

Senate Commerce
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Amendment to HB 457

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to zoning restrictions on dwelling units.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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7 1 New Paragraph; Zoning; Grant of Power; Dwelling Unit Occupancy. Amend RSA 674:16 by
8 inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

9 VIII. In its exercise of the powers granted under this subdivision, the legislative body of a
10 city, town, village district, or county in which there are located unincorporated towns or unorganized
11 places shall not adopt any ordinance that restricts the number of occupants of any dwelling unit to
12 less than 2 occupants per bedroom, and the governing body thereof shall not enforce any such
13 ordinance. Such legislative body shall not adopt any ordinance based on the familial or non-familial
14 relationships or marital status, occupation, employment status, or the educational status, including
15 but not limited to scholastic enrollment or academic achievement at any level among the occupants
16 of the dwelling unit, including but not limited to college students, and the governing body thereof
17 shall not enforce any such ordinance. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the enforcement of the
18 state building code or state fire code.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the legislative body of a city, town, village district, or county in which there are located unincorporated towns or unorganized places from adopting or enforcing any ordinance that restricts the number of occupants of any dwelling unit to less than 2 occupants per bedroom or is based on the familial or non-familial relationships or marital status, occupation, employment status, or the educational status, including but not limited to scholastic enrollment or academic achievement at any level among the occupants of the dwelling unit, including but not limited to college students.