

HB 416-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

25-0181
08/05

HOUSE BILL

416-FN

AN ACT prohibiting the intentional disposal of yard waste into the surface waters of the state.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Rep. R. Brown, Carr. 3; Rep. Crawford, Carr. 3; Rep. Ebel, Merr. 7; Rep. J. MacDonald, Carr. 6; Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the intentional disposal of yard waste into the surface waters of the state and provides a penalty therefor.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 prohibiting the intentional disposal of yard waste into the surface waters of the state.

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

- 1 1 New Section; New Hampshire Clean Lakes Program; Intentional Disposal of Yard Waste.
- 2 Amend RSA 487 by inserting after section 25 the following new section:
- 3 487:25-a Intentional Disposal of Yard Waste. Intentional disposal of yard waste directly into
- 4 surface waters, such as streams, rivers, lakes, or ponds shall constitute a violation punishable by a
- 5 fine of \$150 for a first offense, \$300 for a second offense, and \$750 for any subsequent offense. The
- 6 authority to enforce this section shall extend to all peace officers in the state of New Hampshire.
- 7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

LBA
25-0181
1/2/25

**HB 416-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT prohibiting the intentional disposal of yard waste into the surface waters of the state.

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 2026 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Environmental Services