

HB 279 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

**279**

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study recipe and process approval for homestead foods.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Aylward, Merr. 5; Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. H. Howard, Straf. 4; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 37; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE:        Environment and Agriculture

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study recipe and process approval for homestead foods.

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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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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                    establishing a committee to study recipe and process approval for homestead foods.

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

1            1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study recipe and process  
2 approval for homestead foods.

3            2 Membership and Compensation.

4            I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5            (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
6 house of representatives.

7            (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8            II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
9 the duties of the committee.

10          3 Duties. The committee shall study:

11          I. Current requirements under statute and rule for the determining what recipes and  
12 processes are approved for production and sale by non-exempt homestead food producers.

13          II. Current procedures for allowing alterations to recipes, what alterations are allowable  
14 without process review, and what alterations require process review.

15          III. Potential amendments to statute that would provide a balance between flexibility for  
16 producers and protection of consumers.

17          4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
18 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
19 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 90 days of the effective date of this  
20 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

21          5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
22 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
23 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.

24          6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.