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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The next House session will be Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

This session will include action on three fast-tracked bills addressing the opioid crisis: SB 369-FN, SB 447-FN, and SB 576-FN-A, which will be taken up at the beginning of the day. An Addendum to this House Calendar containing these bills will be online the evening of Friday, January 15th. As members may not receive a copy of the Addendum in the mail until Tuesday, please check the website (gencourt.state.nh.us).

I also urge members to please carefully read weekly calendars for committee schedules, hearings on bills of interest, and upcoming events. For members who do not have access to a computer or occasionally receive their calendars late, please contact the House Clerk's Office (271-2548) for specific information or make arrangements with fellow legislators you can rely on for this information.

Presidential candidates are still being confirmed to speak at the beginning of a morning or afternoon session throughout the remainder of January.

On February 4, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., the House and Senate will meet in Joint Session for Governor Hassan's State-of the State Address.

The Speaker's Office has acquired posters from the Secretary of State commemorating the 100th anniversary of New Hampshire's First-In-The-Nation Primary. These posters include photographs of historic ballot boxes from various towns and cities in New Hampshire. If you would like to have one of these posters, please come to the Speaker's Office.

In the event of inclement weather, please check the General Court website and your e-mail for notification of any delayed or postponed sessions. Although hearings cannot be canceled on the day they are set to meet, they can be opened and recessed.

For future planning, please keep in mind that state offices will be closed Monday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day, and Monday, February 15th, in observance of Presidents' Day. There will also be no legislative activity scheduled for NH Primary Day, February 9th, the winter break week of February 22-26, and Town Meeting Day, March 8th.

Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the chairs and vice chairs on **Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00 a.m.** in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

NOTICE

There will be a Republican caucus on **Wednesday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.
Rep. Dick Hinch

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic caucus on **Wednesday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m.** in LOB 305-307.
Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

NOTICE

The standard mileage rate for transportation expenses set by the Internal Revenue Service has been modified. The federal mileage reimbursement rate for members of the General Court *decreases* from \$0.575 per mile to \$0.54 per mile for all miles incurred on or after January 1, 2016. Mileage checks dated January 22, 2016 are for period 12/25/15 – 1/7/16 and will include both mileage rates. Please contact Legislative Accounting at 271-3162 with any questions about those payments.

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Required Disclosure Filing

Copies of the “**2016 Financial Disclosure Form**,” are being mailed to each member of the House. Members may fill out and file the paper form or file electronically with the Financial Disclosure E-Form available at the following link: http://gencourt.state.nh.us/ethics/Financial_Disclosure/disclosureEForm.aspx, where you will find instructions on how to fill out the form and how to return it. The PCs in the State House and LOB Cyber Rooms are available for you to use for filling out the forms. If you choose to use the hard copy, please return your form to Rich Lambert in **Room 112 of the State House**. All legislators and legislative officers are required to complete and file a hard copy or E-Form with the Legislative Ethics Committee **no later than January 15, 2016**.

Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator
Legislative Ethics Committee

NOTICE

The House Calendar closes at **3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for scheduling and notices**. It will close at **10:00 a.m. on Thursdays for Committee Reports**. Please be sure to do your scheduling in order to meet that deadline.

CLOSES AT NOON ON THURSDAY:

Thursday, January 21, 2016
Thursday, January 28, 2016
Thursday, February 4, 2016

AVAILABLE FRIDAY:

Friday, January 22, 2016
Friday, January 29, 2016
Friday, February 5, 2016

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2016 HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, February 4, 2016
Thursday, February 11, 2016
Thursday, March 3, 2016
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Thursday, March 17, 2016
Thursday, March 24, 2016
Thursday, April 14, 2016
Thursday, April 21, 2016
Thursday, May 5, 2016
Thursday, May 12, 2016
Thursday, May 19, 2016
Thursday, May 26, 2016
Thursday, June 2, 2016

Last day to report House Bills going to a second committee
Last day to act on House Bills going to a second committee
Last day to report House Bills not in a second committee
Last day to act on House Bills not in a second committee
Last day to report all House Bills
CROSSOVER Last day to act on all House Bills
Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a second committee
Last day to report all remaining Senate Bills
Last day to act on all remaining Senate Bills
Last day to form Committees of Conference
Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports
Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports

BILLS LAID ON TABLE

HB 240, prohibiting law enforcement agencies from using a drone to collect evidence. (Pending question: Adopt committee amendment 2015-2499h)

HB 297, protecting individual customer data from disclosure by a public utility. (Pending question: Inexpedient To Legislate)

HB 372, relative to certain private employers under workers' compensation. (Pending question: Ought To Pass)

HB 475, prohibiting the state from engaging in acts of civil forfeiture. (Pending question: Adopt committee amendment 2015-2517h)

SB 219-FN, relative to breastfeeding. (Pending question: Adopt committee amendment 2015-2499h)

SCACR 5, relating to legal actions. Providing that taxpayers have standing to bring actions against the government. (Pending question: Inexpedient To Legislate)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

REGULAR CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION

HB 280, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of placing medal decals on special number plates for veterans. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Thomas Walsh for Transportation. This bill as amended replaces the proposed study committee and creates specialty plates for veterans and non-profit organizations using a decal plate format. The decal plate is acquired from the Department of Motor Vehicles. The decals for military branch, etc. can then be purchased from the State Office of Veterans Services for veterans decal plates, or from the non-profit organizations that are approved (by the Legislature) for standard decal plates. The last part of the bill creates a motorcycle plate for disabled veterans. The requests for these types of plates have had to be denied for years due to cost. This program solves that problem and has the support of the Department of Safety. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 586-FN-L, relative to registration of automobile utility trailers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Werner Horn for Transportation. HB 586-FN establishes a business model under which automobile utility trailer registrations are accomplished via on-line access for out of state and New Hampshire residents. The amendment clarifies operating standards for nongovernmental registering trailer agents and requires the remittance of fees to the applicable town or city clerk for processing resident registrations. **Vote 8-3.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 359, allowing municipalities in Carroll county to offer property tax exemptions to foster commercial and industrial construction. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Don Leeman for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. The purpose of this bill is to extend the property tax exemption program in Coos County to municipalities in Carroll County for 5 years. This allows them to offer property tax exemptions to foster commercial and industrial construction. The amendment extends this option to all cities and towns in New Hampshire. **Vote 17-2.**

Rep. Susan Almy for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. The effect of this bill as amended is to remove the existing incentive to draw businesses to Coos County, the poorest county in the state, and to remove the incentive the bill sponsors sought to allow Carroll County to join Coos' program. The incentive has proved inadequate to draw substantial business to counties that are under endowed with adequate transportation and broad band.

HB 552-FN, requiring the state treasurer to develop an implementation plan for the state to accept bitcoin as payment for taxes and fees. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Karrick for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. While consideration of accepting bitcoin as payment for taxes and fees to the State of New Hampshire is an interesting idea it is felt that if there is a serious problem with bitcoin or other proto currencies it would reflect poorly on the state even if the state was not at risk. **Vote 13-4.**

Rep. Susan Almy for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. This bill was rewritten to ensure that all the risk associated with bitcoin lies where it belongs, with the person who owes taxes or fees to the state and the bitcoin processor whom he contracts with to pay dollars to the state. The Treasurer provided strictures which have been met. The bitcoin concept is highly attractive to many of the young entrepreneurs we need to retain or attract to New Hampshire. The minority does not commit to ever using bitcoin itself, but believes it should be an option as long as the state receives payments only in US dollars and bears none of the risk of this volatile asset.

HB 594-FN-A, establishing keno. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill calls for the expansion of Lottery by allowing for the introduction of Keno at establishments that pour liquor as defined by the liquor statutes listed in the amendment. Unlike other states, Keno will not be allowed to be played in convenience stores. There is an annual license fee to the establishment of \$500 which goes to the Education Trust Fund. The licensee will retain 8% of sales. The Department of Health and Human Services retains 1% of the remainder for problem gambling intervention. The Lottery Commission takes 2% of sales for administrative costs. Prize payouts will amount to 70% of sales. The balance of the sales revenue goes to the Education Trust Fund. Within two years of passage revenue is estimated to be approximately between \$8-9 million annually. Towns and cities must vote in the affirmative to allow Keno to be played within their municipality. The game of Keno utilizes the same equipment that is utilized for all the other Lottery games and will be monitored centrally at Lot-

tery headquarters. Lottery has the infrastructure in place to easily accommodate this new Lottery game. It is well known that all the top revenue establishments in Massachusetts that have Keno are along the New Hampshire southern border which are frequented by many NH citizens. By allowing Keno in NH much of this revenue will be brought back to our state. This will be a win for NH restaurants as well as NH veterans' and other social clubs who want to participate, in addition to being a win for the Education Trust Fund. It also provides a way for our Lottery system to grow and to insure sufficient funds continue to flow into the Education Trust Fund. Keno was voted as the House position in 2014 and once again as the House position when it was voted on the House floor to be added to HB 2 in the original FY 2016-17 budget vote. Keno was also in the original FY 2016-17 budget submitted by the Governor. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Mary Cooney for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. This bill would allow Keno to be played in most establishments that hold a liquor license. One problem that arises is that since Keno is considered a lottery game a player must only be 18 to play, but still 21 to drink alcohol. Keno, as it is played today is on video terminals. For some it is very addictive. Because it is electronic, the games offer many different scenarios with jackpots, roll-overs and multipliers. The minority feels that such addictive terminals should not be located in NH restaurants where children dine with their parents. Massachusetts, where Keno is everywhere lottery is sold, and before any casinos were approved, has some of the highest per capita spending on gambling in the country. NH should not want to join Massachusetts in this dubious distinction.

