

HB 262-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **262-FN**  
AN ACT                relative to group licenses for dogs.  
SPONSORS:            Rep. Bordes, Belk. 5  
COMMITTEE:           Environment and Agriculture

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows any owner of 7 or fewer dogs to alternatively obtain a group license, adds additional fees for owning more than 7 dogs, and imposes additional requirements on holders of group licenses.

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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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to group licenses for dogs.

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

1 1 Licensing of Dogs; Group Licenses. Amend RSA 466:6 to read as follows:

2 466:6 Group Licenses.

3 I. The owner or keeper of [~~5 or more~~] **7 or fewer** dogs [~~shall~~] **may** annually by April 30 pay  
4 the required [~~fee~~] **fees** and obtain a license authorizing the owner or keeper to keep the dogs upon  
5 the premises described in the license, or off the premises while under such owner's or keeper's  
6 control. Such owner or keeper shall not be required to obtain a "commercial kennel" license under  
7 RSA 466:4, III unless such person has a commercial kennel as defined under RSA 466:4, III. **A**  
8 **group license shall only be valid for up to 7 dogs.**

9 II. No town clerk shall refuse to issue a group license to an owner or keeper who has  
10 complied with the requirements of this subdivision.

11 III. The fee shall be [~~\$20~~] **\$28** for the group license, \$2 of which shall be remitted to the town  
12 clerk for deposit into the companion animal neutering fund, established in RSA 437-A:4-a, as the  
13 companion animal population control fee, and \$18 shall be retained by the town or municipality. **If**  
14 **the owner of a group license owns or keeps more than 7 dogs, the owner shall obtain an**  
15 **individual license for each additional dog. The fee for such a license shall be the fee**  
16 **established in RSA 466:4, plus an supplemental fee equal to the number of individual dog**  
17 **licenses that holder owns minus 7.**

18 IV. No fee shall be required for dogs which are under the age of [~~3 months~~] **6 weeks**.

19 **IV-a. The holder of a group license shall not sell, gift, or trade any dog prior to**  
20 **obtaining a license for the dog.**

21 V. Upon request, an owner or keeper shall receive numbered license tags for each dog  
22 included under the owner's or keeper's group license.

23 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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**HB 262-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

New Hampshire Municipal Association