

Floor Amendment to SB 170

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to development and related requirements in municipalities.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Trade and Conduct; Fair Housing; Equal Housing Opportunity Without Discrimination as a
8 Civil Right. Amend RSA 354-A:8 to read as follows:

9 354-A:8 Equal Housing Opportunity Without Discrimination a Civil Right. The opportunity to
10 obtain housing without discrimination because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital
11 status, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin is hereby recognized and
12 declared a civil right. In addition, no person shall be denied the benefit of the rights afforded by this
13 section on account of that person's sexual orientation. ***Municipalities shall not require that***
14 ***occupants of housing units be related by blood or marriage.***

15 2 New Sections; Local Land Use Planning and Regulatory Powers; Prohibitions on Cities and
16 Towns, and Municipalities. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 23 the following new sections:

17 674:23-a Prohibitions on Cities and Towns, and Municipalities. Notwithstanding any laws to
18 the contrary:

19 I. Municipalities and counties with unincorporated places shall not require more stringent
20 test-pitting requirements for septic systems than the department of environmental services requires.

21 II. Municipalities shall not require more stringent well-siting requirements than required
22 by the department of environmental services.

23 III. Municipalities shall permit utilities, including septic systems, wells, electric systems,
24 drainage structures, and other utilities, to be placed in open spaces or perimeter buffers of
25 subdivisions as applicable; provided that such open spaces or perimeter buffers are not wetlands or
26 shoreland areas protected by RSA 483-B.

27 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Prohibits municipalities from restricting certain development-related activities.
- II. Requires municipalities to allow for septic systems, wells, electric systems, drainage structures, and other utilities to be placed in open spaces or perimeter buffers of subdivisions.
- III. Prohibits municipalities from mandating that occupants of housing units be related by blood or marriage.