

HB 1630-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL

1630-FN

AN ACT prohibiting the sale of nitrous oxide and certain inhalants for recreational purposes.

SPONSORS: Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Rep. Woods, Merr. 30; Rep. Lucas, Graf. 7; Rep. B. Boyd, Hills. 12; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 12; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits licensees from using their premises for illegal purposes, requires compliance with laws on inhaling toxic vapors, and bans selling nitrous oxide devices, with violations subject to enforcement by the liquor commission and repeat offenses leading to license revocation.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 prohibiting the sale of nitrous oxide and certain inhalants for recreational purposes.

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

1 1 Premise Restrictions; Unlawful Purposes. RSA 179:50 is repealed and reenacted to read as
2 follows:

3 179:50 Unlawful Purpose.

4 I. No licensee shall use, or allow to be used, his or her premises for any purpose contrary to
5 law.

6 II. All licensees shall comply with the provisions of RSA 644:5-a, relative to inhaling toxic
7 vapors for effect.

8 III. A licensee shall not sell, distribute, furnish, or offer for sale any nitrous oxide device,
9 canister, cartridge, or receptacle containing nitrous oxide. This paragraph shall not apply to the sale
10 of nitrous oxide contained in food products for use as a propellant.

11 IV. Whether a violation of paragraph II or III occurred, and the penalty for such violation,
12 shall be determined by the commission in accordance with rules adopted under RSA 541-A.
13 However, a second offense under paragraph II shall result in revocation of the license.

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1630-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2026-0867h)**

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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