

SB 509 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **509**

AN ACT preventing municipalities from limiting dead-end road length if compliant with the state fire code.

SPONSORS: Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. McGough, Dist 11

COMMITTEE: Commerce

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits municipalities from imposing length restrictions on dead-end roads or cul-de-sacs in subdivision approvals or building permits when the proposed road design complies with applicable state fire code requirements.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 1 New Subparagraph; Subdivision Regulations. Amend RSA 674:36, II by inserting after
2 subparagraph (o) the following new subparagraph:

3 (p) Subdivision regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall not prohibit or restrict
4 the length of a dead-end road, including cul-de-sacs, if the proposed road design and fire access are
5 certified as compliant with the state fire code as defined in RSA 153:1, VI-a.

6 2 New Paragraph; Erection of Buildings on Streets; Appeals. Amend RSA 674:41 by inserting
7 after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

8 V. No municipality or local board shall deny a building permit or otherwise restrict
9 development based solely on the length of a dead-end road, provided the road is constructed and
10 maintained in accordance with the requirements of the state fire code as defined in RSA 153:1, VI-a.

11 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.