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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

The House and Senate will assemble in Joint Convention for Governor Sununu to deliver his State of the State Address on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Committee hearings will follow.

Looking ahead, please note the following tentative session days: February 7 (and 8th if necessary); February 22nd, March 7th (and 8th if necessary); March 21st (and 22nd if necessary).

There will be no official break week; however, the week of February 26th can be used as a break week for those committees that have finished their reporting. There will not be a House session planned for that week.

Please be aware that we are committed to ensuring that the State House remains a place where all members, staff and the public are able to do the important work we do and express our views without fear of harassment or retribution. If you encounter any form of harassment, please report it to the Legislative Ethics Committee as outlined in RSA 14-B or to the appropriate person in accordance with the General Court's Policy Against Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment and Discrimination, which includes the Speaker, Senate President, House Chief of Staff, Senate Chief of Staff, or Legislative Budget Assistant. A copy of this policy can be found on the front page of the General Court website.

Please note that state offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a **Democratic** caucus on **Tuesday, January 9th at 8:15 a.m.** in Rooms 210-211, LOB.
Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

NOTICE

The Internal Revenue Service has been modified the standard mileage rate. Effective January 1, 2018, the standard mileage rate will be \$0.545 cents per mile. The federal mileage reimbursement rate for members of the General Court will increase from \$0.535 per mile to \$0.545 per mile for all miles incurred on or after January 1, 2018. Mileage checks dated January 19, 2018 are for period 12/22/17 – 1/4/18 and will include both mileage rates. Please contact Legislative Accounting at 271-3162 with any questions about those payments.

Joyce Phinney, Accounting Manager

NOTICE

ALL reports, scheduling and notices are due in the House Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS**. Reports and scheduling shall be turned in to House Committee Services for processing **no later than 1:00 p.m.** on Wednesday. Please be sure to complete that work in a timely fashion to meet the Calendar deadline.

CLOSES AT 3:00 p.m. ON:

Wednesday, January 10, 2018
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Wednesday, January 24, 2018

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, January 12, 2018
Friday, January 19, 2018
Friday, January 26, 2018

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2018 HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, February 1, 2018	Last day to report House Bills going to second committee
Thursday, February 8, 2018	Last day to act on House Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, March 1, 2018	Last day to report House Bills not in a second committee
Thursday, March 8, 2018	Last day to act on House Bills not in a second committee
Thursday, March 15, 2018	Last day to report all House Bills
Thursday, March 22, 2018	CROSSOVER. Last day to act on all House Bills
Thursday, April 5, 2018	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 12, 2018	Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 26, 2018	Last day to report all remaining Senate Bills
Thursday, May 3, 2018	Last day to act on all remaining Senate Bills
Thursday, May 10, 2018	Last day to form committees of conference
Thursday, May 17, 2018	Last day to sign committee of conference reports (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, May 24, 2018	Last day to act on committee of conference reports

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Required Disclosure Filing

Copies of the “**2018 Financial Disclosure Form**,” have recently been 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 which was recently emailed to you. 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 19, 2018**.

Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator
Legislative Ethics Committee

BILLS LAID ON TABLE

HB 156-FN, including a fetus in the definition of “another” for purposes of certain criminal offenses. (Pending Question: Inexpedient To Legislate)

HB 236, relative to determination of parental rights and responsibilities and establishing a presumption in favor of shared residential responsibility. (No Pending Question)

HB 249, relative to showing a ballot. (Pending Question: Inexpedient To Legislate)

HB 477, relative to free speech on campuses in the university system and the community college system. (Pending Question: Refer for Interim Study)

HB 505, establishing an independent commission as an additional authorizing entity for chartered public schools. (Pending Question: Refer for Interim Study)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

SPECIAL ORDER

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 287, establishing a committee to study decriminalizing sex work. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Robert Renny Cushing for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill, as amended, establishes a committee to study issues related to changing prostitution laws in New Hampshire. The duties of the committee include: determining the scope of the issue in the state; the mental and physical health and well-being of those involved; the experiences of law enforcement and individuals involved; the availability of services to individuals; the impacts of arrest, conviction and incarceration on individuals and the cost to law enforcement. The majority of the committee believes that further study is important to understanding this issue. **Vote 14-6.**

HB 656-FN-A-LOCAL, relative to the legalization and regulation of marijuana. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dave Testerman for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill legalizes the possession of up to one ounce of marijuana and up to five grams of hashish, possessing or growing up to six marijuana plants, and transferring up to one ounce of marijuana and up to six immature marijuana plants by a person twenty-one years old or older without remuneration. Additionally, this bill establishes a regulatory system for the cultivation, transport, sale, and taxation of marijuana. This bill identifies four regulatory agencies responsible for regulating businesses involved in the production, purchase, and sale of marijuana; (1) Depart-

ment of Agriculture, Markets and Food, (2) Department of Health and Human Services, (3) New Hampshire Liquor Commission, and (4) Department of Revenue Administration. Currently there is a commission studying issues relative to legalizing marijuana. The findings of that commission won't be realized until the fall of 2018. Of the states that have legalized the sale, possession and manufacture of the substance, much is to be learned about the process. The committee feels the appropriate action is to wait for the final report of the commission. **Vote 13-7.**

Rep. Frank Sapareto for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The minority of the committee believes the war on pot is over. The minority supports the home-grow option of three immature and three mature plants. It sets specific fines and regulates marijuana related products. The minority supports amending the bill and passing it.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 317, prohibiting the public utilities commission from increasing the system benefits charge without legislative approval. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael Vose for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. The NH constitution stipulates that the citizens of our state, through their elected representatives, must agree to the imposition of any "subsidy, charge, tax, impost, or duty." Only the legislature can impose a mandatory taking from its citizens. This retained bill restores to the legislature its constitutional authority over a taking known as the System Benefits Charge (SBC). This charge, inferred by the electricity restructuring law passed in 1996 and imposed since 2002 by the Public Utilities Commission, currently collects approximately \$35 million from NH ratepayers; this amount will increase between now and 2020 to over \$40 million (the average ratepayer pays \$2.21 per month now and will pay nearly \$4 by 2020). In the most recent budget as passed by this legislature and signed by the Governor, language similar to that of this bill protects the budgeting process going forward by requiring legislative approval of any change to the SBC. This bill codifies in statute that already approved budget language. Budget writers felt it was prudent to provide the legislature such oversight because NH government operations spent an average of \$11.5 million per year on electricity in the three years 2014-2016, which included a total of \$700,000 for the SBC, an amount that will rise to nearly \$1 million over three years by 2020. The SBC funds low-income bill assistance and energy efficiency subsidies. This bill, as amended, does not affect any programs through 2020. The amendment changes the wording of the original bill to match that of the language in the budget. It restores an important measure of constitutional governance, and provides the legislature with the oversight and control needed to prevent a slide into economic stagnation caused by over regulation and excessive taxation. **Vote 11-10.**

