

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Ben Mickens 271-1403

HB 1157-FN, relative to licensure as a pet vendor.

Hearing Date: March 25, 2026

Time Opened: 9:00 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:04 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senator Pearl

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators McGough, Gannon, Altschiller and Reardon

Bill Analysis: This bill requires persons using physical facilities to transfer 30 or more animals to be licensed as a pet vendor.

Sponsors:

Rep. Bixby

Rep. J. Aron

Rep. Barbour

Rep. N. Germana

Sen. Pearl

Who supports the bill: Representative Peter Bixby, Commissioner Shawn Jasper (NH DAMF) and Patricia Anastasia.

Who opposes the bill: Cory Stone.

Who is neutral on the bill: No one.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Peter Bixby:

- Representative Bixby introduced and testified in support of HB 1157-FN.
- Representative Bixby stated that this bill came at the request of the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture.
- He explained that some people were circumventing the number of animals being transferred in a household without being registered as pet vendors
- Representative Bixby explained that this bill would close this loophole.

Senator Pearl asked if the line of thinking is that once one person is licensed the department can conduct an investigation.

Representative Bixby responded that this case and Commissioner Jasper might be able to give more detail.

Shawn Jasper of the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture:

- Commissioner Jasper thanked the sponsors for supporting HB 1157-FN
- Commissioner Jasper explained that this bill addressed a loophole whereby multiple people utilized the same facility to transfer animals but were able to avoid inspections.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 26, 2026