

Floor Amendment to SB 174

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Subdivision; Prohibiting Differentiation Based on the Number of Bedrooms. Amend RSA
4 674 by inserting after section 76 the following new subdivision:

5 Prohibiting Differentiation Based on the Number of Bedrooms

6 674:77 Definitions. In this subdivision:

7 I. "Residential development" means any housing project that includes one or more dwelling
8 units, regardless of whether they are intended for rent or purchase.

9 II. "Bedroom" means a furnished room with a bed, primarily intended for sleeping purposes,
10 unless otherwise specified by local regulations.

11 674:78 Prohibition on Differentiation Based on Number of Bedrooms.

12 I. If a residential development proposal adequately provides for water supply and sewage
13 disposal in accordance with RSA 485-A, and, if applicable, the planning board's site plan review
14 regulations or subdivision regulations, planning boards shall not use the number of bedrooms as a
15 basis to reject the application.

16 II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the department of environmental
17 services' regulations for individual sewage disposal systems.

18 III. Nothing in this section shall prevent the authority having jurisdiction or a building
19 inspector from considering the number of bedrooms when determining whether a residential
20 development has sufficient water and sewage disposal capacity in accordance with RSA 485-A before
21 issuing a building permit or occupancy permit, pursuant to RSA 676:13, I.

22 IV. Applications may utilize workforce housing standards under RSA 674:59, IV, requiring
23 at least 50 percent of the units to contain 2 or more bedrooms.

24 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.