Rep. Robert Backus for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill would oust the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of its ability to make changes to the System Benefits Charge. This modest charge (\$2.15 on a typical customer's 650 kWh monthly bill) was authorized in 1996 as part of NH's commitment to ending cost plus regulation of electric generation and instead trusting to the competitive markets to provide the lowest cost power sources. The charge benefits the system by funding low income bill assistance and energy efficiency. It has always been set by the PUC, subject to notice and hearing requirements and a cap on the amount. Instead, with this bill the charge could only be changed by the legislature, which is no better equipped to set the charge than it is to set other parts of electric rates. In addition, the legislature lacks the ability to act in a timely fashion should a need to make changes up or down quickly arise. Testimony before the committee was overwhelmingly opposed to this bill, including that of the Consumer Advocate, the Department of Environmental Services, and the PUC itself. Subjecting this small charge to the political process of the legislature may threaten its very existence, which would eviscerate NH's still modest but vital commitment to achieving all cost effective energy efficiency, as well as threatening low income assistance programs. Testimony indicates that the dollar value obtained exceeds this small cost by four or five to one. The minority believes this bill should not pass.

HB 559-FN, relative to expenditures from the energy efficiency fund. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Keith Ammon for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. The intent of this bill is to remove residential RGGI rebates and to use this money (\$5.25 million) for energy efficiency projects. The bill would preserve rebates to commercial/industrial electricity customers, which effectively would put residential customers in the position of subsidizing business customers. It also would increase the cost of electricity for residential customers. Since 2012, 80% of NH's share of funds generated by the sale of RGGI auction proceeds has been rebated to customers. This bill would have reduced those rebates for residential customers to zero. Since the non-rebated 20% of RGGI auction proceeds have been used to subsidize a variety of government-sponsored programs, elimination of any increase in subsidies will forestall the growth of government regulation while preventing further cost increases to ratepayers. **Vote 11-10.**

Rep. Herbert Richardson for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill would create close to \$40 million in new energy savings each year. The bill directs the business allocation from the Energy Efficiency Fund to go to rebates for business, thereby driving down electrical costs for our businesses, especially those large energy users. It directs the residential allocation from the Energy Efficiency Fund to support high demand, cost effective energy efficiency programs, all of which are privately managed, award winning state-wide programs run by the utilities and overseen by the NH Public Utilities Commission within the so-called CORE docket. Unlike previous proposals, this bill increases money going to low-income weatherization from the current 15% to 35%. This will service over 400 additional low-income renters and homeowners across the state and will cut their household energy bills by up to 30%, allowing them to afford other basic necessities, avoid springtime evictions and foreclosures, and reduce reliance on local welfare. Importantly, the low-income energy efficiency waitlist of over 10,000 households across our state will finally begin to be chipped away at. Hundreds more middle income residential customers falling above the qualification for the low-income program will also receive energy efficiency assistance. Moreover, aging school district and municipal buildings across our state will receive needed upgrades to significantly reduce their energy bills, which directly reduces operating expenses and thereby property tax liability. Finally, our manufacturing sector on the LG electric rate (greater than 1,000 kilowatt demand) will receive an average reduction of \$200 per month. The majority argues we should socialize the residential allocation and give an average of between \$1.30 and \$1.70 per month to every residential customer from the Energy Efficiency Fund, rather than supporting high quality energy efficiency for hundreds of residential households, municipalities, and school districts across the state that are clearly struggling to get their energy bills under control. The minority believes it is a much better return on investment to support hundreds of jobs, provide property tax relief, create about \$40 million in new energy savings each year, and drastically reduce energy and grid demands that drive down prices for all ratepayers. This bill is supported by a wide array of stakeholders, including the Business and Industry Association, the Office of Consumer Advocate (which represents residential ratepayers), NH Legal Assistance which represents low-income residential ratepayers, the NH Municipal Association, and Community Action Programs which provide services to low-income clients across our state.

HB 592-FN, repealing the regional greenhouse gas initiative. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael Vose for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. The original intent of this retained bill was to repeal the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, commonly known as RGGI. RGGI implements a carbon emissions cap and trade program that requires any electricity generator that emits carbon dioxide to purchase an allowance for each ton of its emissions. An auction process implements the sale of these allowances. Generators pass along the cost of these allowances in the price of the power they sell to the grid. Therefore, all ratepayers pay them. The funds collected from generators then get combined and divided amongst the RGGI participating states according to a formula that accounts for population and other factors. Since all ratepayers pay these costs, but only get a return if they live in a RGGI state, a NH repeal of RGGI would be a net loss to ratepayers. Since 2012, 80% of NH's share of funds generated by the sale of RGGI auction proceeds has been rebated to electricity ratepayers. The amendment recommended by the committee increases that rebate from 80% to 100%, less administrative costs. This change will reduce electricity costs and return funds generated by what is essentially a carbon tax to the pockets of the ratepayers from whom they are extracted. The House passed legislation in 2015 that is identical to the recommended amendment. **Vote 11-10.**

