

HB 79 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **79**

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the privatization of the liquor commission.

SPONSORS: Rep. Leishman, Hills. 33; Rep. G. Griffin, Hills. 42; Rep. Grote, Rock. 24; Rep. M. Smith, Straf. 10

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the privatization of the liquor commission.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the privatization of the liquor commission.

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

1 1 New Section; Privatizing of Liquor Commission; Study Commission. Amend RSA 176 by
2 inserting after section 19 the following new section:

3 176:20 Privatizing of Liquor Commission; Study Commission

4 I. There is established a commission to study the privatization of the liquor commission.

5 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

6 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

8 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

9 (c) The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee.

10 (d) The attorney general, or designee.

11 (e) One member of the New Hampshire Retail Association, appointed by the president of
12 that association.

13 (f) One member of the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association, appointed
14 by the president of that association.

15 III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
16 attending to the duties of the commission.

17 IV. The commission shall study the possible revenue that could be received from the
18 privatization of the liquor commission and the impact of such privatization on the sale of liquor and
19 wine in New Hampshire..

20 V. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the
21 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member.
22 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.
23 Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

24 VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
25 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
26 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.

27 2 Repeal. RSA 176:20, relative to the commission to study the privatization of the liquor
28 commission, is repealed.

29 3 Effective Date.

30 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2025.

31 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.