

HB 291-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **291-FN**

AN ACT removing certain penalties for incorrect application of fertilizers.

SPONSORS: Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that violation of the statute regulating application of fertilizers on urban turf and lawn shall be a violation, rather than subject to the criminal penalties and fines otherwise applicable to the subdivision.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Application of Fertilizer to Urban Turf and Lawn; Penalty. Amend RSA
2 431:4-e by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

3 VIII. Notwithstanding RSA 431:18, any person who, personally or through an agent, violates
4 this section shall be guilty of a violation. The penalties in RSA 431:18 shall not apply to this section.

5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**HB 291-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
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 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
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:

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