HB 630-FN-A, establishing the New Hampshire video lottery. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Paul Henle for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This legislation would allow establishments with a liquor license in the state to install and operate up to six video lottery machines (slot machines). This would be an unprecedented expansion of gambling in New Hampshire. It would have all of the negatives associated with casino gambling and very few of the positives. One of the arguments for allowing one or two casinos in the state was that it would promote economic activity in the vicinity of the casino. None of that would happen if this bill is enacted. Nobody is going to build a hotel next to a restaurant just because it has six slot machines. The bill does not create any new jobs; it has the potential to harm tourism; and it offers an inconsistent revenue stream. The issue of problem gambling is exacerbated by the wide distribution of the machines. Restricting the machines to one or two facilities enables both the casino operators and the state to monitor their use and identify problem gamblers early. Interventions can then be made to ward off the dire effects that problem gambling can have on individuals, families and local economies. Under this bill that would not be possible. It would be all too easy for a problem gambler to go undetected until it was too late and irreparable harm had been done. In 2013 and 2014 the House rejected bills that would have allowed video lottery machines in six locations. It has shown no interest in spreading this kind of gambling willy-nilly around the state. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Joseph Lachance for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. This bill expands the NH Lottery to include video lottery machines. On-premise liquor licensees (restaurants, bars, clubs, etc.) would be able to license up to six machines per location and machines must be kept in a room not visible or accessible to those under 21. The machines are centrally monitored at all times by the Lottery Commission's computers. There is a per-machine license fee which pays for the Lottery's expenses and, with a proposed amendment, a treatment fund for problem gambling. There is also a 67% tax on net after-prize income, which is directed to reducing the State Education Property Tax. The expected \$217 million of annual revenue would cut the \$363 million State Education Property Tax more than in half, for a 5% reduction in the typical property tax bill. This is gambling that works with existing small businesses, not against them. Like the original NH Lottery, it is a home-grown system and is not being promoted by lobbyists. Video lottery is very popular in Oregon and South Dakota, the two states with similar systems. In both states video lottery coexists with casinos, so one does not preclude the other. The amendment also provides for the same local opt-in and opt-out as we have for the rest of the NH Lottery. The committee also discussed a possible amendment. This amendment would allow for video lottery terminals to be in veterans and private social clubs only. No action was taken on that amendment at the executive session.

BILLS REMOVED FROM CONSENT (JANUARY 7, 2016)

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 211, establishing a commission to study domestic affairs. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kimberly Rice for Children and Family Law. The concerns contained in this bill were incorporated into an amendment to HB 378, therefore making HB 211 unnecessary. **Vote 14-1.**

HB 249, relative to the award of alimony and the enforcement of orders under RSA 458. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Debra DeSimone for Children and Family Law. After significant work on this bill, the committee believes that the proposed amendment is not ready for prime time and needs more input from stakeholders. Due to time constraints and recognizing that more work needs to be done on this important issue, the committee recommends interim study. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 378, relative to shared residential responsibility and establishing a commission to study child support and related child care issues. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Debra DeSimone for Children and Family Law. The committee retained 3 study bills, including this bill. The proposed amendment to this bill incorporates issues from the other 2 bills. The amended bill studies the impact of the parental rights statute enacted 10 years ago. It also studies the child support guidelines enacted in 2013. **Vote 15-0.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 400-FN, relative to the mileage reimbursement rate for legislators and prohibiting deductions from compensation or mileage reimbursement of representatives. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Hinch for Legislative Administration. This bill prohibits deductions of any kind from the compensation or mileage reimbursements paid to state representatives. While we understand the concern of the members who brought this bill forward, the issue has been addressed in the past. It is the Internal Revenue Service code that dictates the withholding of taxes from legislative compensation. The legislature is not in a position to address the issue of what the federal government views as taxable or not taxable, and therefore we believe the recommendation of Inexpedient to Legislate is the correct outcome. **Vote 9-1.**

WAYS AND MEANS

CACR 2, Relating to dedicated funds. Providing that funds shall be used solely for the purpose of the fund. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Hess for Ways and Means. The intent of this proposed constitutional amendment is to require that revenues from so called “dedicated funds” be spent only on those designated special programs unless the General Court, by two-thirds majorities in both chambers, votes to divert those revenues and spend them on other programs. While this goal is laudable, the committee concluded that adding this provision to our constitution would have a number of anomalous and adverse, unintended consequences. First it would require super majority votes to redirect dedicated funds which had been created in the first instance by simple majority votes. Second it would significantly limit the flexibility of future legislatures to address fiscal crises by temporarily reordering financial priorities. Experience in many other states with constitutionally-mandated super majorities to raise revenues and/or make appropriations has been anything but positive. Finally, were this to be in our constitution, it would require a two-thirds vote to divert funds from a dedicated fund, but allow the legislature to get access to the same funds by a simple majority vote eliminating the fund. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 585-FN-A, relative to fines for violation of alcoholic beverage laws. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Karrick for Ways and Means. Abuse and misuse of alcohol and resulting negative behavior, including domestic violence and criminal activity, imposes substantial costs on the state, businesses, communities, and families. There is presently a penalty assessment for violations of the liquor statutes when adjudicated by a court but no assessment when the Liquor Commission levies fines. The amendment makes the penalty assessment at the commission level equal to the court level and corrects statutory references. The added revenue is split equally three ways between the victims’ assistance, domestic violence, and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment funds. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 668-FN, relative to expense deductions under the business profits tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brian Gallagher for Ways and Means. This bill allows a business organization to calculate increased expense deductions as defined by IRS code section 179, but not to exceed \$100,000, per calendar year under the Business Profits Tax. Testimony was received from CPA firms and the Department of Revenue Administration that the impact to business would be very difficult to measure. The additional concern expressed by accounting firms was that few businesses could potentially be economically impacted. The Department of Resources and Economic Development suggested that many business entities would not take advantage of the opportunity and that this incentive would not significantly impact important business decision making. **Vote 19-0.**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON RURAL AFFAIRS (RSA 9-A:5), Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k), Room 102, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1), Rooms 301-303, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 576-FN-A**, relative to the penalty for possession and use of fentanyl-class drugs, insurance coverage for substance use disorders, the acceptance of general funds by the controlled drug prescription health and safety program, the membership of the board of medicine and prescribers of controlled drugs and making an appropriation therefor; **SB 447-FN**, relative to the controlled drug prescription health and safety program and establishing a commission to study Narcan.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on **SB 369-FN**, requiring public schools to include drug and alcohol education as part of their health education curriculum.

10:30 a.m. Department of Education explanation of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 1673-FN-L**, establishing a cash balance plan within the state retirement system.

11:00 a.m. or immediately following public hearing. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1673-FN-L**, establishing a cash balance plan within the state retirement system.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1), New Hampshire Technical Institute, Sweeney Hall, Room 225, Concord

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1117**, establishing a child support maximum under the guidelines based on the parents' combined income.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1238**, relative to income for purposes of child support.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1280**, relative to grounds for modification of parental rights and responsibilities.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1236**, relative to hearings on modifications of parental rights and responsibilities.

2:15 p.m. **HB 1237**, establishing a committee to study the establishment of a default conflict management and resolution system for parents and children.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1590-FN-A-L**, relative to the regulation and taxation of short-term rental businesses.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1647-FN**, repealing laws regulating hawkers and peddlers and itinerant vendors.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1495-FN-L**, relative to insurance incentives to lower costs of health care.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1516-FN**, relative to balance billing.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1675-FN-A**, relative to the legalization and taxation of marijuana.

10:15 a.m. **HB 1694-FN-A-L**, relative to the legalization and regulation of marijuana.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1626-FN**, relative to drug take-back programs.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1610-FN**, legalizing the possession and cultivation of marijuana for personal use.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1229**, prohibiting the inclusion of statewide assessment results in a student's transcript without consent.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1652-FN-A**, establishing a teacher preparation for mathematics education scholarship program.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1189-FN**, relative to aid granted to Dartmouth College to assist indigent students from New Hampshire.

- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1638-FN-L**, relative to the allocation of lottery revenues to schools.
 12:45 p.m. **HB 1604-FN-A-L**, relative to exceptional student education programs and providing funding therefor.
 1:30 p.m. **HB 1630-FN-L**, relative to calculating the base cost of an adequate education.
 2:15 p.m. **HB 1667-FN-L**, repealing the statutes authorizing the department of education.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1183**, relative to election result recounts.
 10:10 a.m. **HB 1220**, relative to disqualification of election officers.
 10:20 a.m. **HB 1387**, relative to vacancies in county offices.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1313-FN**, relative to eligibility to vote and relative to availability of voter information.
 10:40 a.m. **HB 1356**, relative to construction of the terms "resident" and "inhabitant."
 10:50 a.m. **HB 1539-FN**, relative to procedures for resolving ties in legislative races.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1114**, relative to the number of inspectors of election.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1265**, permitting municipalities to adopt a system of approval voting.
 1:15 p.m. **HB 1521**, allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates for an office.
 1:30 p.m. **HB 1530-FN-L**, relative to mail-in voting.
 2:00 p.m. **HB 1624-FN**, relative to electioneering by public employees.
 2:15 p.m. **HB 1679-FN**, relative to electioneering by a public official.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 1682-FN**, relative to electioneering by public servants and relative to warrant articles.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1355**, relative to poultry producers exempted from meat inspection requirements.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1528-FN**, relative to standards for aerobic septic systems.
 2:00 p.m. **HB 1440-FN**, relative to certification for solid waste operators.
 3:00 p.m. **HB 1398**, establishing a commission to study septic sludge spreading.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1416-FN**, relative to funding for state criminal background checks.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1594-FN**, relative to emergency medical services.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1404-FN**, relative to certain director positions in the insurance department.
 11:15 a.m. **HB 1556-FN**, relative to Lucky 7 tickets.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1527-FN-A**, authorizing additional part-time positions at the department of administrative services and making an appropriation therefor.
 12:00 p.m. **HB 1671-FN**, establishing an office of inspector general.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 549-FN-A-LOCAL**, (New Title) relative to school building aid grants.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1591-FN-A**, relative to the health care premium contribution for retired state employees who are over 65 years of age, relative to funding of retiree health benefits, and making an appropriation to the department of administrative services.
 11:15 a.m. **HB 1592-FN**, relative to the health care premium contribution for retired state employees who are over 65 years of age, relative to funding of retiree health benefits, and making an appropriation to the department of administrative services.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 218-FN**, (New Title) relative to third grade proficiency in mathematics.
 2:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 231**, relative to applications for school building aid.
 3:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 242**, relative to the statewide improvement and assessment program.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1423-FN**, relative to rulemaking for prescribing controlled drugs.
 1:15 p.m. **HB 1269**, extending the New Hampshire health care quality assurance commission.
 2:15 p.m. **HB 1124**, relative to the membership of the occupational therapy governing board and relative to equipment used in respiratory care practice.
 3:00 p.m. **HB 1273**, requiring a medical care provider to inform a woman who is discovered to have dense breast tissue.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1574-FN-A**, relative to the penalty assessment fund and requiring payment into the penalty assessment for persons performing court-mandated community service.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1581-FN-A**, establishing a special marriage officiant license.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1611-FN-L**, allowing a public body or agency to charge a fee for costs of retrieving public records under the right-to-know law.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1115**, relative to the laws governing the citizens of New Hampshire.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1166-FN**, appointing personal representatives for persons who had founded petitions before the house committee on redress of grievances.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 1218**, relative to levy of executions on shares in any corporation.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Representatives Hall

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1641-FN-L**, relative to requiring prevailing wages on state-funded public works projects.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1346**, relative to minimum wage for tipped employees.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1480-FN**, establishing a state minimum wage.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1221**, relative to excluding certain one-time expenditures from the default budget in official ballot municipalities.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1389**, prohibiting a town meeting from materially changing a petitioned warrant article in a town that has adopted the official ballot referendum form of meeting.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1375**, relative to charter commissions for budgets in official ballot jurisdictions.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1427-FN-A-L**, suspending the water and air pollution control facility property tax exemption and appropriating certain revenues for water pollution control grants to municipalities; **HB 1505**, allowing municipalities to exempt water and sewer pollution control facilities owned by educational institutions from the local property tax; **HB 1119-L**, relative to the maximum optional fee for transportation improvements charged by municipalities when collecting motor vehicle registration fees.
HB 1562-FN-L, allowing counties to establish heroin use prevention and treatment programs; **HB 1214**, allowing towns and cities to authorize an additional surcharge on hotel occupancy under the meals and rooms tax; **HB 1345**, repealing the age limit for sheriffs.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1602-FN-A-L**, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1568-FN-A**, relative to prepaid road tolls for certain alternative energy vehicles.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1251-FN-A**, requiring the department of transportation to upgrade a portion of road in the town of Pittsfield.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1298**, relative to damage to private property.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1170**, relative to special permits for OHRV operation in Jericho Mountain State Park.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1332**, adding a member to the aquatic resources compensatory mitigation site selection committee.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1299**, relative to the frequency of background checks for camp employees.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1155**, relative to providing choice of meters to customers of utilities.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1362**, requiring telephone notice where an electrical outage is expected to exceed 4 hours.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1133**, relative to the maximum amount of a customer deposit which may be required under rules of the public utilities commission.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1295-FN**, eliminating the bureau of certificate of title.
- 10:20 a.m. **HB 1421-FN**, relative to exemptions from certificate of title for a vehicle.
- 10:40 a.m. **HB 1666-FN**, relative to certain definitions in the motor vehicles law.
- 11:20 a.m. **HB 1655-FN**, relative to registration fees for agricultural/industrial utility vehicles.

- 11:40 a.m. **HB 1567-FN-A**, authorizing friends of animal number plates.
- 1:20 p.m. **HB 1616-FN**, relative to drivers' licenses and identification cards that are compliant with federal identification law.
- 2:20 p.m. **HB 1583-FN**, allowing for voluntary donations to veterans' organizations through a check-off box on driver's license applications and automobile registration forms.
- 3:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1438-FN-L**, relative to the registration of antique trailers; **HB 1477**, relative to the grace period for motor vehicle inspections; **HB 1241**, establishing the alternative motto "scenic" for motor vehicle plates.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1443-FN**, relative to the reasonable compensation deduction from gross business profits under the business profits tax and requiring the department of revenue administration to prepare draft rules relative to auditing.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1538-FN-A**, relative to revising the business enterprise tax as a business flat tax, reducing the rate of the interest and dividends tax, repealing certain taxes, and establishing a commission to recommend statutory changes for the implementation of this new tax structure.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1544-FN-A-L**, establishing a tax on revenues from natural gas transmission.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1101**, prohibiting charges to New Hampshire residents for the construction of high pressure gas pipelines.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1360-FN**, establishing a credit against business profits taxes for media production expenditures in New Hampshire.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1182-FN**, relative to fees for sales of wine by manufacturers.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1184-FN**, relative to license fees for domestic wine manufacturers.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1207-FN**, exempting wine sample fees from the meals and rooms tax.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1159-FN**, relative to sale of tobacco products.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1368-FN**, requiring firearms owners to have liability insurance.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1311**, relative to solitary confinement.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1506**, establishing a committee to study the use of solitary confinement in New Hampshire.
HB 1507, amending the procedures for the use of solitary confinement and establishing a committee to study the use and effectiveness of solitary confinement in New Hampshire.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1451-FN**, allowing persons convicted of certain nonviolent first offenses to petition for an annulment of the criminal record.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1121**, relative to the academic areas that comprise the statewide assessment.
- 9:50 a.m. **HB 1240**, relative to alternatives to the statewide assessment.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1338**, relative to student exemption from the statewide assessment.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1393**, requiring the department of education to report statewide assessment results for school districts receiving certain state aid.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1366**, relative to the definition of educational competencies.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1239**, relative to certain terminology in the education statutes.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1411**, making civics mandatory in public schools.
- 2:05 p.m. **HB 1379**, amending the requirement to use English in schools.
- 2:25 p.m. **HB 1365**, requiring public schools to observe New Hampshire constitution day.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1580-FN**, removing the real estate commission from the office of professional licensure and certification.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1246-FN**, relative to speech-language assistants.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1294**, relative to exemptions from licensure as a massage therapist.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1213-FN**, repealing athletic trainer license requirements.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

1:20 p.m. Briefing by the Department of Administrative Services on the FY 2015 CAFR.

FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

10:30 a.m. Work session on **HJR 4-FN-A**, recognizing the failure of the clerk of the supreme court to process a notice of errors and requiring payment of certain money to Joseph Haas; **HJR 5-FN-A**, making a payment to Joseph Haas for compensation for unlawful incarceration; **HJR 6-FN-A**, making a payment to compensate Edward Brown for an illegal action; **HB 1228-FN-A**, requiring the payment of an amount paid to redeem real property and making an appropriation therefor..

11:00 a.m. Work session on **HB 1686-FN**, repealing the community heritage investment program.

11:30 a.m. Work session on **HB 1670-FN**, relative to public employee suggestions for cost-savings measures.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:30 a.m. Work session on **HB 1447-FN**, relative to child support paid through the department of health and human services.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1524-FN-A**, repealing fish and game department authority to establish fees by administrative rulemaking.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1136**, authorizing the fish and game department to grant awards for solutions to reducing the Asian shore crab and European green crab populations.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1519**, relative to the season for taking bear using dogs set by the executive director of fish and game.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1383**, repealing the penalty for carrying away seaweed at night.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1286**, relative to days when fishing without a license is permitted.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 1695-FN**, establishing an office of health services planning and review within the department of health and human services.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1373-FN**, adding 2 alternative treatment centers under the law governing use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1501**, relative to qualifying medical conditions for the use of cannabis.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1453**, relative to qualifying medical conditions for purposes of therapeutic cannabis.

2:15 p.m. **HB 1309**, adding post-traumatic stress disorder to qualifying medical conditions under therapeutic use of cannabis.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1577-FN**, relative to alternatives to incarceration as a criminal penalty.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1596-FN-L**, changing the marriage license requirement to a requirement that couples obtain a certificate of notice of intent to marry and a certificate of marriage.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1333**, requiring that courts provide jurors with information regarding the authority of the position of juror.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1361**, relative to service of process by attorneys and justices of the peace.

