

HB 240-FN-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

240-FN-LOCAL

AN ACT

removing the penalty of forfeiture for non-payment of dog licenses.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. Panek, Hills. 1; Rep. Tenczar, Hills. 1; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Tim Mannion, Hills. 1; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22

COMMITTEE:

Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill removes the penalty of forfeiture for non-payment of dog licenses.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT removing the penalty of forfeiture for non-payment of dog licenses.

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

1 1 Lists of Licensed Dog Owners; Cross Reference Removed. Amend RSA 466:1-d, I to read as
2 follows:

3 I. Except as provided in paragraphs II and III and RSA 466:11 [~~and RSA 466:14~~], no dog
4 registration records, information, or lists shall be sold, rented, transferred, or otherwise made
5 available in whole or in part, in any form or format, directly or indirectly, to another person.

6 2 Muzzling and Restraining Dogs; Officers' Fees; Reference Removed. Amend RSA 466:32 to
7 read as follows:

8 466:32 Officers' Fees. Police officers or constables shall be compensated for service under RSA
9 466:31 [~~as provided in RSA 466:15~~].

10 3 Repeal. The following are repealed:

11 I. RSA 466:14, relative to warrants and proceedings for failure to license a dog.

12 II. RSA 466:15, relative to payment of officers for enforcing the forfeiture of dogs.

13 III. RSA 466:16, relative to the forfeiture of dogs for nonpayment of fees.

14 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 240-FN-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease
<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

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease
Local Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill removes the penalty for non-payment of dog licenses which includes civil remedies. Removing penalties and civil remedies would result in an indeterminable decrease in State expenditures and local revenue.

Although it is difficult to predict the amount of civil remedies that would decrease due to this bill, the Judicial Branch has provided average cost estimates for civil cases in the Superior Court:

Judicial Branch Average Cost	FY 2025	FY 2026
Superior Court Complex Civil Case	\$1,430	\$1,473

Superior Court Routine Civil Case	\$535	\$552
Superior Court Fees	As of 2/12/2020	
Original Entry Fee	\$280	
Third-Party Claim	\$280	
Motion to Reopen	\$160	

It is assumed the fiscal impact of this bill would not occur until FY 2026.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch