

HB 708-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***708-FN***

AN ACT directing the department of energy to begin planning for the introduction of an additional overlay area code.

SPONSORS: Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 10; Rep. Parshall, Ches. 8

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill adds new definitions and directs the department of energy to begin planning for additional area codes in New Hampshire.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Subparagraphs; Telephone Number Conservation and Area Code Implementation Policy
2 Principles Definitions. Amend RSA 374:59, I by inserting after subparagraph (d) the following new
3 subparagraphs:

4 (e) "Overlay area codes" means additional area codes assigned to the same geographic
5 area as an existing area code.

6 (f) "Geographic split" means dividing an existing area code into two or more geographic
7 areas, each assigned a new area code.

8 2 New Paragraph; Telephone Number Conservation and Area Code Implementation Policy
9 Principles. Amend RSA 374:59 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

10 VI. The department of energy shall begin planning for the introduction of an additional
11 overlay area code that would cover the entire state, similar to New Hampshire's original 603 area
12 code. No one will be required to change their existing phone numbers. The department must work
13 with the administrators of the North American Numbering Plan to prepare for the introduction of
14 one or more new area codes.

15 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 708-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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