3:00 p.m. **HB 1270**, relative to a jury's determination as to the applicability of a law.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1402**, prohibiting the state and political subdivisions from acquiring military-equipped vehicles or equipment which are not readily available in an open national commercial market; **HB 1621-FN-L**, relative to sanctuary cities; **HB 1243-FN-L**, relative to storm water or sewage penalties; **HB 1526-FN-L**, providing for the election of members of the county convention as a separate county office; **HB 1576-FN-L**, repealing the licensure of dogs; **HB 1230**, relative to information on dog licenses; **HB 1107**, changing the name of Sargent's Purchase to Marilla Ricker.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1190**, relative to a grant of land to Dartmouth College.

- 1:20 p.m. **HB 1518**, relative to village district members of budget committees.
- 1:40 p.m. **HB 1678-FN**, relative to the information statement contained on a property tax bill.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1683-FN-L**, relative to lowering the interest rate and costs for the redemption and repurchase of property subject to a tax lien or tax deed.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1578**, relative to the maintenance of private roads.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1200-L**, relative to the use of recycled glass.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 305-307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1472**, relative to the siting of certain new pipelines and storage vessels.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1174**, relative to energy sources for new natural gas transmission compressor stations.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1140**, relative to financial responsibility for gas transmission pipelines.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1149**, requiring a royalty on the price of natural gas conveyed by pipeline intended for use in a foreign country.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 1148**, relative to pipeline capacity contracts.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 am **HCR 10**, requesting an investigation on whether benzodiazepines contribute to suicides by veterans.
- 1:00 pm **HB 1288**, relative to the National Guard force protection policy.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1545-FN**, relative to Lucky 7 tickets.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1554-FN**, establishing a state sports lottery.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1391**, relative to the price of bingo cards at senior bingo and bingo at private campgrounds and hotels.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1199**, allowing adults to play children's bingo at private campgrounds or hotels.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1488**, establishing a commission to review and make recommendations for the recodification of RSA 284 and RSA 287-D.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1247**, relative to permitted gambling by private individuals.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1498**, repealing the prohibition on certain gambling.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

JUDICIARY, Rooms 206- 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1560-FN**, relative to abortion procedures.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1627-FN**, relative to the protection of infants born alive.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1489**, establishing a committee to study the rates of employer contributions in the retirement system.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1449-FN**, relative to additional temporary supplemental allowances for retired members of the retirement system.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1352-FN**, relative to the penalty for retirement system employers' noncompliance with reporting requirements for retirees.
- 12:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1489**, establishing a committee to study the rates of employer contributions in the retirement system; **HB 1449-FN**, relative to additional temporary supplemental allowances for retired members of the retirement system; **HB 1352-FN**, relative to the penalty for retirement system employers' noncompliance with reporting requirements for retirees.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE LAWS RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS (RSA 356-B:70), Room 205, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 21-P:51), Room 205, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

10:30 a.m. Audits: State of New Hampshire Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation Turnpike System, Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

New Hampshire Lottery Commission, A Department of The State of New Hampshire, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

NH-CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-A:2-g), Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25**CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND SCREENING COMMISSION (RSA 130-A:19), Room 206, LOB**

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM (RSA 195-J:1), Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF PAWNBROKERS, SECONDHAND DEALERS, AND JUNK OR SCRAP METAL DEALERS (RSA 322-A:1), Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC SPECIES OF WILDLIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30), Room 307, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q), Room 205, LOB

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a), New Hampshire Veterans Home, Tarr South Conference Room, 139 Winter Street, Tilton

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB**

10:00 a.m. **HB 1321**, relative to transportation of alcoholic beverages by a minor.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1606-FN**, relative to unlawful sale or possession of alcoholic beverages.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1631-FN**, relative to penalties for possession of marijuana.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1561-FN**, relative to freedom of expression on college campuses.

10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1272-FN**, relative to bus transportation for chartered public school students; **HB 1351**, relative to the laws governing chartered public schools; **HB 1563-FN-L**, relative to funding for full-day kindergarten pupils; **HB 1551-FN-A**, establishing the John and Molly Stark scholarship program and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 1644-FN**, relative to screening and treatment for dyslexia and related disorders and establishing a reading specialist in the department of education; **HB 1189-FN**, relative to aid granted to Dartmouth College to assist indigent students from New Hampshire; **HB 1652-FN-A**, establishing a teacher preparation for mathematics education scholarship program; **HB 1667-FN-L**, repealing the statutes authorizing the department of education.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1674-FN**, requiring the labeling of genetically engineered foods.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1187-FN-L**, repealing licensure of showmen.

10:15 a.m. **HB 1433-FN**, establishing the office of ombudsman in the department of state.

- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1424-FN**, establishing an office of program evaluation and government accountability.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1357**, relative to the duties of the department of cultural resources.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1226**, relative to administration of pharmaceutical agents by optometrists.
- 1:15 p.m. **HCACR 21**, relating to the attorney general. Providing that the attorney general be elected to a 4-year term.
- 1:45 p.m. **HCR 11**, encouraging and commending the governor and council to open meetings of the council with an opening prayer.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1376**, relative to temporary workers.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1278**, requiring payment of lawful money to employees.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1252**, permitting employers to pay wages to employees weekly or biweekly.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1331**, relative to the membership of the compensation appeals board.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1301**, relative to the issuance of youth employment certificates.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1476**, relative to prohibitions on the employment of youth.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1463**, relative to mandatory vaccines.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1242**, relative to rules of the department of transportation on driveway permits.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1397**, establishing a committee to study improvements to the Hannah Duston Memorial.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1172**, relative to corrective action implementation of audit findings concerning Cannon Mountain.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1461**, relative to the definition of and criteria for protection instream flow.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1589-FN**, prohibiting the transportation of exotic aquatic weeds.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1595-FN**, relative to the rivers management and protection program.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 10:15 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1149**, requiring a royalty on the price of natural gas conveyed by pipeline intended for use in a foreign country; **HB 1337**, relative to rules of the public utilities commission on requiring deposits after disconnect notices to customers; **HB 1412-FN**, relative to duties of the public utilities commission; **HB 1553-FN**, transferring the administration of the telecommunications accounting unit; **HB 1622-FN**, relative to radioactive waste and establishing a nuclear waste storage fee.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1104**, relative to electric renewable energy classes.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1691-FN**, making certain changes to the renewable portfolio standard.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1258-FN**, establishing exemptions from the business profits tax and business enterprise tax for new businesses in New Hampshire.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1422-FN**, creating an exemption from the business profits tax for new businesses in New Hampshire.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1572-FN**, establishing a broadband deployment tax credit incentive program against the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1254-FN-L**, providing an exemption from the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax for certain manufacturing businesses.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1212**, naming welcome center at exit 44 on Interstate 93 in honor of Raymond S. Burton.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1317**, renaming the North Hampton state beach as the Robert Shaw Memorial state beach.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1335-FN**, relative to state testing of law enforcement officers for steroid use.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1614-FN**, relative to the criminal penalty for prostitution.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1613-FN**, relative to criminal prosecution for those charged with prostitution.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1231**, relative to school district policy regarding objectionable course material.
 10:00 a.m. **HB 1303**, relative to withdrawal from a cooperative school district.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1201**, relative to withdrawal from a cooperative school district.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1364**, relative to the membership of the cooperative school district budget committee.
 11:20 a.m. **HB 1414**, repealing the home education advisory council.
 12:45 p.m. **HB 1205**, including libraries that provide children's programming in the definition of drug-free school zone.
 1:10 p.m. **HB 1120**, relative to teacher qualifications at charter schools.
 1:40 p.m. **HB 1456**, relative to chartered public school boards.
 2:15 p.m. **HB 1137**, relative to the adoption of school administrative unit budgets.
 2:45 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1561-FN**, relative to freedom of expression on college campuses.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1640-FN**, relative to the expiration of administrative rules.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1245-FN**, relative to petitions for adoption of rules under the administrative procedures act and incorporation of documents by reference.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1442-FN**, relative to objections to proposed agency rules under the administrative procedure act.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1167-FN**, repealing the administrative procedure act.
 12:00 p.m. **HB 1224**, establishing RV month in New Hampshire.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1268**, relative to liability for payment of expenses of search and rescue recovery by the fish and game department.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1267**, relative to the family hike safe card for fish and game search and recovery expenses.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1388-FN**, expanding crossbow use into muzzel loader season.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1106**, relative to days on which fishing is permitted without a license.
 12:00 p.m. **HB 1191**, establishing an exotic game license for hunting in a game preserve.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HCR 10**, requesting an investigation on whether benzodiazepines contribute to suicides by veterans; **HB 1130**, requiring school districts to permit placement of a memorial honoring those who have died during military service; **HB 1288**, relative to the National Guard force protection policy.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1650**, relative to limits in table stakes poker.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1192-FN**, repealing the education tax credit.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Room 304, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k), Room 102, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee meeting.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (RSA 21-R:6), Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a), UNH Manchester, 88 Commercial Street, Manchester

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1**STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7, I), Department of Health and Human Services, Brown Building Room 232, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB**10:00 a.m. **HB 1628-FN**, relative to human trafficking involving persons under 18 years of age.1:00 p.m. **HB 1654-FN**, relative to flying drones near correctional facilities.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB**10:00 a.m. **HB 1600-FN**, prohibiting the possession of a flame thrower.10:30 a.m. **HB 1635-FN**, relative to the theft of a firearm during a burglary.1:00 p.m. **HB 1305**, relative to the use of an ignition interlock device after a license suspension.1:30 p.m. **HB 1598-FN**, relative to the penalty for driving while intoxicated, third or subsequent offense. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.**FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB**10:00 a.m. **HB 1178**, relative to the taking of black bear assisted by a licensed guide.10:30 a.m. **HB 1177**, relative to permission required for baiting for game on the property of another.11:00 a.m. **HB 1176**, relative to nomination and qualification of fish and game commissioners.11:30 a.m. **HB 1100**, relative to licensure of guides by the fish and game department.12:00 p.m. **HB 1548-FN**, prohibiting the trade of shark fins.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE, (RSA 17 - I:1, CHAPTER 451:1), ROOM 100, SH**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES**COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE**

The Coös County Delegation will hold a public meeting to review/approve the fourth quarter 2015 financials. The meeting is scheduled for **Friday, February 19th at 10:00 a.m.** and will be held at the state facilities complex in Lancaster.

