

HB 1349 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1349**

AN ACT relative to exemptions from multi-family zoning requirements for small or low-density communities.

SPONSORS: Rep. Meuse, Rock. 37; Rep. Mandelbaum, Rock. 21

COMMITTEE: Housing

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ANALYSIS

This bill exempts municipalities with fewer than 250 residents per square mile from the statutory requirement to permit multi-family residential development on commercially zoned land, regardless of federal rural or urban designations or overlapping area classifications.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 exemptions from multi-family zoning requirements for small or low-density communities.

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

1           1 New Paragraph; Amendment to Zoning Regulations. Amend RSA 674:80 by inserting after  
2 paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

3           V. A municipality with a population density of less than 250 residents per square mile, as  
4 determined by the latest population data from the United States Census Bureau, shall be exempt  
5 from this section. This exemption shall apply to municipalities regardless of any designation by the  
6 United States Census Bureau of a community being a rural or urban area and by any resulting  
7 overlapping of these areas.

8           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.