

HB 250 - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            **250**

AN ACT                enabling local governing bodies to regulate the muzzling of dogs.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. N. Germana, Ches. 15; Rep. Jacobs, Ches. 15; Rep.  
O'Rorke, Ches. 7; Rep. Jones, Ches. 3

COMMITTEE:          Environment and Agriculture

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ANALYSIS

This bill enables local governing bodies to regulate the muzzling of dogs.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT enabling local governing bodies to regulate the muzzling of dogs.

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

- 1       1 City or Town Bylaws; Restraint of Dogs. Amend RSA 466:39 to read as follows:
- 2       466:39 City or Town Bylaws. The local governing body may make such additional bylaws and
- 3 regulations concerning the licensing, **muzzling**, and restraining of dogs as it deems reasonable, and
- 4 may affix penalties not exceeding \$50 for a breach thereof. Such bylaws and regulations shall relate
- 5 only to dogs owned or kept in such city or town, and the annual fee required for a license shall in no
- 6 case be more than \$1 in addition to the sum hereby required.
- 7       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.