

HB 1699-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1699-FN***

AN ACT enabling the carriage of certain firearms on slow-moving boats.

SPONSORS: Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. J. Smith, Carr. 5; Rep. DeVito, Rock. 8; Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere, Rock. 30; Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17; Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill enables the carriage of certain firearms on slow-moving boats.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 enabling the carriage of certain firearms on slow-moving boats.

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

1 1 Hunting from Motor Vehicle, OHRV, Snowmobile, Boat, or Aircraft. Amend RSA 207:7, III
2 and IV to read as follows:

3 III. No person shall have in or on a boat or other craft while being propelled by mechanical
4 power, or in a boat or other craft being towed by a boat or other craft propelled by mechanical power,
5 a cocked crossbow, a loaded rifle or loaded shotgun, muzzleloader, or air rifle. ***This paragraph***
6 ***shall not apply to a person in or on a boat or other craft that is operating at a no-wake***
7 ***speed or at a speed not exceeding 1.5 times headway speed.***

8 IV. ~~[The provisions of this section shall not apply to law enforcement officers carrying guns~~
9 ~~or firearms in the line of duty.]~~ ***For the purposes of this section, "loaded" means a round,***
10 ***cartridge shell or other charge is chambered in the firearm or is positioned in the breech.***
11 ***A firearm shall not be considered loaded solely because a magazine, tube, or other***
12 ***ammunition storage device attached to the firearm contains ammunition, so long as no***
13 ***round is chambered. A muzzle loading firearm shall not be considered loaded unless it is***
14 ***both charged with powder and ball and also primed with a percussion cap or powder in***
15 ***the frizzen pan.***

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1699-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association