

SB 594-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL **594-FN**

AN ACT eliminating the use of agitators in instances where temporary docks have been removed from bodies of water.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17; Rep. L. Walsh, Rock. 15; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates the use of certain agitators in instances where temporary docks have been removed from bodies of water.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 eliminating the use of agitators in instances where temporary docks have been removed from bodies of water.

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

1 1 Navigation; Harbors; Coast Survey; Use of Aqua-Therm; Heating, Agitating, or Other Devices
2 in Public Waters; Safety Hazard. Amend RSA 270:33 to read as follows:

3 270:33 Heating, Agitating, or Other Devices in Public Waters; Safety Hazard. No person shall
4 put, place, operate, or cause to be put, placed, or operated in the waters of this state any so-called
5 heating, agitating, or other device which inhibits or prevents the natural freezing of water, or
6 forming of ice, and thereby impedes either the ingress or egress to or from the ice from any property
7 other than that of the owner of the device. **No person shall place or operate any**
8 **aforementioned device except as necessary to protect legally existing permanent structures**
9 **located adjacent to their shoreline from ice damage.** ~~[The]~~ Any person or persons responsible
10 for the placement of ~~[the]~~ a device **protecting structures by impeding ice formation** shall ensure
11 that warning signs are posted to warn of its location. Said signs shall read DANGER, THIN ICE
12 and shall be of sufficient size to be readable at a distance of not less than ~~[150]~~ **200** feet, and shall be
13 visible from all directions and shall be equipped with reflectors and color-coded in a pattern unique
14 for this purpose only. The department of safety is hereby authorized to establish said unique design
15 and coloring and any homemade copies shall follow this design and coloring. The provisions of this
16 section shall be enforced by any law enforcement agency under the direction of the department of
17 safety pursuant to RSA 106-A:14 and the department of fish and game pursuant to RSA 206:26.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**SB 594-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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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