Rep. Marjorie Shepardson for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill, as originally presented, would have repealed the law under which NH participates in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or RGGI. On the day the committee was to vote on this repeal, an amendment was offered which entirely replaced the original bill and instead of an outright repeal, zeroed out all funding for energy efficiency projects through the program. The minority believes that, in addition to the other problems with the bill, an opportunity for a public hearing on the amendment should have been provided. RGGI is a cap and trade system among nine northeastern states to cut greenhouse gas emissions. It is a model for the rest of the country because it has been successfully reducing these emissions while providing the states with money for energy efficiency, which cuts their power demand even more. But our state is not using most of this money for efficiency, so we are seeing our energy use continue to rise while other states' use has flattened out. Under this bill, as amended, NH would entirely eliminate the funding that RGGI provides to advance energy efficiency and better our ranking as only the 21st most efficient state. As a result, NH is likely to pay a bigger share of the region's rapidly rising costs for regional transmission projects, perhaps moving us toward the highest electric bills in New England. For less than a dollar a month we can reap the benefits of better health, clean energy jobs, fuel diversity, and keeping more of our energy dollars in the state to work for all of us. There is a substantial wait list for energy efficiency projects and eliminating RGGI funding that can be used for this purpose will only increase this problem. Energy efficiency has long been NH's priority choice for meeting our energy needs. It remains the lowest cost choice and is also the most environmentally friendly. It is the best tool we have to meet the problem of high electric bills in our state, since customers have the power to cut their bills by reducing the number of kilowatt-hours they use.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 REGULAR CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 92, revising the definition of the state building code and ratifying changes to the state building code adopted by the state building code review board. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Steven Beaudoin for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration. This bill not only updates the building code, but adds a suite of new codes including plumbing, mechanical, pool & spa, existing building, and energy code. During testimony, the committee learned that this round of codes would increase the cost of building a new home or structure by approximately 12%. Since NH suffers from a severe shortage of affordable housing, the majority found no need to add to the problem. Further, since the state building codes only set the minimum standards, businesses and homebuilders are free to build to the new codes, if they wish to enjoy additional energy savings or use new building techniques and materials. **Vote 10-7.**

Rep. Carol Roberts for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration. This bill, with the amendment, would update the codes that comprise the state building code from the 2009 to the 2015 versions, with the exception of the International Energy Conservation Code. New Hampshire is in danger of being one of only 12 states using codes that are at least two cycles (6 years) old. This change has the support of all the building trades; the related professional organizations; and several state agencies. The minority is concerned about ignoring the real and the intangible costs of not building to current code, and fears for the health and safety of the public.

HB 168, relative to the definition of the New Hampshire fire code. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Steven Beaudoin for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would adopt the 2015 version of NFPA 1, the Fire Safety Code, and by default, the 2012 version as well. Along with the hundreds of code compliance requirements explicit in the documents, they incorporate by reference 15 more codes not currently adopted, adding dozens of regulated areas and over 2300 pages of new regulations. The majority felt that NH's business climate would suffer from this new round of expensive regulation. The committee heard compelling testimony to adopt only one section of the code, protection from the life safety dangers of lightweight construction during a fire. The majority believes this single issue can be appropriately addressed in rules adopted by the Fire Safety Board or the Building Code Review Board, since it is within their existing authority. The other new requirements had no demonstrated need for adoption. **Vote 10-7.**

Rep. Carol Roberts for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration. The 2009 Fire Code is the prevailing fire and life safety code in New Hampshire. Many states have adopted the 2015 edition of this code. This bill would move New Hampshire to the 2015 code. It is important to realize that fire insurance rates may be increased when a state does not operate under the newest codes. Reviewing and updating codes in a timely way leads to new code sets that are not overwhelming to decipher. The eleven members of the Board of Fire Control support this bill. This board is responsible for providing advice on fire safety codes, reports to the governor and brings their experience in industry, construction standards, engineering, propane gas distribution as well as management of fire personnel to the table. The minority holds that life and fire safety codes are crucial; and furthermore, life safety issues addressed in the 2015 code were previously unknown to the building community. It is in the best interest of all citizens when the newest fire and safety code is in place.

FINANCE

HB 413-FN-A-LOCAL, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. J. Tracy Emerick for Finance. This bill is relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers. As part of the budgeting process, payment of a percent of retirement payments was discussed and dismissed as an uncontrollable cost to the state. An amount of \$50 million was included in the house budget for distribution to municipalities to offset rising taxes, in lieu of a percentage payment. This funding did not make it through the budgeting process and was not included in the final budget signed by the Governor. **Vote 17-9.**

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

SB 48, (New Title) establishing a commission to study the efficiency and effectiveness of the fish and game department's operations, governance, and management structure. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James Webb for the **Majority** of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The committee heard much testimony from the public and formed a subcommittee to consider the bill more extensively over the fall. The bill as it was written has many components to it, too many that should be conducted in one study. The majority of the committee therefore felt that the formation of a new study commission was not needed at this time. **Vote 12-4.**

Rep. Jonathan Manley for the **Minority** of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The Fish and Game Department is in need of being put on a strong financial basis. In order to do this, a commission to study and recommend possibilities is needed. To put this off is not going to solve this issue. We should proceed now.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 587-FN, relative to conversion therapy seeking to change a person's sexual orientation. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jess Edwards for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The committee voted to recommend this bill as Inexpedient to Legislate primarily because the definition of the practice was consistently over reaching beyond a strong consensus against the practice. New Hampshire licensing boards already have the authority to regulate and discipline practitioners. There is also a duty to report child abuse. There is no evidence that the practice is occurring in New Hampshire, therefore there is time to get the statutory language right. **Vote 12-8.**

Rep. Lucy Weber for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This legislation would have protected minors from a coercive therapy designed to change a young person's self-perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. The minority of the committee believes we should clearly prohibit this inappropriate and harmful practice. Young people subjected to this practice have experienced severe and lasting trauma, have suffered long-term damage to their family relationships, and are at an increased risk for suicide.

