

HB 1357 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1357***

AN ACT relative to land acknowledgment.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Espitia, Hills. 31; Rep. DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Rep. Cote, Hills. 31; Rep. Vail, Hills. 30; Rep. Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Rep. Kenney, Straf. 6; Rep. Piedra, Hills. 9; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill formally acknowledges the native land on which the state of New Hampshire is located.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to land acknowledgment.

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

1 1 State Boundaries; Chapter Heading Amended. Amend the chapter heading of RSA 1 to read
2 as follows:

3 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND STATE BOUNDARIES**

4 2 Land Acknowledgment and State Boundaries; Land Acknowledgment Established. RSA 1:1 is
5 repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

6 1:1 Land Acknowledgment. New Hampshire is located on N'dakinna, which is the traditional
7 ancestral homeland of the Pennacook, Abenaki, and Wabanaki Peoples past and present. New
8 Hampshire acknowledges and honors with gratitude the spiritual and physical connection to the aki
9 (land), nebi (water), lolakwukah (flora), and awwaasak (fauna) of the alnobak (people) who have
10 stewarded N'dakinna throughout the generations and who continue to carry forward the traditions
11 of their ancestors.

12 3 New Section; Perambulation of the New Hampshire Line With the Adjoining States of Maine,
13 Massachusetts, and Vermont. Amend RSA 1 by inserting after section 1:1 the following new section:

14 1:1-a Perambulation of the New Hampshire Line With the Adjoining States of Maine,
15 Massachusetts and Vermont. The boundary lines between the state of New Hampshire and the
16 states of Maine and Vermont and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be perambulated and
17 the bounds renewed whenever necessary.

18 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.