Rep. Robert L. Théberge
Coös Delegation Co-Chairman

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Coös** County Delegation will hold a public meeting to review and vote on the 2016 annual budget. The meeting is scheduled for **Friday, March 11th**. The meeting will take place at the nursing hospital located in West Stewartstown and will begin promptly at **10:00 a.m.**

Rep. Robert L. Théberge
Coös Delegation Co-Chairman

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Grafton** County Executive Committee will meet on **Monday, February 1st at 10:00 a.m.** at the Grafton County Administration Building, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH.

Rep. George Sykes, Chair
Grafton County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Rockingham** County Delegation will hold a public hearing on the commissioners' proposed 2016 budget on **Thursday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. An executive committee meeting will follow.

The **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet on **Friday, February 19th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood to review subcommittee recommendations.

The **Rockingham** County Delegation will meet on **Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m.** in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood to adopt the 2016 County budget. The executive committee will meet at **5:30 p.m.** in the commissioners' conference room. A storm date is set for Thursday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

When the House Clerk's Office is aware of House Members who are hospitalized or homebound by serious illness, we will publish a list of names and addresses as requested. Colleagues who so desire may send cards and greetings to Rep. Susan Emerson, c/o General Delivery, Walter Reed Army Medical Center 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD, 20889.

MEMBERS' NOTICES

The following notices are published in the House Record as a courtesy to the member(s) requesting publication. These are not official public notices and will be limited to legislative policy or legislative social activities and political meetings or events. Publication should not be construed as support for either the events listed or the views espoused by the individual or organization sponsoring the event.

On **Tuesday, January 19th** all legislators and staff are invited to join community leaders from across New Hampshire for the kickoff of the first-ever presidential candidate online town hall, "NH Speaks!", co-hosted by the Concord Monitor and Change Politics. Complimentary food and beverages will be served. The program will be **from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**, and the reception will continue until 2:00 pm. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tyler Clark at tyler@dennehybouley.com or 228-1601.

Rep. Joe Sweeney

The Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy, MomsRising, and the NH Women's Foundation invite all legislators to a legislative luncheon at Tandy's, 1 Eagle Square, **at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19th**, to hear from Josh Levs, the author of the book "All In", on the value of flexible work arrangements to employees and the business community. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by emailing amanda@familyfriendlyeconomy.org or by calling 603-867-4433.

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

The New Hampshire Kids Count and the New Hampshire Child Advocacy Network (NH CAN) cordially invite all legislators for lunch and a brief program on **Thursday, January 21st from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** in Rooms 210-211, LOB. The program will release NH CAN's 17th annual Priorities for New Hampshire's Children. NH CAN is comprised of numerous partners (child advocates) and advisors (legislators and state agency staff). NH CAN seeks to ensure that New Hampshire continues to be one of the best places to raise children. For more information please contact John DeJoie at jdejoie@nhkidscount.org.

Reps. Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

All House members are invited to a Granite State Conversation, "*Fiscal Policy and Our Economic Future*," a panel discussion featuring Sen. Judd Gregg, former Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell, and NH business leaders Paul M. Montrone and Kevin Davis. The event, sponsored by the Community College System of New Hampshire, will be held at the Great Bay Community College, 320 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, **Monday, January 25th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** A reception will follow. The event is free but members are asked to pre-register at <https://granitestateconversationfiscalpolicy.eventbrite.com>. Registration deadline is January 20th.

Reps. Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

All members of the House and Senate are cordially invited to attend the annual coffee with Bishop Peter Libasci of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester on **Tuesday, January 26th, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.** at the Upham Walker House, 20 Park Street, Concord.

Reps. Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

January is National Eye Health Month and Health Services will have a local eye care professional (Kristin Bryant, OD) back to conduct a "brown bag" seminar on eye health. There will be three seminar opportunities and they will occur in the State House Annex, Room 411 on **Tuesday, January 26th at 11:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 12:30 p.m.** An RSVP is requested at 271-2757 or by email to dianne.bergquist@leg.state.nh.us for each of the seminar opportunities.

Reps. Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network NH will be hosting a legislative breakfast on **Wednesday, January 27th from 8:00-10:00 a.m.** at the State House cafeteria. A light continental breakfast will be served. American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network volunteers and staff from New Hampshire will be on hand to discuss pending legislation as well as what services they provide to NH residents.

Reps. Frank Kotowski and Don LeBrun

Bi-State Primary Care Association and NH Community Health Centers invite all legislators to a hot breakfast on **Wednesday, February 3rd from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.** at the Holiday Inn, 172 No. Main Street, Concord. Legislators attend for free with RSVP. Please watch for your invitation.

Reps. Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

The New Hampshire Federation of Humane Organizations and The Humane Society of the United States cordially invite all legislators to attend a legislative continental breakfast in the State House cafeteria on **Wednesday, February 3rd from 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.** This is an opportunity to speak with the leaders of the state's nonprofit animal shelters and to learn about the work of the Humane Society of the United States. Citizens from around the state will be in attendance to meet with legislators to discuss pending legislation that impacts animals. Legislators will be notified if they have a constituent registered for the event. Please join constituents, your colleagues, and animal welfare professionals for food and conversation.

Reps. Yvonne Dean-Bailey and Efstathia Booras

The NH Retail Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary and want you to celebrate with them by joining association board and members at its Annual Legislative Reception and presentation of the annual "Law Enforcement Partner of the Year," "Retailer of the Year," and Legislator of the Year" awards on **Wednesday, February 3rd at 4:00 p.m.**, or at the conclusion of the House session, at the Concord Holiday Inn. Please join NH Retail Association members, your colleagues and some invited former colleagues for light fare and conversation.
Reps. Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

Spark NH, the Governor-appointed Early Childhood Advisory Council, invites legislators to attend a luncheon and hear a presentation on early childhood. A Framework for Action for New Hampshire's Young Children will also be announced. Please join us on **Thursday, February 11th from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the Legislative Office Building Room 210. Lunch will be provided.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner

The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute 2016 conference, *Making Ends Meet: Enhancing Economic Security, Fostering Shared Prosperity*, will be held **Friday, February 19th** at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. The event will be held **from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. New Hampshire has one of the higher costs of living in the nation, leaving many working families to face a substantial gap between what they earn and what they must spend on essentials - from housing and groceries to health care and child care. NHFPI's 3rd annual policy conference will examine what it really takes to make ends meet in the Granite State and explore some of the key elements of a broader strategy for easing the difficulties facing working families - a strategy that aims both to boost wages and salaries and to bring the cost of basic necessities within closer reach. General registration fees: \$35 through January 8th; \$45 after January 8th. Preregistration is required by Friday, February 5th. A limited number of scholarships for complimentary conference registrations are available for current members of the NH Legislature; see website for details. Learn more and register: <http://www.nhfp.org/news-events/policy-conference-2016>

Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

The House Republican Alliance will meet **Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.** in LOB 204 to discuss legislation. All Republican Representatives are welcome.

Reps. Carol McGuire, Bill Ohm, Leon Rideout

STATE HOUSE VISITATION SCHEDULE

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors' Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in 2016. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the school year and subject to changes. Note that large groups are divided into smaller groups for tours.

Please contact the Visitor Center concerning school tour booking information. Legislators planning to meet with students should notify the Visitor Center. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Virginia J. Drew, Director
Deborah Rivers, Public Information Administrator

DATE	TIME	GROUP	# /GRADE
Jan. 15	9:30/11:00	Hillsboro – Deering School	115/4
Jan. 15	1:30	World Affairs Council – Bahrain Legislators	
Jan. 21	9:30	Manchester Greater Area Leadership	40/adults
Jan. 27	2:30	Senate Interns	
Jan. 29	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Memorial School – Newton	60/4
Feb. 2	9:45	Chester Academy	40/4
Feb. 5	9:00/10:30	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	60/4
Feb. 5	1:30	National Grange	25/adults
Feb. 8	9:00/10:30	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	60/4
Feb. 9	9:15	Broken Ground School – Concord	48/4
Feb. 10	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Hooksett Memorial School	90/4
Feb. 10	9:15	Broken Ground School – Concord	48/4

DATE	TIME	GROUP	# /GRADE
Feb. 10	12:30	Greater Concord Leadership	24/adults
Feb. 11	9:15	Broken Ground School – Concord	48/4
Feb. 11	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Hooksett Memorial School	75/4
Feb. 12	10:00/11:30	Stratham Memorial School	60/4
Feb. 16	9:45	Dondero Elementary School – Portsmouth	49/4
Feb. 16	12:15	Presentation of Mary – Hudson	53/4
Feb. 17	9:45	New Franklin School – Portsmouth	38/4
Feb. 17	10:00	Taylor Retirement Community – Laconia	15/Srs
Feb. 18	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Maple Avenue Elementary School – Goffstown	133/4
Feb. 19	10:00/11:30	Stratham Memorial School	60/4
Feb. 26	9:30	Cub Scouts – Pack 290 Manchester	20/2
Feb. 26	10:30	Boy Scouts – Pack 610 Pelham	8/8
Feb. 26	2:00	Brain Injury Association & Gov Disability Com.	15/adults

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to HB 280

(2015-2556h)

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - r

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT authorizing multi-use decal plates, multi-use veterans decal plates, and relative to special motorcycle number plates for disabled veterans.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Chapters; Multi-Use Decal Plates. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 261-A the following new chapters:

CHAPTER 261-B MULTI-USE DECAL PLATES

261-B:1 Multi-Use Decal Plates Authorized. The department of safety shall issue multi-use decal plates. The design shall provide an area 3 inches by 3 inches for the placement of a decal representing an organization authorized under RSA 261-B:3. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, multi-use decal plates shall have the same effect and be issued in the same manner as other number plates. Multi-use number plates shall retain the “live free or die” logo.

