

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; Requirements of Cities,
16 Towns, and Municipalities. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 23 the following new sections:

17 674:23-a Requirements of Cities, Towns, and Municipalities. Notwithstanding any laws to the
18 contrary, municipalities shall permit underground utilities, including septic systems, wells, electric
19 systems, drainage structures, and other underground utilities, to be placed in open spaces or
20 perimeter buffers of subdivisions as applicable; provided that such open spaces or perimeter buffers
21 are not wetlands or shoreland areas protected by RSA 483-B.

22 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. 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.

II. Prohibits municipalities from requiring that occupants of housing units be related by blood or marriage.