

Amendment to HB 393-FN

1 Amend RSA 270:59, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 III. "Mooring" when used as a noun, means a mooring anchor, or other fixed object or  
4 stationary point, with or without a mooring buoy together with attached chains, cables, ropes, and  
5 pennants and related equipment used for the purpose of securing watercraft; **or any spuds, lifts, or**  
6 **other devices which are an integral part of the vessel and being used to secure a boat to the**  
7 **bottom of the public waters of the state in lieu of a dock or pier.**

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9 Amend RSA 270:64, IV as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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11 IV. No person shall use spuds, lifts, or similar devices that are an integral part of a vessel,  
12 in lieu of a permitted mooring, on any body of water requiring a mooring permit. Notwithstanding  
13 any other provision of law, the following uses shall be exempt from this section:

14 (a) Commercial barges engaged in their trade and moored adjacent to shorefront  
15 property with the permission of the landowner;

16 (b) Vessels operated by state, local, or federal agencies; or

17 (c) Vessels occupied by an operator for stabilization in the water for waterborne  
18 activities, including, but not limited to, fishing.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands the definition of "mooring" to include spuds, lifts, and similar devices used to secure boats to the bottom of the public waters of the state. This bill also prohibits the use of spuds, lifts, or similar devices in place of a permitted mooring in waters requiring mooring permits and includes a list of exemptions.