

HB 1153-FN-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

1153-FN-LOCAL

AN ACT relative to dog license fees and establishing a committee to study New Hampshire statutes relative to cats and dogs.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. N. Germana, Ches. 15

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

 This bill increases dog license fees and establishes a committee to study the New Hampshire statutes relative to cats and dogs.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to dog license fees and establishing a committee to study New Hampshire statutes relative to cats and dogs.

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

- 1 1 Fees; Licensing of Dogs. Amend RSA 466:4, I(a) to read as follows:
 - 2 I.(a) The fee for every license for a year or portion of a year shall be:
 - 3 (1) [~~\$4.50~~] **\$4.75** for dogs at least 4 months old but less than 7 months old which are
4 not spayed or neutered and [~~\$4.50~~] **\$4.75** for a neutered male or spayed female dog 7 months old or
5 older; provided, however, that the owner or keeper of such spayed female dog or neutered male dog
6 shall comply with the provisions of RSA 466:1-a to the satisfaction of the clerk of the town or city in
7 which such dog is owned or kept; or
8 (2) [~~\$7~~] **\$7.25** for any unneutered male or unspayed female dog 7 months old or
9 older.
 - 10 2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the New Hampshire laws
11 relative to dogs and cats in RSA 466.
 - 12 3 Membership and Compensation.
 - 13 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:
 - 14 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
15 house of representatives.
 - 16 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
 - 17 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
18 the duties of the committee.
 - 19 4 Duties. The committee shall review and assess the following:
 - 20 I. Are statutes consistent with current regulatory needs and practices?
 - 21 II. Is the organization of statutory material clear, concise, and readily available?
 - 22 5 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
23 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
24 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
25 section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
 - 26 6 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
27 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
28 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.
 - 29 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HB 1153-FN-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable Increase less than \$10,000 per municipality		
Local Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill increases dog licensing fees from \$4.50 to \$4.75.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association anticipates the fee increase proposed in this bill to result in a revenue impact of less than \$10,000 per municipality, though the exact amount remains uncertain.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

New Hampshire Municipal Association