

SB 281 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

prohibiting municipalities from denying building or occupancy permits for property adjacent to class VI roads under certain circumstances.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29

COMMITTEE:

Commerce

ANALYSIS

This bill changes the requirements that allow a building to be constructed on a lot adjacent to a class VI roadway.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 Planning and Zoning; Local Land Use Planning and Regulatory Powers; Erection of Buildings
2 on Streets; Appeals. RSA 674:41, I(c) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

3 (c) Is a class VI highway, provided that the applicant:

4 (1) Signs a liability waiver acknowledging that the:

5 (A) Municipality shall not maintain the highway nor provide any services to any
6 lot accessible by the highway;

7 (B) Municipality shall not accept any responsibility for losses or damages caused
8 by a lack of services; and

9 (C) Responsibility for such services falls solely on the applicant; and

10 (2) Prior to the issuance of a building permit, produces evidence that this waiver has
11 been recorded in the county register of deeds; and

12 (3) Prior to the issuance of a building permit, proves the lot and any buildings
13 thereon are insurable; or

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.