

HB 1013 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL ***1013***

AN ACT relative to games wherein the object is to capture a pig.

SPONSORS: Rep. C. Harvey, Ches. 6; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Gruber, Ches. 16; Rep.
Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Berch, Ches. 6; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food to develop best practices and recommendations for games in which the object is to capture a pig and to develop rules for enforcement of such practices.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Section; Contests Involving Pigs. Amend RSA 644 by inserting after section 8-g the
2 following new section:

3 644:8-h Contests Involving Pigs.

4 I. In order to promote an educational, humane, and safe event for contestants, livestock, and
5 viewers, and in consultation with livestock farmers, livestock veterinarians, the state fair
6 association, and the university of New Hampshire cooperative extension, the commissioner of the
7 department of agriculture, markets, and food shall identify and publish best handling practices and
8 recommendations for contests involving the capture of pigs. Such practices and recommendations
9 shall be published in advance of the 2027 fair season and shall include:

10 (a) Handling of pigs during release and capture.

11 (b) Supervision of contestants during the event.

12 (c) Guidance for training of individuals supervising or assisting.

13 (d) The manner and provisions for the transportation of pigs to be taken home by
14 contestants.

15 II. The department of agriculture, markets, and food shall also adopt rules under RSA 541-A
16 relative to enforcement of best practices ensuring that rules are followed by organizers and
17 participants, including a penalty for violating such best practices which includes a period of time for
18 which a violative contest shall not be in operation.

19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HB 1013- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food to develop and publish best handling practices for contests involving the capture of pigs and to adopt rules for enforcement of those practices.

The Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food states it does not have sufficient information regarding the number, frequency, or location of such events to determine the level of effort required to implement the bill. The Department states it is currently operating at capacity and would be unable to absorb additional responsibilities within its existing budget. As a result, the Department reports an indeterminable increase in state expenditures beginning in FY 2026 and each year thereafter. Based on limited information, expenditures could range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 or more annually, depending on the need for additional staff, overtime, rulemaking, and development of educational materials.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food