261-B:2 Decals.

I. Decals shall be made of nonreflectorized material and manufactured to maintain their visibility for a minimum of 36 months.

II. Decals may only be placed on multi-use decal plates issued pursuant to this chapter.

III. Decals shall be distributed by organizations authorized under RSA 261-B:3.

IV. Decals shall include a unique sequence number.

V. The authorized organization may collect a fee for the decal.

261-B:3 Authorized Organizations.

I. Organizations that have been granted and continue to hold tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. section 501(c)(3) are eligible to participate in the multi-use decal number plate program. To issue decals under this chapter, an organization shall file an annual report with the director of motor vehicles, in a format and time established by the director, containing the following:

(a) Address of the organization’s headquarters.

(b) Name, address, and telephone number of the coordinator of the organization’s decal program.

(c) A sample of the decal to be issued.

(d) A statement verifying that the images used in the decals do not infringe on any other person’s intellectual property or a release from the owner authorizing the use of the images.

(e) A list of persons receiving decals from the organization and the sequence number assigned to each person.

(f) Fees received by the organization and their distribution.

(g) Verification of the organization’s continuing status as a tax-exempt organization under 26 U.S.C. section 501(c)(3).

(h) A statement that the organization will continue to participate in the program.

II. An organization may end its participation in the multi-use decal number plate program by written notification to the director of motor vehicles and filing a final annual report within 30 days of the notification.

III. Participation in the multi-use decal number plate program shall terminate automatically if the organization fails to file its annual report under paragraph I or files a report that does not include the statement required by subparagraph I(h).

IV. A person displaying the decal of an organization that is no longer participating in the program on a multi-use decal number plate may continue to display the decal until the next expiration of the vehicle's registration.

V. Organizations shall allow a purchaser of a decal to purchase a new decal no less frequently than every 36 months.

261-B:4 Issuance and Renewal; Fees.

I. The fee for multi-use decal number plates shall be \$15 per year per set, which shall be in addition to any other registration and number plate fees. This fee shall not be prorated.

II. The commissioner of the department of safety shall deposit \$5 from each fee collected under paragraph I in the department of safety inventory fund established by RSA 228:25. The remainder shall be deposited in the highway fund.

261-B:5 Vehicles Eligible. Multi-use decal number plates may be used on passenger motor vehicles and recreation vehicles.

261-B:6 Misuse of Decals. Only decals issued by organizations authorized under this chapter may be displayed on multi-use decal number plates. Use of an unauthorized decal shall be a violation punishable by a fine of \$50 plus penalty assessment.

261-B:7 Change of Decals. The holder of a multi-use decal number plate may replace a decal with a decal from a different authorized organization.

261-B:8 Rulemaking. The commissioner of the department of safety shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to the administration of the multi-use decal number plate program.

CHAPTER 261-C MULTI-USE VETERANS DECAL PLATES

261-C:1 Multi-Use Veterans Decal Plates Authorized. The department of safety shall issue multi-use veterans decal plates. The design shall provide an area 3 inches by 3 inches for the placement of decals representing branches of service and medals authorized under RSA 261-C:4. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, multi-use veterans decal plates shall have the same effect and be issued in the same manner as other number plates. Multi-use veterans decal plates shall retain the "live free or die" logo.

261-C:2 Decals.

I. Decals shall be made of nonreflectorized material and manufactured to maintain their visibility for a minimum of 36 months.

II. Decals shall include a unique sequence number.

III. The state office of veterans services may issue decals to eligible veterans and shall collect a fee of \$10 for the decal.

261-C:3 Eligibility. Multi-use veterans decal plates shall be issued only to those veterans defined in RSA 21:50, I(a). Additionally, an individual shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the director of the state office of veterans services that he or she was a member of a specific branch of service or was awarded the medal represented on the requested decal.

261-C:4 Authorized Decals.

I. The following decals shall be issued in accordance with this chapter:

(a) Branch of service:

- (1) United States Army.
- (2) United States Navy.
- (3) United States Air Force.
- (4) United States Marine Corps.
- (5) United States Coast Guard.

(b) Medal for Valor:

- (1) Medal of Honor.
- (2) Distinguished Service Cross.
- (3) Navy Cross.
- (4) Air Force Cross.
- (5) Silver Star.
- (6) Bronze Star.

II. The state office of veterans services shall provide a report annually to the director of the division of motor vehicles. Such report shall contain the names of veterans to whom decal or decals were issued, indicating which decal was issued and its issue number.

III. Eligible veterans shall obtain new decals no less frequently than 36 months from the date of issue.

261-C:5 Vehicles Eligible. Multi-use veterans decal number plates may be used on passenger motor vehicles and recreation vehicles.

261-C:6 Misuse of Decals. Only decals authorized under this chapter may be displayed on multi-use veterans decal number plates. Use of an unauthorized decal shall be a violation punishable by a fine of \$50 plus penalty assessment.

261-C:7 Rulemaking. The commissioner of the department of safety in consultation with the director of the state office of veterans services shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to the administration of the multi-use veterans decal number plate program.

2 Disabled Veterans; Motorcycle Plates. Amend RSA 261:86, II to read as follows:

II. Plates furnished pursuant to subparagraphs I(a)-(c) shall be issued without charge. Plates furnished pursuant to subparagraphs I(d) and (e) shall be issued without the \$4 per plate fees under RSA 261:75 but shall require payment of the regular registration fee. Notwithstanding RSA 265:73 or any other law, any person who is issued a plate pursuant to subparagraphs I(c)-(e) shall not be entitled to free parking privileges for disabled veterans[~~-, except that~~]. A person who qualifies for special plates pursuant to **subparagraph I(a) or** subparagraph I(d) may be issued an additional plate for a motorcycle.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

2015-2556h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes multi-use decal number plates and participation by the tax-exempt organizations to issue decals.

This bill authorizes multi-use veterans decal number plates and the issuance of decals by the state office of veterans services.

This bill allows a person who is eligible for a special number plate for disabled veterans to be issued an additional special number plate for a motorcycle.

Floor Amendment to HB 280

(2015-3029h)

Proposed by Reps. Steven Smith, T. Walsh, Sykes, M. O'Brien - r

Amend RSA 261-B:1 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

261-B:1 Multi-Use Decal Plates Authorized. The department of safety shall issue multi-use decal plates. The design shall provide an area 3 inches by 3 inches for the placement of a decal representing an organization authorized by statute to issue decals. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, multi-use decal plates shall have the same effect and be issued in the same manner as other number plates. Multi-use number plates shall retain the "live free or die" logo.

Amend RSA 261-B:2, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Decals shall be distributed by organizations authorized by statute.

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 261-B:3, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Organizations that have statutory authority to issue decals shall have been granted and continue to hold tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. section 501(c)(3) to participate in the multi-use decal number plate program. To issue decals under this chapter, an organization shall file an annual report with the director of motor vehicles, in a format and time established by the director, containing the following:

Amend RSA 261-B:6 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

261-B:6 Misuse of Decals. Only decals issued by organizations authorized by statute may be displayed on multi-use decal number plates. Use of an unauthorized decal shall be a violation punishable by a fine of \$50 plus penalty assessment.

2015-3029h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes multi-use decal number plates which may bear decals issued by tax-exempt organizations authorized by statute.

This bill authorizes multi-use veterans decal number plates and the issuance of decals by the state office of veterans services.

This bill allows a person who is eligible for a special number plate for disabled veterans to be issued an additional special number plate for a motorcycle.

Amendment to HB 359

(2015-2408h)

Proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means - r

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT allowing all municipalities to adopt the property tax exemption to foster commercial and industrial construction.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Property Taxation; Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption; Change to Statewide. Amend RSA 72:75, I(b) to read as follows:

(b) "Eligible municipality" shall mean any city or town [~~in Coos county~~].

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

2015-2408h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the property tax exemption currently available only in Coos county to all municipalities in the state to foster commercial and industrial construction.

Amendment to HB 378

(2015-2405h)

Proposed by the Committee on Children and Family Law - r

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT establishing a committee to study RSA 461-A, relative to parental rights and responsibilities, and the revised child support guidelines as of 2013.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study RSA 461-A, relative to parental rights and responsibilities, and the revised child support guidelines as of 2013.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

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

3 Duties.

I. The committee shall review implementation of RSA 461-A, relative to parental rights and responsibilities, and the revised child support formula, adopted pursuant to RSA 458-C, as amended by 2012, 248. The study shall address the following questions:

(a) Did adoption of RSA 461-A meet the legislature's goal of minimizing the adversarial nature of divorce and parenting cases?

