304

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. L. Walsh

Seconded by Rep. Burroughs

Vote: 15-0

☐ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Lisa Post, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 167-FN

BILL TITLE: prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

DATE: 03/19/2024

LOB ROOM: 302-304

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☒ OTP ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____
☐ Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. Walsh Seconded by Rep. Burroy Vote: 15-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____
☐ Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____
☐ Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____
☐ Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

☐ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

Minority Report? Yes No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: _____
Rep Lisa Post, Clerk



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK
2025 SESSION

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Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Bill #: 147 Motion: OTR AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 03/19/2025

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Hunt, John B. Chairman	✓		
Potucek, John Michael Vice Chairman	✓		
Osborne, Jason M.	✓		
Ammon, Keith Michael			✓
Cole, Brian D	✓		
Post, Lisa C.M. Clerk			
Porcelli, Susan M	✓		
Walsh, Lilli M	✓		
Miles, Julie	✓		
Presa, Adam Joseph	✓		
Burroughs, Anita D	✓		
Herbert, Christopher J.			✓
McAleer, Chris R	✓		
Spier, Carry	✓		
Gibbs, Meryll	✓		
Sullivan, Jared			✓
Chourasia, Manoj	✓		
Salvi, Santosh	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	15	0	

Rep Hunt

15

- 0

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION on HB 167-FN

BILL TITLE: prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

DATE: March 12, 2025

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Hunt, Potucek, Ammon, Cole, Herbert, McAleer, Spier and Salvi

Comments and Recommendations: Discussed with Committee

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Rep. L. Walsh

Seconded by Rep. Rep. Spier

Vote: 6-1

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Lisa Post
Subcommittee Clerk

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION on HB 167-FN

BILL TITLE: prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

DATE: 03/21/2025

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Hunt, Potucek, Post, Osborne, Ammon, Cole, Porcelli, L. Walsh, Miles, Presa, Burroughs, Herbert, McAleer, Spier, Gibbs, J. Sullivan, Chourasia and Salvi

Comments and Recommendations:

Discussed with committee

MOTIONS: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (1st Yr), Interim Study (2nd Yr)
(Please circle one)

Moved by Rep. Walsh Seconded by Rep. Spier AM Vote: 6-1

Adoption of Amendment # _____

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

_____ Amendment Adopted _____ Amendment Failed

MOTIONS: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (1st Yr), Interim Study (2nd Yr)
(Please circle one)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ AM Vote: _____

Adoption of Amendment # _____

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

_____ Amendment Adopted _____ Amendment Failed

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. 
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 167-FN

BILL TITLE: prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

DATE: January 23, 2025

LOB ROOM: 302-304

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:10 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:17 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Hunt, Potucek, Post, Ammon, Cole, Porcelli, L. Walsh, Presa, Burroughs, Spier and Gibbs

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. W. Thomas
Rep. Seibert

Rep. N. Murphy
Rep. Mandelbaum

Rep. Rung

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Spier: Nashua Ward 3 will be introducing this bill for Rep. Thomas as she is unable to be here today. This Committee has been working for a year on banning certain consumer products that contain PFAS. HB167 is to specifically ban boat and board waxes containing PFAS. The International Ski Federation/Snowboarder's banned PFAS in Europe in 1921. There are PFAS-Free versions that work the same, have the same costs and are used by the Olympic Teams without any problems.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Post, Clerk, Commerce and Consumer Affairs

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 167-FN

BILL TITLE: prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

DATE: 1/23/25

ROOM: 302-304

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:10

Time Adjourned: 10:17

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Hunt, Potucek, Post, Osborne, Ammon, Cole, Porcelli, L. Walsh, Miles, Presa, Burroughs, Herbert, McAleer, Spier, Gibbs, J. Sullivan, Chourasia and Salvi

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Intro.

Spicer - Nathan Ward 3 - Rep Thomas could not be here. added one product
Banning PFAS 1649 bill pass - specifically ban ski, boat & board dics
waxes. ISF / Snow Boarding Banned in Europe in 1921 - there Water Prop
are PFAS version. Add to consumer product. Water problem not
landfill. Above PFAS levels in lakes.

4000 -
26 X
times
caught in
lakes

Ban in single product states as
w/ PFAS
Fi North Shi Federation?

