

HB 1297 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **1297**

AN ACT                relative to property owned pursuant to the public trust doctrine.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Newsom, Merr. 9

COMMITTEE:          Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill prevents a person from acquiring property owned pursuant to the public trust doctrine from being adversely possessed.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to property owned pursuant to the public trust doctrine.

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

1       1 Conveyances of Realty and Interests; No Prescription Against the Public; Public Trust  
2 Doctrine. Amend RSA 477:34 to read as follows:

3       477:34 Property.

4       No person shall acquire by prescription a right to any part of a town house, schoolhouse or  
5 church lot, ***property owned pursuant to the public trust doctrine***, or of any public ground by  
6 fencing or otherwise inclosing the same or in any way occupying it adversely for any length of time.

7       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.