

HB 685 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **685**

AN ACT permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the construction of manufactured housing.

SPONSORS: Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Damon, Sull. 8; Rep. Doucette, Rock. 25; Rep. Grill, Hills. 18; Rep. A. Murray, Hills. 20; Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25; Rep. H. Howard, Straf. 4; Sen. Innis, Dist 7

COMMITTEE: Housing

ANALYSIS

This bill updates the definition of manufactured housing, and establishes the requirement that manufactured housing must be permitted in all residential zoned areas within every municipality in the state, overriding any local zoning ordinances that prohibit or unreasonably restrict its placement.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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 manufactured housing.

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

- 1 1 Manufactured Housing Definition RSA 674:31 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
- 2 674:31 Definition. As used in this subdivision, "manufactured housing" means any structure,
- 3 transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width
- 4 and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 square feet or more, and which is
- 5 built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent
- 6 foundation when connected to required utilities, which include plumbing, heating, and electrical
- 7 heating systems contained therein. Manufactured housing as defined in this section shall not
- 8 include campers or recreation vehicles as defined in RSA 216-I:1 or RSA 259:84-a; pre-site built
- 9 housing as defined in RSA 674:31-a; or modular buildings as defined in RSA 205-C:1, XI.
- 10 2 New Section; Allowing Manufactured Housing in Residential Zones. Amend RSA 674 by
- 11 inserting after section 31-a the following new section:
- 12 674:31-b Permitting Manufactured Housing in Residential Zones.
- 13 I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, manufactured housing shall
- 14 be permitted in all residential zoned areas within every municipality in the state.
- 15 II. Municipal zoning ordinances shall be amended to comply with this statute, ensuring that
- 16 manufactured housing is treated as a permitted use in all residential zones.
- 17 III. No municipality shall adopt or enforce any zoning ordinance, regulation, or policy that
- 18 discriminates against manufactured housing by prohibiting or unreasonably restricting its
- 19 placement in residential zones.
- 20 IV. All municipalities shall amend their zoning ordinances to comply with this statute
- 21 within 6 months of its effective date.
- 22 V. The department of housing and urban development shall oversee and ensure compliance
- 23 with this statute, providing guidance and support to municipalities as needed.
- 24 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.