SB 224-FN, relative to conversion therapy seeking to change a person's sexual orientation. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jess Edwards for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The committee voted to recommend this bill as Inexpedient to Legislate primarily because the definition of the practice was consistently over reaching beyond a strong consensus against the practice. New Hampshire licensing boards already have the authority to regulate and discipline practitioners. There is also a duty to report child abuse. There is no evidence that the practice is occurring in New Hampshire, therefore there is time to get the statutory language right. **Vote 12-8.**

Rep. Mindi Messmer for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This legislation would have protected minors from a coercive therapy designed to change a young person's self-perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. The minority of the committee believes we should clearly prohibit this inappropriate and harmful practice. Young people subjected to this practice have experienced severe and lasting trauma, have suffered long-term damage to their family relationships, and are at an increased risk for suicide.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 407-FN, requiring workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for exposure. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Brian Seaworth for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. Public Health Law (RSA 141-G) places certain mandates on employers when an emergency responder or public safety worker is exposed to infectious diseases during the course of their work. In addition to reporting requirements, employers must provide testing, preventative treatment, and follow-up care to those who have unprotected exposure. RSA 141-G does not, however, speak to the mechanism by which such treatment is paid. Workers' Compensation covers some pieces of this, and would fully cover providers who actually become sick. Other aspects of this requirement, in particular that for prophylactic treatment, has resulted in denied Workers' Compensation claims. This bill as amended requires that all mandated treatments be covered under Workers Comp. The amendment simplified the original bill by leaving the details to be defined by RSA 141-G, incorporating them by reference. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 628-FN, relative to a family and medical leave insurance program. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Philip Bean for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The committee finds that family and medical leave insurance is critical to New Hampshire's efforts to address some of our most significant challenges: growing and maintaining our workforce, caring for our seniors and an aging population, and supporting recovery from the opioid public health epidemic. HB 628 is enabling legislation in the marketplace that benefits the New Hampshire economy, New Hampshire employers, New Hampshire employees and New Hampshire working class families. Business owners and employees together created a New Hampshire gross domestic product over sixty nine billion (69Bn) in 2016. More importantly, that strategic teamwork of

New Hampshire employees and employers in the market together, will contribute forty percent (.992 Bn) of the New Hampshire general fund unrestrictive revenue and education trust fund through the generation of Meals and Rooms, Business Enterprise and Business Profits tax (Applicable laws of 2017 and Committee of Conference Surplus Statement). In a strict non redistributive construct, the funding mechanism self- funds a risk management pool with a .5 percent wage contribution, opt in and opt out provisions, minimal employer administrative requirements at hire and fund administration provided by the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security. Participating employees must invest into the fund for six months prior to claim execution and have a minimum income level of \$7,540 in the last year prior to the benefit year. The benefit is 60 percent of average wages in the highest wage quarter of the year prior to the benefit year, payable up to 12 weeks. Benefits cannot be less than \$125 dollars per week nor greater than 85 percent of the state wide average weekly wage. Leave is available for birth, adoption or fostering of a child, serious illness of a spouse, civil union partner, child, parent, grandparent/grandparent in-law or for a serious illness not related to employment. Serious illness is any illness covered by the FMLA including treatment for addiction. Employee responsibilities include Department of Employment Security leave application submission to include applicable documentation and certifications and to provide the employer written notice 30 days in advance unless the cause is unforeseen. The Department of Employment Security Fiscal note anticipates a total startup cost maximum of \$16.5 Million dollars. Importantly, initial administrative and implementation costs shall be reimbursed to the general fund within ten years. A 9 member advisory council within the unemployment compensation bureau, the unemployment compensation and family medical leave insurance advisory council is created by the law to aid the commissioner. HB 628 is a self- funded, non- redistributive, risk management application to meet the unmet, exigent demands of the New Hampshire marketplace and New Hampshire families. State of New Hampshire contributions for initial administrative and implementation investment are fractional to the revenue contributions of employees and employers in the fusion of input into business, meals and rooms tax platforms and statistically miniscule compared to the 69Bn dollar annual NH gross domestic product. New Hampshire employers, employees and families have been denied a sound financial structure to bridge the divide of family leave necessity and the work place. HB 628 spans that wide gap in a simple, effective financial instrument that is an economic right, a social justice and moral imperative consistent with the high values of the State of New Hampshire. **Vote 13-6.**

Rep. Leonard Turcotte for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill would implement a new 0.5% tax on income disguised as an insurance premium, while creating yet another unneeded social program. The original bill mandated that every employee in the State of NH (excluding government employees) would participate. Under an amendment, the mandate was changed to an “opt-out,” “opt-in” program where a new employee would have to get a form notarized in order to not participate. Otherwise the new employee would automatically be enrolled. The bill fails to address how existing employees are handled. The sponsors of the bill and amendments have failed to heed, or understand, the advice of two individuals brought in to study/promote this issue. Kristin Smith of the Carsey School of Public Policy at UNH in her report stated, “opt-ins makes programs unsustainable,” and “opt-in opt-out is uncharted territory.” Jeffrey Hayes PHD stated, “as costs climb for smaller participant pools with higher benefits, more workers may withdraw or cease to participate in ways we have not yet been able to measure or estimate, which would result in an unsustainable program.” What will eventually occur is much the same as happened with Obamacare. Initial promises and cost/benefit predictions will be impossible to meet, requiring either an increase in the tax percentage or the taxpayers picking up the difference. Currently, there are 4 other states who have a mandated plan (none have an opt-out, opt-in): California, New York, Rhode Island and New Jersey. While each of these states are fiscal messes and have some of the highest taxes in the nation, the most common and notable negative attribute they have is the highest net negative migration rates (two are dead last). If New Hampshire is attempting to create a positive business environment, we do not need to implement social programs that drive employees away at greater rates. There are multiple language problems with the bill. There are “retaliation” and “fraud” clauses that will certainly lead to an increase in lawsuits and associated costs. Government employees are exempted though no reason is given. When, not if, this social program becomes insolvent, who covers the costs? Opt-in opt-out will create the opportunity for “gaming the system,” allowing for someone to opt-in when a known elective surgery or pregnancy is planned. As an example, an individual could pay into the system around \$250 in taxes, and claim over \$4000 in benefits. Currently, there is nothing that prevents an employer from providing the types of benefits contained in this bill should they choose. Furthermore, the Department of Employment Security states in the fiscal note of the bill “insurance plans currently exist that would provide coverage for the types of benefits included in this legislation. The coverage is sold, on a voluntary basis, to employers who desire to provide these benefits to their employees.” The costs to businesses in time and record keeping were not addressed and add more regulation and bureaucracy to already over-burdened companies. Finally, administering this social program by the Insurance Department would require, at the peak of implementation, 45 additional employees at an estimated annual cost of \$4.1 million. For all the foregoing reasons, and many others not mentioned, the minority believes that the House vote it Inexpedient to Legislate.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 114, relative to minimum electric renewable portfolio standards. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Herbert Vadney for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This retained bill will reduce the cost of electricity by cutting costs in the renewable portfolio standard (RPS). RPS provides subsidies to renewable energy programs through an elaborate mechanism that requires power suppliers, including utilities, to purchase renewable energy credits (RECs) based on a percentage of the total megawatt-hours of electricity that they sell. If power suppliers cannot find sufficient RECs to purchase, they can comply with the RPS by making alternative compliance payments (ACPs). The cost of RECs and ACPs gets passed along to customers in the form of higher power supply rates on their bills. RPS classifies renewable energy sources, such as solar or biomass, using a class system. Class 1 renewable comprises a variety of new renewable energy sources and therefore constitutes the largest class. It also generates the most RECs. This bill caps the growth in Class 1 requirements at 6% instead of allowing that requirement to grow to 15% by 2025. This reduction in the growth of the Class 1 requirement will insure that RECs remain plentiful to meet obligations, which keeps the cost of the RPS from growing too quickly. **Vote 11-10.**