(b) Could RSA 461-A and RSA 458-C be amended to further reduce the adversarial nature of such proceedings?

(c) Would specific guidelines for shared and split parenting cases improve outcomes and reduce conflict?

(d) What effect has the loss of state funding for guardians ad litem had on low income cases?

(e) Have changes in the child support guidelines been equitable for both parents and provided adequate and appropriate support for children?

(f) How have changes to the child support guidelines affected low and high income parents?

(g) What criteria is used for the 4-year review of the child support guidelines, required under RSA 458-C:6 and 42 U.S.C. section 667, and would changes to the review's scope or procedures be appropriate?

II. The committee may solicit information and testimony from any individual and organization the committee deems relevant to its study, including:

(a) Family law attorneys.

(b) The department of health and human services, division of child support services.

(c) The New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

(d) The New Hampshire Conflict Resolution Association.

(e) Child psychologists.

(f) The university of New Hampshire cooperative extension.

(g) Judges and masters assigned to the circuit court, family division.

(h) Guardians ad litem.

(i) Members of the public who were parties to parenting cases under RSA 461-A or RSA 458-C, including individuals who were satisfied and those who were dissatisfied with the legal process.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The first-named house member shall serve as chairperson of the committee and shall call the first meeting of the committee. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the chairperson of the house children and family law committee, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2016.

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

2015-2405h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study RSA 461-A, relative to parental rights and responsibilities, and the revised child support guidelines as of 2013.

**Amendment to HB 552-FN
(2015-2554h)**

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Ways and Means - r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Implementation Plan for the State to Accept Bitcoin as Payment for Taxes and Fees.

I. The state treasurer, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of revenue administration and the commissioner of the department of administrative services, shall develop an implementation plan for the state to accept bitcoin as payment for taxes and fees beginning July 1, 2017. The plan shall address accounting, valuation, and management issues relative to the acceptance of bitcoin, shall include any terms or conditions the state treasurer deems to be in the best interest of the state, and shall identify an appropriate third party payment processor.

II. The third party payment processor shall:

- (a) Process bitcoin transactions at no cost to the state.
- (b) Assume any currency risk associated with the acceptance of bitcoin.
- (c) Exchange bitcoin to United States dollars on behalf of the state. At no point in the transaction shall the state hold bitcoin rather than United States dollars.
- (d) Transmit all settlement funds to the state treasurer within 48 hours of receipt, provided that funds received on a weekend or bank holiday may be settled the next business day.
- (e) Ensure that, if the payment processor defaults or if the value of converted bitcoin is less than the amount of the fee or tax owed, the taxpayer or original party responsible for payment of the fee shall be responsible for the deficiency.

III. On or before January 1, 2017, the state treasurer shall submit the plan, including identification of an appropriate third party payment processor, to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, and the state library.

**Amendment to HB 585-FN-A
(2015-2403h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means - r

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to penalty assessments.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 2 and 3 with the following:

2 New Subparagraph; General Revenue Exceptions. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (330) the following new subparagraph:

(331) Moneys received pursuant to RSA 179:64, which shall be deposited in accordance with RSA 179:64, IV.

3 New Section; Penalty Assessment; Waiver of Penalty. Amend RSA 179 by inserting after section 63 the following new section:

179:64 Penalty Assessment; Waiver of Penalty.

I. The commission shall levy a penalty assessment of \$12 or 24 percent, whichever is greater, on each fine or penalty imposed by the commission for a violation of RSA title XIII.

II. If multiple offenses are involved, the penalty assessment shall be imposed on the total fine.

III. If a fine is suspended in whole or in part, the penalty assessment shall be reduced in proportion to the suspension.

IV. The commission shall collect all penalty assessments and shall transmit the amount collected under paragraphs I-III to the state treasurer for deposit in the following funds. The state treasurer shall deposit 33 1/3 percent of the amount collected in the victims' assistance fund, 33 1/3 percent of the amount collected in the special fund for domestic violence programs, and 33 1/3 percent of the amount collected in the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund.

V. If it is determined by the commission that the payment of all or any part of a penalty assessment would work a hardship on the person convicted or on such person's immediate family, the commission may suspend the payment of all or any part of the assessment.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 4 with the following:

5 Penalty Assessments. Amend RSA 188-F:31, I to read as follows:

I. Every court shall levy a penalty assessment of [\$2] **\$12** or 24 percent, whichever is greater, on each fine or penalty imposed by the court for a criminal offense **or violation of law**, including any fine or penalty

for a violation of RSA title XXI or any municipal ordinance, except for a violation of a municipal ordinance relating to motor vehicles unlawfully left or parked. Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, the penalty assessment shall be levied in addition to the amount of the fine or penalty imposed by the court.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

2015-2403h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a penalty assessment for violation of alcoholic beverage laws. This bill also modifies penalty assessments under RSA 188-F:31.

Amendment to HB 586-FN-LOCAL

(2015-2485h)

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - r

Amend the bill by replacing sections 2-3 with the following:

2 New Subdivision; Registrations by Nongovernmental Registering Trailer Agents. Amend RSA 261 by inserting after section 74-s the following new subdivision:

Registrations by Nongovernmental Registering Trailer Agents

261:74-t Registrations by Nongovernmental Registering Trailer Agents.

I. Automobile utility trailer registrations may be issued, renewed, or transferred through nongovernmental registering trailer agents appointed in accordance with this subdivision. Trailer agents shall be residents of and have a verified business address in this state. The director is authorized to limit the number of nongovernmental registering trailer agents appointed under this subdivision based on resource limitations, provided that at least 3 trailer agents are appointed and provided that any limitation established shall not be the basis for revoking any appointment previously made.

II.(a) Each applicant for appointment as a trailer agent shall furnish the following to the department:

- (1) Whether the application is an original, renewal, or change of location;
- (2) Corporate or business name;
- (3) Trade name, if applicable;
- (4) Legal address;
- (5) Mailing address;
- (6) Telephone number;
- (7) Business hours;
- (8) Name, address, and date of birth of at least one owner, partner, or officer, and title, if applicable;
- (9) Name of the person who will be responsible for filing monthly reports;
- (10) An agreement to notify the department of any change of ownership, address, or corporate or trade name; and

(11) Signature and title of the person identified in subparagraph (8) and date signed.

(b)(1) Upon submission of an application that is incomplete or might indicate lack of fitness or qualification for appointment as a trailer agent, the director or his or her designee shall require an applicant to appear for an interview.

(2) The director or his or her designee shall inform the applicant in writing of the interview. The written notice shall include the date, time, and location of the interview.

(3) At the interview, the director or his or her designee shall:

- (A) Explain any discrepancy or concerns to the applicant.
- (B) Answer any questions that the applicant may have about the process.
- (C) Allow the applicant to make corrections to the application or address any concerns expressed.

(4) If an applicant refuses or neglects to appear for a scheduled interview, the director shall deny his or her application.

(5) If an applicant fails to explain any discrepancy or concerns at the interview, the director shall deny his or her application.

(c) In order to be appointed as a trailer agent by the director, each applicant shall:

- (1) Complete the application.
- (2) Complete the training requirements.
- (3) Complete an interview if applicable.
- (4) Obtain a surety bond.

(5) Agree to allow the director or his or her designee to enter the agent's premises during business hours for the purposes of auditing or verifying compliance with the terms and conditions of this section.

(6) Agree to keep current with forms and software as determined by the department.

(d) Trailer agents:

- (1) Shall furnish registration information concerning vehicle information as the director may require.
- (2) Collect fees.

(3) Issue registrations.

(4) Submit monthly reports to the department and to each city and town clerk for which municipal permit fees are collected and remitted by the manner and in the form as the director may prescribe.

(e)(1) Each trailer agent shall maintain a record of all trailer registration certificates issued by him or her, including:

- (A) Date of registration.
- (B) Full name of the registrant.
- (C) Identifying number.
- (D) Address and phone number of record.

(2) The trailer agent shall maintain all records for a period of 15 years.

(f)(1) Prior to being appointed as a trailer agent, each applicant shall complete a training program conducted at the division of motor vehicles, or such other location as the department shall determine.

(2) The training program shall include the following instruction:

(A) Completing a trailer registration using either online equipment furnished by the department or offline equipment including forms and tables furnished by the department.

- (B) Filing monthly reports.
- (C) Collecting trailer registration and municipal permit fees.
- (D) Maintaining records.
- (E) Retaining the agent fee.
- (F) Posting office hours.

(g)(1) If a trailer agent is deficient in any area, the department shall request the trailer agent to undergo retraining.

(2) Depending upon the areas of deficiency, retraining shall consist of one or more of the following:

- (A) Repeat the training program.
- (B) Repeat any portion of the training program.
- (C) Undergo further training, the substance of which shall be determined by the department.

(h) Before any appointment shall become effective, each trailer agent shall file a surety bond with the department, pursuant to RSA 41:6.

(i)(1) Each trailer agent shall mail a monthly report to the tax collector of all municipalities where a New Hampshire resident lives that registered a trailer with that agent. The trailer agent shall send a copy of the monthly report to the department.

(2) Each trailer agent shall mail a monthly report of nonresident registrations to the department containing:

- (A) The physical address and telephone number where the trailer agent is located;
- (B) Period the report begins and ends;
- (C) Number of trailers registered; and
- (D) Amount of registration fee collected.