Register Your Opinion If Not Testifying

Date:1/23/25

****Please Print All Information****

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House Remote Testify

Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill **HB167** on 2025-01-23

Support: 19 Oppose: 3 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
LaMoreaux, Andrea, NH LAKES	Concord, NH alamoreaux@nhlakes.org	A Lobbyist	NH LAKES	Support	No	No	1/17/2025 5:07 PM
Howland, Curtis	Manchester, NH howland@priss.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/19/2025 8:04 PM
berk, bruce	pittsfield, NH bruce.berk.nh@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/20/2025 6:08 PM
Cote, Lois	Manchester, NH coldaf763@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/20/2025 8:53 PM
Richman, Susan	Durham, NH susan7richman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/20/2025 10:34 PM
Lucas, Janet	Campton, NH janluca1953@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	1/21/2025 11:15 AM
Sandler, Erin	Concord, NH ersandleremberley@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/21/2025 9:49 PM
Foss, Carol	Penacook, NH cfoss@nhaudubon.org	A Lobbyist	NH Audubon	Support	No	No	1/21/2025 11:53 PM
Brooks, Teresa	Manchester, NH tbrooks_nh@proton.me	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/22/2025 3:12 AM
Bartlett, Susan	Antrim, NH susanbartlett156@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/22/2025 11:38 AM
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/22/2025 11:56 AM
Hooberman, Daniel	Laconia, NH danhooberman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/22/2025 1:36 PM
Hooberman, Mary	Laconia, NH danhooberman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/22/2025 1:36 PM

Pim, Marjorie	Epping, NH marjpim@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/22/2025 4:39 PM
Grossi, Anne	Bedford, NH adgrossi7982@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/22/2025 7:14 PM
Clark, Denise	Milford, NH denise.m.clark03055@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/22/2025 7:45 PM
McCarthy, Sarah	Manchester, NH SWOODMAN013@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/22/2025 8:54 PM
Murphy, Rep. Nancy	Merrimack, NH Nancy.Murphy@gc.nh.gov	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	1/23/2025 12:30 AM
Trimarco, Heidi	Concord, NH htrimarco@clf.org	A Lobbyist	Conservation Law Foundation	Support	No	No	1/23/2025 9:37 AM
Tremblay, RMAC, Michele L.	Penacook, NH MLT@naturesource.net	A Member of the Public	Rivers Management Advisory Committee	Support	No	No	1/23/2025 9:53 AM
Wingate, LMAC, Steve	Tuftonboro, NH stevewingate@roadrunner.com	A Member of the Public	Lakes Management Advisory Committee	Support	No	No	1/23/2025 9:54 AM
Arvidson, Brea	Concord, NH barvidson@nhlakes.org	A Lobbyist	NH LAKES	Support	No	No	1/23/2025 10:34 AM



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January 23, 2025

The Hon. John Hunt, Chair
 House Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee
 Legislative Office Building, Room 302-304
 Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 167, relative to prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added PFAS.

Dear Chairman Hunt and Honorable Committee Members,

Conservation Law Foundation (“CLF”) appreciates the opportunity to comment on HB 167, an act that restricts the use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in ski, boat, and board waxes sold in New Hampshire. CLF is a non-profit advocacy organization working to protect public health and the environment and build healthy communities in New Hampshire and throughout New England. **CLF supports HB 167 and urges the Committee to vote *ought to pass*.**

HB 167 builds on the success of last year’s HB 1649, a landmark bipartisan bill that prohibited the sale or distribution of certain products containing PFAS. HB 1649, signed into law by Governor Sununu in August, 2024, prohibits the sale of many consumer products with intentionally added PFAS beginning in 2027, including children’s products, furniture, carpets, cosmetics, feminine hygiene products, fabric treatments, and food packaging. HB 167 adds an important category of products to that list: ski, boat, and board waxes with intentionally added PFAS.