Rep. Robert Backus for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill would eliminate the presently mandated increase in Class 1 renewable energy goals to be achieved by 2025. NH has long had a policy goal of achieving 25% of our electric energy needs from energy efficiency and renewable sources by the year 2025. The law today would ramp up the share to be obtained from new renewable sources from the 6% established for 2015 to 15% by 2025. This bill, on the other hand, would leave the goal at only 6%. The minority believes that the present goal should be retained. Renewable energy can and will help control electric energy costs, reduce our dependence on foreign or out-of-state fuels, improve environmental quality (with associated health benefits from improved air quality), and develop good jobs that cannot be outsourced. It seems particularly unwise to cut the goal from Class I, which is the class for new sources. At a time when many other states are increasing their goals, including Massachusetts and New York, this seems very unwise. There was far more testimony in favor of maintaining the present goal than support for leveling it. Finally, many of the witnesses emphasized the need to maintain the stability of the program. A program that changes with each new legislature makes it problematic for businesses and others to effectively participate.

HB 141, relative to electric renewable energy classes. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Murotake for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill, as amended, makes a technical adjustment to the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) law to allow the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to periodically modify Classes I and II when necessary so that supply and demand are better balanced in each class in a given year and markets remain viable. This tool is currently used successfully in Classes III and IV. It has previously resulted in reducing costs to ratepayers that would have otherwise been incurred due to renewable energy certificates being sold into other markets. The PUC will be undertaking a statutorily mandated review of the RPS in 2018. The majority of the committee feels this technical change gives the PUC more appropriate flexibility and is useful in reducing energy costs. **Vote 17-4.**

Rep. Robert Backus for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill, as amended, would allow the Public Utilities Commission, for cause and after notice and hearing, to modify the incremental renewable energy goals for two of the four classes of renewable energy by which NH intends to achieve its overall goal of 25% renewable energy supply by 2025, including Class I which sets the goal for new renewable energy projects. Although the minority believes the amendment eliminates the most troublesome aspects of the bill, we still believe that no reason to change the current law has been identified, and that any mechanism to lower our commitment to renewable energy is unneeded and unwise. Therefore, the minority believes the bill should not pass.

SB 128-FN, relative to the policy goal of electric utility restructuring. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Keith Ammon for Science, Technology and Energy. The cost of energy remains an issue for New Hampshire's commercial and residential consumers. In the late 1990's the state's electric industry was restructured to transition from a centrally planned and state-run operation to one that would establish competition between private generators within a regulated market. The vague language in parts of SB 128, such as "other measures" or "pursue measures expected to mitigate the cost of electric," could potentially grant sweeping new powers to the Public Utilities Commission which some fear could undermine the slow and steady transition to more free market energy solutions brought about by restructuring. Also, gas supply or capacity is explicitly exempted from the bill's provisions. 50% of our generating capacity currently comes from natural gas. During public testimony, "other measures" seemed to refer solely to power purchase agreements (PPAs), specifically one between Eversource and Hydro Renewable Energy which would make use of the proposed Northern Pass transmission project to deliver the power. Since this PPA proposal has now been withdrawn by Eversource, the urgency for this aspect of the bill has passed. The committee determined that further study is necessary on this bill to ensure that well-intentioned measures to mitigate electricity costs are implemented in ways as to not inadvertently increase central planning by regulators, thereby undermining free market solutions. **Vote 17-4.**

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 636-FN, establishing a department of veterans affairs. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Alfred Baldasaro for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The bill creates a Department of Military and Veterans Services with several specific charges. This bill creates a central coordinator for veterans' affairs. Today, support for veterans and active duty military is spread across state agencies, and this bill will pull those elements together and add a commissioner, ensuring coordination for all eligible New Hampshire residents. The state has established several commissions, including the council on suicide prevention, the commission on post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, etc., which support veterans as well as others. However, it is not easy for a veteran to navigate available services or to find support. The Department of Military and Veterans Services will facilitate efficient and effective services and provide one place for military, veterans and their family members to access services. As such, this is modeled on what other states have successfully established to military and veterans, adding New Hampshire to that growing list of states that recognize the need for coordination of services makes sense. Additionally, having one office dealing with the myriad of issues with the department of veterans' affairs will ensure greater achievement of mission completion and accountability. This bill is the first step in a process to give our veteran community a stronger voice and show them that the State of New Hampshire is on their side. **Vote 13-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 388-FN, relative to special number plates for veterans and armed forces members. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Timothy Soucy for Transportation. The intent of this bill is to allow veterans to be eligible for special number plates under this chapter for trailers. Vanity plates may not be issued under this section for a trailer, which keeps the cost of implementation low. The original bill called for veteran's versions of all plates. The committee amendment cuts this back to trailers only. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 160, authorizing religious nonmedical personnel, consistent with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidelines, to certify eligibility for walking disability plates and placards. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Werner Horn for the **Majority** of Transportation. This bill will allow religious non-medical personnel to be able to issue certifications for disability placards to individuals who do not utilize traditional medical options for religious reasons. The inclusive nature of the bill provides for the present and future needs of all granite staters. **Vote 11-3.**

