

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, April 17, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Ways and Means

to which was referred **HB 737-LOCAL**

AN ACT creating local options for games of chance.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2025-1638s

Senator Timothy Lang
For the Committee

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