

Floor Amendment to HB 1616-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to games wherein the object is to capture a pig.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 New Section; Contests Involving Pigs. Amend RSA 644 by inserting after section 8-g the
8 following new section:

9 644:8-h Contests Involving Pigs.

10 I. In order to promote an educational, humane, and safe event for contestants, livestock, and
11 viewers, and in consultation with livestock farmers, livestock veterinarians, the state fair
12 association, and the university of New Hampshire cooperative extension, the commissioner of the
13 department of agriculture, markets, and food shall identify and publish best handling practices and
14 recommendations for contests involving the capture of pigs. Such practices and recommendations
15 shall be published in advance of the 2027 fair season and shall include:

16 (a) Handling of pigs during release and capture.

17 (b) Supervision of contestants during the event.

18 (c) Guidance for training of individuals supervising or assisting.

19 (d) The manner and provisions for the transportation of pigs to be taken home by
20 contestants.

21 II. The department of agriculture, markets, and food shall also adopt rules under RSA 541-A
22 relative to enforcement of best practices ensuring that rules are followed by organizers and
23 participants, including a penalty for violating such best practices which includes a period of time for
24 which a violative contest shall not be in operation.

25 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food to develop best practices and recommendations for games in which the object is to capture a pig and to develop rules for enforcement of such practices.