Rep. Chris True for the **Minority** of Transportation. This bill will authorize non-medical religious personnel to certify the eligibility for a person to get a walking disability license plate. The minority does not believe there is a demonstrated need for this bill.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 579-FN, relative to registration of semi-trailers. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Marc Abear for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill passed the policy committee, Transportation, as well as the full House in the Session of February 15, 2017. It came to Ways and Means for revenue issue review. Proponents of the bill assert Maine takes in \$10-\$15 million from licensing of out of state trailers with multi-year registrations of up to 20 years in duration. Indiana has a similar program. Third party agents would be authorized to process such registrations and remit fees to the state. Discounts would be offered for multi-year registrations. Opponents expressed concern NH based companies can avoid municipal taxes by registering in Maine. An amendment was adopted to ensure municipal taxes and fees would be collected, remitted, and discounts would be limited to 12 years. Supporters note that NH companies currently can acquire Maine registrations to avoid NH taxes and fees by simply forming a Maine entity to own the trailers; an option which has been available for over two decades. Finally, this is a second committee bill to look at only the revenue impact, not the policy decision previously made by the Transportation Committee and the House. **Vote 13-10.**

Rep. Suzanne Gottling for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. This bill creates a new bureaucracy intended to bring revenues to New Hampshire state government by opening a revenue stream not currently available at the expense of residents and local governments. The bill mimics Maine's process, which allows registration of semi-trailers not garaged in Maine. Multi-year registrations of up to 12 years are offered at a discount price. NH registrations would be pursued by private agents trained and supervised by the Department of Safety. The Department of Safety (Motor Vehicles), the NH City and Town Clerks Association, and the New Hampshire Municipal Association strongly oppose this legislation. This bill places New Hampshire residents

as well as cities and towns at a monetary disadvantage. The bill penalizes NH citizens who must pay both the state and the town portions of registration fees while out-of-state entities need only pay the state portion. The City of Manchester calls this “reverse residency.” The New Hampshire City and Town Clerk’s Association asserts the bill encourages a local business to register a shell company out of state in order to evade the town fee, substantially reducing revenue for our cities and towns. The Department of Motor Vehicles opposes the bill, as it requires them to set up a system and then manage it with a \$500,000 cost for the initial set-up and about \$200,000 in subsequent years, with no guarantee that revenues to cover costs will be generated. In fact, given the state of the market, it is unlikely NH will attract enough business to cover the costs that will be incurred by the Department. A final concern is the state of the market. Maine has been registering out of state semi-trailers for at least 25 years and has only acquired 111,000 of the eleven million registered trailers in the country, including trailers owned by Maine companies, Maine’s total share of the market is only 1%. Federal data shows other states already have the lion’s share of the market. If Maine has been unable to lure more registrations and NH is mimicking Maine, there is no reason to expect NH will be successful. Owners of semi-trailers will have no incentive to change their registrations, since Maine has exempted these trailers from their sales tax. By registering trailers for up to twelve years, New Hampshire will be locking itself into this costly revenue scheme and bureaucratic expansion for at least that long. The state should not spend taxpayer money creating a costly new bureaucracy. Scrambling for these revenue crumbs is likely to penalize our own citizens, rob our cities and towns of important revenue, and create a budget deficit at the Department of Safety.

REMOVED FROM CONSENT

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 427, allowing hobby distillation of liquors. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Edward Butler for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The Commerce Committee is often supportive of the growth of businesses and hobbyists regarding the distillation and brewing of alcoholic beverages. However our hands are tied when it comes to allowing the home distillation of spirits because a permit from the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau is required. **Vote 12-1.**

ELECTION LAW

SB 33, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Norman Silber for Election Law. This bill addresses the definition of political advocacy organizations as to registration requirements for the origination and registration of expenditures and donors. While the committee heard testimony supporting the bill, because of a belief it would provide full transparency, the committee also heard testimony that it failed to appropriately distinguish issue advocacy and candidate advocacy. While the ideas expressed were of interest for legislation, given the concerns of its effect the committee recommended referring the bill for Interim Study. **Vote 18-2.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 438, eliminating the automatic union dues payment for state employees. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mark MacKenzie for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The committee determined the legislation presented which would have eliminated the ability of employers to deduct union dues was unnecessary. The proposal would have set aside negotiated provisions in collective bargaining agreements throughout the state. The sponsor of such legislation did not present a compelling argument which would have warranted this change. **Vote 19-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 193, relative to traffic control measures. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Torosian for Transportation. This bill takes a common sense approach to using a standard that is currently in place and used successfully when determining whether a road project requires a uniformed police officer or an approved “traffic flagger.” This bill simply uses the same current standard that has been used for many years and which provides for the safe flow of traffic around work areas. This bill gives local town and city officials the discretion to make exceptions for unique circumstances in their towns. **Vote 12-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 124-FN, repealing certain aircraft registration fees. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for Ways and Means. The original bill that came out of the Transportation Committee and voted ought to pass on the consent calendar by this body called for the elimination of all aircraft reg-

istration fees. The bill came to the Ways and Means Committee as the second committee since it involved taxes and fees. Ways and Means amended the bill to be revenue neutral since it was clear no money would be forthcoming from the general fund to support aviation which in round numbers comes from \$1 million in registration fees and \$0.25 million in fuel taxes. It was apparent that we were looking at a zero-sum game and that we needed to alter fees and taxes with the end result in revenue of \$1.25 million. The reason for recasting how we achieve the \$1.25 million is that our system for coming up with registration fees for an individual aircraft is based upon millage rates and weight. This formula has resulted in new large aircraft being charged up to \$300,000 for the first year of registration. In short, this policy has chased away all aircraft owners from registering new and larger planes in NH. At the same time, Massachusetts eliminated its sales tax on planes and now has a top rate of \$300 per year to register there. We are losing these aircraft to fields like Hanscom in Massachusetts. Everyone agreed we need to fix this problem. Upon research we discovered that our fuel taxes were extremely low as compared to other states and much lower than Massachusetts. With much input from the small plane owners, the large plane owners, the small airports, the large airports, and the base operators, a compromise was reached that lowered the registration fees on average, but increased the fuel taxes but in a way that we are still well below most states. The result is this bill will generate \$1.25 million a year in revenue which would come from \$0.41 million in registration fees and \$0.84 million in fuel taxes. This compromise was supported by most of the various interest groups that participated in a total of five subcommittee meetings. We are certain that this will help bring back the aviation industry to NH. In addition, we feel this will help us retain the airplane timeshare companies that are based in our state. These changes should help companies that modernize their fleets to stay in NH and not move their operations to Massachusetts. This bill also insures that our 25 airports in this state would continue to be given modest assistance from the revenues generated from these registration fees. **Vote 22-1.**