PFAS contamination in New Hampshire harms the health and wellbeing of communities and natural resources across the state.ⁱ PFAS, a class of thousands of chemicals, are toxic to humans in very small concentrations—even in the parts per trillion (ppt).ⁱⁱ They are known as “forever chemicals” because they do not break down in our bodies or in the environment. Humans are exposed to PFAS through drinking water, eating fish, breathing air, or using products that contain PFAS.ⁱⁱⁱ PFAS are linked to a wide array of health harms such as cancers, learning and behavioral problems in children, fertility and pregnancy complications, hormonal disruption, high cholesterol, heart disease, immunotoxicity, and liver, thyroid, and pancreatic dysfunction.^{iv}

Addressing forever chemicals in ski, boat, and board wax is critical because, once applied, the wax interacts with and is transferred directly to the environment, either to snow or surface waters. Recognizing the dangers posed by forever chemicals, the ski industry has begun banning the use of ski wax with added PFAS. The highest governing body for skiing and snowboarding, the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard team both prohibit the use of wax with forever chemicals in sanctioned competitions. Similarly, after



realizing that the town's aquifers were contaminated with forever chemicals from ski wax, the prominent ski town of Park City, Utah banned the use of ski wax with added PFAS.^v HB167 addresses this source of PFAS contamination in New Hampshire by prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board wax with intentionally added PFAS.

Building on last year's successful bipartisan effort to ban products with intentionally added PFAS, HB 167 is a smart next step, targeting dangerous PFAS contamination from ski, boat, and board wax. **Accordingly, CLF urges the Committee to support HB 167, and vote *ought to pass*.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi Trimarco", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Heidi Trimarco
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Nora Bosworth
Staff Attorney
nbosworth@clf.org

ⁱ New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES), [PFAS in New Hampshire: What You Need to Know \(nh.gov\)](#); Mara Hoplamazian, [N.H. Private Well Users May Soon Have Help with Removing PFAS Contamination](#), New Hampshire Public Radio, Jan. 25, 2022.

ⁱⁱ U.S. Dep't of Health & Human Serv., Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, TOXICOLOGICAL PROFILE FOR PERFLUOROALKYLS, AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY, at 5–6, available at <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiles/tp200.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ U.S. EPA, Our Current Understanding of the Human Health and Environmental Risks of PFAS, available at <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/our-current-understanding-human-health-and-environmental-risks-pfas>; See, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, *Potential Health Effects of PFAS Chemicals*, available at <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/health-effects/index.html>. See also, European Environment Agency, *What are PFAS and How are they Dangerous for my Health?*, available at <https://www.eea.europa.eu/help/faq/what-are-pfas-and-how>. See also, Public Health Madison & Dane County, *PFAS Health Effects & Ways to Reduce Exposure*, available at <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental-health/environmental-hazards/pfas/pfas-health-effects-ways-to-reduce-exposure>.

^{iv} *Id.*

^v Julie Jag, [Ski wax contaminated Park City's aquifers with 'forever chemicals.' It could cost millions to clean up.](#), The Salt Lake Tribune, April 16, 2024.

bruce berk



Susan Richman

There have already been too many cases of cancer from exposure to PFAS in NH. I thought a bill was passed last year banning the sale of items with intentionally added PFAS. If it wasn't passed, then it should have been. Do not permit any PFAS to be added to any item sold in the state. Especially don't allow it on an item that will spread the PFAS into our water system, on a lake or on the ski slopes.

Teresa Brooks

This bill is not only unnecessary it will be very expensive and damn near impossible to enforce.
Consumers are smart enough to choose what they buy, they do not need the government's help.

Daniel Richardson

Another nutty highly specific ineffective solution to a much more broad spectrum pollutant which emanates from other higher volume sources. Useless.

Marjorie Pim

I support HB 167, prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances. People enjoyed these activities before the development of such substances, and can certainly enjoy these sports again without harming the environment. In fact, we can only enjoy the outdoors if it is not harmed.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Anne Grossi

Farmers should be supported in pursuing climate-resilient practices and projects.

HB 167-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

25-0141

08/06

HOUSE BILL

167-FN

AN ACT prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

SPONSORS: Rep. W. Thomas, Hills. 12; Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Rep. Seibert, Hills. 21; Rep. Mandelbaum, Rock. 21

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

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

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

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

1 1 New Subparagraph; Consumer Products; PFAS Use Restricted; Waxes for Boats, Skis, and
2 Boards. Amend RSA 149-M:64, IV by inserting after subparagraph (h) the following new
3 subparagraph:

4 (i) Waxes produced for use on boats, skis, surfboards, bodyboards, or skimboards.

5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

LBA
25-0141
10/25/24

**HB 167-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Environmental Services