

**SB 299 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES**

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL        **299**

AN ACT            relative to penalties for contractors violating water pollution and waste disposal regulations.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE:      Energy and Natural Resources

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ANALYSIS

This bill imposes penalties on contractors who supervise or perform work in violation of the shoreland water quality protection act.

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Explanation:      Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five*

AN ACT                   relative to penalties for contractors violating water pollution and waste disposal regulations.

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

1           1 New Paragraph; Shoreland Water Quality Protection Penalties. Amend RSA 483-B:18 by  
2 inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

3           IV. Contractors who supervise or do any work violating the provisions of this chapter shall  
4 be subject to the following:

5                   (a) Upon petition of the attorney general or the municipality in which the violation  
6 occurred, the superior court may levy upon any person violating this chapter a civil penalty in an  
7 amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation. The superior court shall have jurisdiction to restrain  
8 a continuing violation of this chapter and to require remediation.

9                   (b) The commissioner, after notice and hearing pursuant to RSA 541-A, may impose an  
10 administrative fine of up to \$5,000 for each offense upon any person who violates this chapter.  
11 Rehearings and appeals relating to such fines shall be governed by RSA 541. Imposition of an  
12 administrative fine under this section shall not preclude the imposition of further civil penalties  
13 under this chapter.

14                   (c) Notwithstanding the \$5,000 fine limit in subparagraph (b), the administrative fine  
15 for each repeat violation of this chapter may be multiplied by a factor of 2 for every previous  
16 violation committed by the person or entity.

17           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.