HB 529-FN-A-LOCAL, phasing out and repealing the interest and dividends tax. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for Ways and Means. The committee felt that the phasing out and repealing of the interest and dividends tax was not prudent fiscal policy at this time. More specifically, many want to see the full impact of the business tax cuts on overall revenues before we consider this. However, there was support for increasing the exemptions for all filers. Being mid-biennium with the state budget set, it was felt amending the bill at this time could not be done in a revenue-neutral manner. It is important to point out that there was a bill filed to be heard in session year 2018 addressing the increasing of exemptions. The committee voted interim study on this bill to work in sync with the bill that has been filed. **Vote 20-3.**

SB 205-FN-A, establishing the small business jobs fund and tax credit. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Jordan Ulery for Ways and Means. Due to last minute concerns raised and stake holders who recently became aware of the benefits, the committee felt that additional study was warranted. Issues included both meshing this business growth bill with recent legislation and potential increase or decrease in net revenues. The committee voted interim study on this bill to further understand its revenue and economic impact. **Vote 23-0.**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Department of Revenue Administration, Training Room, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee meeting on utility valuation.

COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k), Room 100, SH

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b), Room 101, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LEGALIZATION, REGULATION, AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA (RSA 318-B:43), Room 201, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EDUCATION FUNDING AND THE COST OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (HB 356, Chapter 190:1, Laws of 2017), Room 209, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE LAWS RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS (RSA 356-B:70), Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 206, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee meeting on foster care.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

3:30 p.m. Subcommittee meeting on early learning.

SEACOAST COMMISSION ON LONG TERM GOALS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:5), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

1:00 p.m. **HB 1293-FN**, establishing the complex divorce court within the judicial branch family division.

2:00 p.m. **CACR 14**, relating to natural rights of children. Providing that children have a natural right to be protected by their parents.

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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 1578**, relative to brew pub licensees.

9:45 a.m. **HB 1725-FN**, establishing regulations for nano wineries.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1712-FN**, relative to New Hampshire local liquor manufacturers.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1489**, relative to signs for specialty wine and beer stores.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1692-FN**, allowing liquor licensees to select an anniversary for renewal.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1660**, relative to delinquent accounts of liquor licensees.

2:15 p.m. **HB 1720-FN**, relative to the storage of beverages produced by contract brewers.

COUNCIL FOR YOUTHS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS (RSA 126-J:1), Upham-Walker House, 18 Park Street, Concord

6:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1380**, relative to unauthorized use of firearms.

10:20 a.m. **HB 1730-FN-A**, establishing a public safety enhancement revolving fund, establishing a grant program for body cameras worn by police, and creating prestige number vanity plates.

10:40 a.m. **HB 1542**, relative to carrying a pistol or revolver on university system and community college system property.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1566**, prohibiting open carry of a firearm in certain public places.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1437**, relative to tattoos on state law enforcement officers.

1:20 p.m. **HB 1820-FN**, relative to requiring the use of body cameras by law enforcement officers.

1:40 p.m. **HB 1511-FN**, relative to the death of a fetus for the purpose of certain homicide charges.

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EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1469-L**, relative to the dissolution of cooperative school districts.

10:15 a.m. **HB 1598-L**, relative to the vote to withdraw from a cooperative school district.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1253**, relative to membership of the cooperative school district budget committees.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1452**, relative to equalized property valuation used to apportion expenses in cooperative school districts.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1594**, relative to the disposition of property upon withdrawal from cooperative school districts.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1370**, relative to a school's emergency management plan.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 1738**, transferring the division of film and digital media to the division of travel and tourism in the department of business and economic affairs.

- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1441-FN**, establishing the office of the ombudsman in the department of state.
 - 11:30 a.m. **HB 1545**, relative to the statewide interoperability executive committee.
 - 1:30 p.m. **HB 1434**, relative to the New Hampshire council on developmental disabilities.
 - 2:00 p.m. **HB 1599**, relative to the governor's commission on disability.
 - 2:30 p.m. **HB 1604**, renaming Columbus Day as "Indigenous People's Day."
- 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 1596**, requiring a report on state government commitments and contingent liabilities.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1626**, requiring the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery to report on the cost effectiveness of funded programs.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1736**, relative to increasing the threshold required for governor and council approval of expenditures from the dam maintenance fund.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1814-FN-L**, relative to additional education grants to municipalities for the purpose of restoring reductions in stabilization grants
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1743-FN**, relative to the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund and funding for the Sununu Youth Services Center.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 1756-FN-A**, relative to an additional allowance and a cost of living adjustment for retirees from the state retirement system.

