

CHAPTER 194
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SENATE BILL ***541-FN-A***

AN ACT relative to capital appropriations for regional drinking water infrastructure.

SPONSORS: Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. DeSimone, Rock. 18; Rep. Donnelly, Rock. 25; Rep. Harb, Rock. 20; Rep. Nelson, Rock. 13; Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25

COMMITTEE: Finance

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Makes an appropriation to the department of environmental services to the Pillsbury Lake Village District for the purpose of addressing loan costs associated with certain water system upgrades.

II. Requires a share of moneys appropriated to the department of environmental services in 2020 to be used for the Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection Project.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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:

1 194:1 Project Amended; Department of Environmental Services. Amend 2020, 30:6 to read as
2 follows:

3 30:6 Capital Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services. The sum of \$50,000,000 is
4 hereby appropriated to the department of environmental services for capital expenditures for the
5 remediation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the state's drinking water sources and wastewater
6 residuals, which expenditures may include loans to public or private entities on such terms and conditions
7 as the department of environmental services shall determine. ***Of the amounts appropriated, \$5,000,000***
8 ***shall be a grant and used for the Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection Project,***
9 ***Phase 2B.*** To provide funds for the appropriation made in this section, the state treasurer is hereby
10 authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$50,000,000 and for said
11 purpose may issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in
12 accordance with RSA 6-13-e. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 9:18, the appropriation made in this
13 section shall not lapse.

14 194:2 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; Pipe, Water Filtration and Well
15 Upgrades; Pillsbury Lake Village District. Amend 2025, 141:380 to read as follows:

16 141:380 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; Pipe, Water Filtration, and Well
17 Upgrades; Pillsbury Lake Village District. The sum of \$325,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is
18 appropriated to the department of environmental services to the Pillsbury Lake Village District for the
19 purpose of addressing [loan] costs associated with the following upgrades:

20 I. Piping Upgrades: \$155,000 to cover a loan used for upgrading the pipes under Concord Drive
21 in Webster.

22 II. Water Filtration Upgrade: \$105,000 to cover a loan for upgrading the water filtration system.

23 III. ~~[New Well Development]~~ ***Water System Improvements.*** \$65,000 to cover ~~[a loan for digging a~~
24 ~~new well, known as the Franklin-Pierce well, which requires less processing and will reduce overall costs]~~
25 ***water system improvements as agreed upon by both the department of environmental services and***
26 ***Pillsbury Lake Village District.***

27 The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
28 otherwise appropriated.

29 194:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026

Approved: June 19, 2026
Effective Date: July 01, 2026

