

HB 1397 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1397**

AN ACT relative to the notice to abutters for the intent to cut.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33; Rep. Girard, Sull. 6; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23; Rep. D. Germana, Ches. 1; Rep. Giasson, Hills. 29; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

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ANALYSIS

This bill adds a definition for abutter to the chapter relative to property taxation and requires municipal officials to send notice to abutters by verified mail where a cutting operation may impact abutters' property.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1       1 New Paragraph; Property Taxes; Definition Added. Amend RSA 72:29 by inserting after  
2 paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

3           VIII. The term "abutter" shall have the same meaning as defined in RSA 672:3.

4       2 New Paragraph; Forest Conservation and Taxation; Notice of Intent to Cut; Notice to Abutters  
5 Required. Amend RSA 79:10 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

6           III. A municipal official shall notify abutters by verified mail, as defined by RSA 21:53.  
7 Abutters shall be afforded a 30-day comment period prior to sign off by the assessing officials. The  
8 cost of abutter notification shall be borne by the applicant.

9       3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.