

Amendment to HB 1732-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to universal design standards in the housing champion designation program.

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

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7 1 New Paragraph; New Hampshire Housing Champion Designation. Amend RSA 12-O:71 by  
8 inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

9 VIII. Qualifications to receive the New Hampshire housing champion designation may also  
10 include, but are not limited to, adoption of financial tools that incentivize the development of housing  
11 meeting universal design standards, as defined by the RL Mace Universal Design Institute or as  
12 otherwise approved by the department of business and economic affairs, to support accessibility for  
13 seniors and persons with disabilities, including but not limited to the waiver of impact fees for units  
14 meeting universal design standards and the exemption of 20 percent, or up to 5 units, whichever is  
15 less, of universally designed units from density calculations.

16 2 New Paragraph; Duration of Tax Relief Period. Amend RSA 79-E:5 by inserting after  
17 paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

18 V. The governing body may add up to an additional 2 years of tax relief for a project if at  
19 least 20 percent of the dwelling units shall be designed and constructed in accordance with universal  
20 design standards as defined by the RL Mace Universal Design Institute or as otherwise approved by  
21 the municipality.

22 3 New Section; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 12-O by inserting after section 71 the  
23 following new section:

24 12-O:71-a Rulemaking Authority. The department of business and economic affairs may adopt  
25 rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to implementing the universal design provisions in the  
26 housing champion designation under RSA 12-O:71, III.

27 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds universal design incentives to housing champion designation criteria and gives the department of business and economic affairs rulemaking authority to implement those provisions.