(3) The monthly reports shall be submitted along with all fees due to the department or the municipality in the form of a check or money order.

(j) Whenever a trailer agent's office is closed or unattended, all decals, stamps, and other registration materials shall be placed in a locked file cabinet or other secure container.

II. A nonresident may register an automobile utility trailer in this state through a nongovernmental registering trailer agent, even if the trailer is not garaged exclusively in this state in accordance with RSA 261:46. Registrations of nonresidents for automobile utility trailers that are not garaged exclusively in this state shall bear the address of the owner's residence and the address of the nongovernmental registering trailer agent.

261:74-u Fees; Multiyear Registrations.

I. A nongovernmental registering trailer agent may collect and retain a fee for each registration processed as compensation for processing the registration.

II. The nongovernmental registering trailer agent shall collect and remit to the department the registration fee established in RSA 261:141, III(j). Automobile utility trailers owned by nonresidents of New Hampshire registered under this subdivision shall not require a municipal permit for registration and shall not be subject to any municipal fees. When a trailer agent processes a registration for a New Hampshire resident, the agent shall collect and forward to the applicable town or city clerk the registration permit fee under RSA 261:153, I due for that year.

III. Persons may register automobile utility trailers for up to 10 years through a trailer agent. Multiyear registrations for automobile utility trailers shall be subject to the following discounted fees:

- (a) One year: no discount.
- (b) Two years: 2 times the annual fee.
- (c) Three years: 2.75 times the annual fee.

- (d) Four years: 3.25 times the annual fee.
- (e) Five years: 4.25 times the annual fee.
- (f) Ten years: 8 times the annual fee.

261:74-v Revocation of Agency Status.

I. If the director determines that a trailer agent has not continued to fulfill the requirements of RSA 261:74-t or has violated any of the rules adopted pursuant to RSA 261:74-w, the director shall commence the procedure established in paragraph II.

II. Any trailer agent whose appointment is sought to be revoked shall be afforded the opportunity of a hearing before the director or designee prior to such revocation. Following the hearing, the director may revoke the appointment as a trailer agent upon satisfactory evidence that the provisions of this subdivision have been violated and that the revocation is in the best interest of the state. A written statement outlining the evidence and violations shall accompany the revocation.

III. Upon the revocation of such agency, the person shall surrender to the department or its authorized agent all materials issued by the state under the provisions of this subdivision and all records pertaining to all matters authorized by this subdivision.

IV. Whenever an authorized auditor of the department, with the approval of the commissioner, determines that the public interest requires immediate action, the director may issue a temporary order suspending the authority of a nongovernmental registering trailer agent to issue, renew, or transfer registrations, pending a hearing.

261:74-w Rulemaking. The director shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to application forms for appointment as a nongovernmental registering trailer agent.

3 Surety Bonds. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 41:6, I to read as follows:

I. Town treasurers, trustees as provided in RSA 31:22 and [23] ***RSA 31:23***, trustees as provided in RSA 53-B:8-a, I, library trustees including alternate library trustees, if any, town clerks, tax collectors and their deputies, agents authorized to collect the boat fee, ***nongovernmental registering trailer agents appointed under RSA 261:74-t***, and persons delegated treasury functions under RSA 41:29, VI shall be bonded by position under a blanket bond from a surety company authorized to do business in this state. The bond shall indemnify against losses through:

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

2015-2485h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Authorizes registration of automobile utility trailers through nongovernmental agents of the department of safety.

II. Authorizes multiyear registrations through those agents.

III. Provides discounts on fees for multiyear registrations.

IV. Allows registrations through the agents by nonresidents for automobile utility trailers not garaged exclusively in this state.

Amendment to HB 594-FN-A

(2015-2481h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Ways and Means - r

Amend RSA 284:45, VI as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VI. To be eligible for licensure under this subdivision an applicant shall:

(a) Document that it is one of the following:

(1) A restaurant or hotel holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:20, II, RSA 178:21, II(a) or (b), or RSA 178:22, V(q).

(2) A brew pub holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:13.

(3) A ballroom holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(c).

(4) A veterans' club, private club, or social club holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(h).

(5) A convention center holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(i).

(6) A hotel holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(k).

(7) A racetrack holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(n).

(8) A sports recreation facility holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(v).

(b) Document that the keno games will only be operated in towns and cities that have voted to allow the operation of keno games pursuant to RSA 284:51.

(c) Maintain a current list of employees.

Amend RSA 284:45 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

VII. Any suspension or revocation of a liquor license shall result in the immediate suspension of the keno license issued under this chapter.

Amend RSA 284:51 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

284:51 Local Option.

I. Any town or city may allow the operation of keno games according to the provisions of this subdivision, in the following manner:

(a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot. In a city, the legislative body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.

(b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days before the hearing.

(c) The wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town or city?"

II. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," keno games may be operated within the town or city.

III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the provisions of paragraph I at the next annual town meeting or regular municipal election.

IV. A municipality that has voted to allow the operation of keno games may consider rescinding its action in the manner described in paragraph I of this section.

V. The lottery commission shall maintain a list of municipalities where keno is available.

Amendment to HB 630-FN-A

(2015-3035h)

Proposed by Reps. D. McGuire, Lachance and Emerick

Amend RSA 284-B:3, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. To be eligible for licensure under this chapter an applicant shall document that it is one of the following:

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(b) A brew pub holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:13.

(c) A ballroom holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(c).

(d) A veterans' club, private club, or social club holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(h).

(e) A convention center holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(i).

(f) A hotel holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(k).

(g) A racetrack holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(n).

(h) A sports recreation facility holding a valid liquor license under RSA 178:22, V(v).

Amend RSA 284-B:3, VII as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VII. The annual license fee shall be \$900 per video lottery machine. A licensee shall operate no more than 6 video lottery machines. The amount of \$80 from the annual license fee for each machine shall be paid to the state treasurer and credited to the commissioner of the department of health and human services to support programs established by RSA 172 to fund baseline research into the prevalence of problem gambling in New Hampshire prior to the expansion of gaming as authorized by this chapter, to identify and assess the treatment needs of individuals with compulsive and problem gambling disorders, to identify effective programming to prevent and control compulsive and problem gambling, and to examine the connections between gambling disorders and drug and alcohol addiction disorders

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 8 with the following:

9 Local Adoption. Amend RSA 663:7 and RSA 663:8 to read as follows:

663:7 Question; Vote; Results. Upon the petition of 5 percent of the voters of any city or town filed with the secretary of state not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in August and no later than the first Friday in September before a state general election, the appropriate version of the following question shall be submitted to the voters of such city or town at said election: "Shall lottery tickets (continue to) be sold **and video lottery games (continue to be) licensed** in this city or town?" If a majority of those voting vote "yes" on the question, tickets may be sold **and video lottery games continue to be licensed** or continued to be sold **or (continue to be) licensed** by the commission in that city or town. If a majority of those voting vote "no" on the question, the commission shall not sell tickets **or license video lottery games** in that city or town. No petition that the question prescribed in this section be printed on the ballot at a state general election shall be made within 2 years of a vote on such a question at a previous state general election.

663:8 Application. Unless and until changed pursuant to RSA 663:7, the sales of lottery tickets **licensing of and video lottery** by the lottery commission under RSA 284 in cities and towns shall be in accordance with the approval or disapproval of such operation as signified by the vote taken at the state general election held in November, 1970.

10 Rehabilitation of Problem Gambling. Amend RSA 172:2-a to read as follows:

172:2-a Program Established. The commissioner shall provide for the scientific care, treatment, and rehabilitation of **gambling**, alcohol and drug abusers, and work towards the prevention of, and assist in the control of, **gambling**, alcohol and drug abuse within the state through education, treatment, community organization, and research.

11 Rehabilitation of Problem Gambling. Amend RSA 172:8 to read as follows:

172:8 Duties of Commissioner. The commissioner shall:

I. Study the problems presented by **gambling**, alcohol and drug abuse, including methods and facilities available for the care, treatment, custody, employment, and rehabilitation of persons who are **problem gamblers**, inebriates, alcohol abusers, drug dependent, or drug abusers.

II. Promote meetings and programs for the discussion of **gambling**, alcohol and drug dependency and abuse for the guidance and assistance of individuals, schools, courts, and other public and private agencies.

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V. [Repealed.]

VI. Render biennially to the governor and council a report of his activities including recommendations for improvements therein by legislation or otherwise.

VII. Coordinate community medical resources for the emergency medical care of persons suffering acute mental or physical reaction to **gambling**, alcohol or drugs and of persons suffering from drug dependency.

VIII. Employ such assistants as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, in accordance with state personnel regulations, and within available appropriations and funds.

IX. Disseminate information on the subjects of **gambling**, alcohol and drug abuse for the guidance and assistance of individuals, schools, courts and other public and private agencies.

X. [Repealed.]

12 Problem Gambling Added. Amend RSA 172:8-a to read as follows:

172:8-a Confidentiality of Client Records. No reports or records or the information contained therein on any client of the program or a certified **gambling**, alcohol or drug abuse treatment facility or any client referred by the commissioner shall be discoverable by the state in any criminal prosecution. No such reports or records shall be used for other than rehabilitation, research, statistical or medical purpose, except upon the written consent of the person examined or treated. Confidentiality shall not be construed in such manner as to prevent recommendation by the commissioner to a referring court, nor shall it deny release of information through court order pursuant to appropriate federal regulations.

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2015-3035h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

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