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HOUSE BILL

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SPONSORS: Rep. C. Harvey, Ches. 6; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Gruber, Ches. 16; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Berch, Ches. 6; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

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.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 154:1 New Section; Contests Involving Pigs. Amend RSA 644 by inserting after section 8-g the
2 following new section:

3 644:8-h Contests Involving Pigs. In order to promote an educational, humane, and safe event for
4 contestants, livestock, and viewers, and in consultation with livestock farmers, livestock veterinarians, the
5 state fair association, and the university of New Hampshire cooperative extension, the commissioner of
6 the department of agriculture, markets, and food shall identify and publish best handling practices and
7 recommendations for contests involving the capture of pigs. Such practices and recommendations shall
8 be published in advance of the 2027 fair season and shall include:

9 I. Handling of pigs during release and capture.

10 II. Supervision of contestants during the event.

11 III. Guidance for training of individuals supervising or assisting.

12 IV. The manner and provisions for the transportation of pigs to be taken home by contestants.

13 154:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 19, 2026
Effective Date: June 19, 2026

