

Sen. Fenton, Dist 10
Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19
May 27, 2025
2025-2485s
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Floor Amendment to HB 776-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the crime of aggravated driving while intoxicated and relative to
2 proclaiming the Virginia opossum the state marsupial of New Hampshire.

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3 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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5 3 New Section; State Marsupial. Amend RSA 3 by inserting after section 31 the following new
6 section:

7 3:32 State Marsupial. The Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) is hereby designated as the
8 official state marsupial of New Hampshire and such opossums found within our borders shall be
9 known as "New Hampshire opossums."

10 4 Effective Date.

11 I. Sections 1-2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

12 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds wrong-way driving to the list of aggravating factors that can elevate a driving while intoxicated offense to an aggravated driving while intoxicated offense.

This bill also proclaims the Virginia opossum the state marsupial of New Hampshire and renames such opossums within the borders of the state as "New Hampshire opossums."