

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 480**

AN ACT

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BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

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