

SB 508 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **508**

AN ACT relative to the zoning board of adjustments appeal period.

SPONSORS: Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Carson, Dist 14

COMMITTEE: Commerce

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires that all grounds for appeal must be stated in the initial notice to the zoning board of adjustments and outlines revision of plans.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 the zoning board of adjustments appeal period.

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

1 1 Appeals to Board of Adjustment. Amend RSA 676:5, I to read as follows:

2 I. Appeals to the board of adjustment concerning any matter within the board's powers as  
3 set forth in RSA 674:33 may be taken by the applicant, an abutter as defined by RSA 672:3, or by  
4 any officer, department, board, or bureau of the municipality affected by any decision of the  
5 administrative officer. Such appeal shall be taken within 30 days by filing with the officer from  
6 whom the appeal is taken and with the board a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. **All**  
7 **grounds for appeal must be stated in the initial notice.** The officer from whom the appeal is  
8 taken shall forthwith transmit to the board all the papers constituting the record upon which the  
9 action appealed from was taken.

10 2 New Section; Stamping and Acceptance of Revised Plans. Amend RSA 676 by inserting after  
11 section 5 the following new section:

12 676:5-a Stamping and Acceptance of Revised Plans.

13 I. Each city, town, or municipality shall stamp and accept revised plans submitted by an  
14 applicant within 10 business days of submission.

15 II. Acceptance under paragraph I shall be contingent upon the revised plans reflecting the  
16 specific alterations requested during the initial planning board review.

17 III. Applicants shall not be required to revise plans more than once, unless the submitted  
18 revisions fail to address the specific comments or conditions identified during the initial review.  
19 Planning boards shall not require multiple rounds of revisions beyond those originally requested.

20 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.