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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1471-FN**, relative to telemedicine.
 - 11:00 a.m. **HB 1783-FN**, relative to newborn screening for Krabbe Leukodystrophy.
 - 1:15 p.m. **HB 1695**, relative to payment for child care services by the department of health and human services.
 - 2:15 p.m. **HB 1531**, establishing a commission to study the performance of the Medicaid managed care program and making an appropriation therefor.
- 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 1204**, relative to the duties of the judicial council.
 - 10:15 a.m. **HB 1205**, amending a duty of the judicial council.
 - 10:30 a.m. **HB 1209**, requiring bonding for clerks of court.
 - 1:00 p.m. **CACR 16**, relating to privacy. Providing that an individual's right to live free of governmental interference is fundamental.
- 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 1201**, relative to an employee's earned but unused vacation time.
 - 10:30 a.m. **HB 1222**, relative to inquiries concerning salary history by prospective employers.
 - 11:00 a.m. **HB 1246**, relative to the minimum hourly rate for tipped employees.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1301-FN**, including the legislature as a public employer under the public employee labor relations act.
 - 9:30 a.m. **HB 1481**, relative to intervention in administrative law cases and matters before the public utilities commission by members of the general court.
 - 10:00 a.m. **HB 1557-FN**, requiring meetings and sessions of committees of the house of representatives to be recorded and made available on the Internet.
 - 10:30 a.m. **HB 1639**, relative to compensation of members of the New Hampshire legislature.
 - 10:45 a.m. **HB 1649**, relative to the determination of mileage for legislators and legislative officers.
 - 11:00 a.m. **HB 1675**, relative to state house Internet service and relative to calendars and journals of the house and senate.
 - 11:30 a.m. **HJR 5**, that the New Hampshire house of representatives and senate reject hate, bigotry, and violence in all their forms.
- 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, Representatives Hall, SH

10:00 a.m. **HB 1749-FN**, relative to the state's authority to prohibit or regulate firearms and relative to the selectmen's authority to manage town property.

Rooms 301-303, LOB

2:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1749-FN**, relative to the state's authority to prohibit or regulate firearms and relative to the selectmen's authority to manage town property.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1278**, naming the rest area in Colebrook after Frederick W. King, Sr.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1232**, naming a portion of Route 4A as the Alan Leslie Seamans highway.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1271**, changing the name of Industrial Drive at the Hugh Gallen Office Park to Ratification Way.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1428-FN**, relative to removal of roadside memorials.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1640-L**, relative to the definition of "occasion" relating to the laying out of roads.

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 1592**, requiring the commissioner of the department of environmental services to revise rules relative to arsenic contamination in drinking water.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1797-FN-A**, adding a 50 percent charge to all amounts assessed to persons liable for costs of containment, cleanup, and remediation of water, air and soil pollution.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1585**, requiring conservation commissions to keep a natural resources inventory.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1470-FN**, repealing the timber tax.

1:30 p.m. **HB 1473-FN**, relative to the timber yield tax.

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1644**, prohibiting the combination of certain regulated utilities.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1550**, requiring electric bills to include the cost of compliance with renewable energy standards.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1777-FN**, relative to energy infrastructure corridor revenue.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1796**, relative to the legislative oversight committee on electric utility restructuring.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1273**, relative to the National Guard force protection policy.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1346**, establishing a committee to study the New Hampshire veterans cemetery.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1249**, relative to the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the armed forces.

11:30 a.m. **HCR 11**, urging a pardon of Gerald "Jerry" DeLemus.

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

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1778-FN-A-L**, relative to registration of commercial motor vehicles and operator's/drivers' licenses.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1328-FN**, relative to motor vehicle inspections.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1334**, establishing a commission to review the structure of motor vehicle laws.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1455**, relative to vehicle operation at uncontrolled intersections.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1364**, relative to use of amber lights on vehicles.

1:30 p.m. **HB 1525**, relative to reporting medically unfit drivers.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1539-FN**, authorizing official cover plates for former elected officials.

2:15 p.m. **HB 1549**, relative to the availability of vehicle accident reports.

2:45 p.m. **HB 1628-FN**, relative to number plates for motor vehicles.

3:00 p.m. **HB 1651**, establishing a committee to study the use of liquid de-icers on roads.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB**

9:00 a.m. **HB 1705**, relative to enforcement activity verifying compliance.

- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1285**, relative to entertainers in premises serving alcoholic beverages.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1690-FN**, relative to liquor licenses.
 11:15 a.m. **HB 1719-FN**, relative to donations of liquor to nonprofits.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1213**, removing the exception for married minors from the definition of sexual assault.
 10:20 a.m. **HB 1218-FN**, increasing penalties for buyers under the law regarding trafficking in persons.
 10:40 a.m. **HB 1306-FN**, relative to aggravated felonious sexual assault in a public accommodation.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1426-FN**, requiring persons convicted of nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images to register as a sexual offender.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1564-FN**, relative to sexual assault of a victim who is incarcerated in a correctional institution by a person with supervisory or disciplinary authority over the victim.
 1:30 p.m. **HB 1567-FN**, relative to the penalties for prostitution and related offenses.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Training Room, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord

- 1:00 p.m. Public hearing on rulemaking.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1348**, relative to the annual audit report of public charter schools.
 10:00 a.m. **HB 1228**, removing the limitation on a chartered public school incurring long term debt.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1229**, relative to the teachers' voting requirement for becoming a charter conversion school.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1480**, relative to the membership of the board of trustees of a chartered public school.
 11:25 a.m. **HB 1333**, relative to the criteria for teachers in charter schools.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1765**, relative to policies regarding chartered public schools.
 1:25 p.m. **HB 1351**, relative to notification to parents by charter schools when a child's teacher has not met certification requirements.
 2:00 p.m. **HB 1698-FN-L**, relative to the cost of special education services for foster children.
 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 1423-FN**, relative to election assistance for cities and towns.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1224**, relative to election dates.
 11:30 a.m. **CACR 11**, relating to elections. Providing that a majority of selectmen shall be present at certain polling places.
 12:00 p.m. **HB 1345**, relative to election officers at additional polling places.
 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

- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1254**, establishing a committee to study the procedures for adoption of national codes by the state of New Hampshire.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1255**, relative to the state fire code.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1421-FN**, relative to regulations for event tents.
 1:30 p.m. **HB 1472**, relative to the state building code provisions for energy conservation in new building construction.
 2:15 p.m. **HB 1771-FN-A**, relative to hiring a state toxicologist and making an appropriation therefor.
 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 613-FN**, amending the procedures for use of segregated housing for inmates.
 10:45 a.m. **HB 619-FN-L**, relative to medical services for prisoners.
 11:15 a.m. **HB 525-FN**, relative to stabilization grants for education.
 1:30 p.m. **HB 609-FN-A**, establishing a student career and college investment program and making an appropriation therefor.

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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1807-FN**, relative to exploitation of elderly, disabled, or impaired adults and establishing a protective order for vulnerable adults.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1822-FN**, making hormonal contraceptives available directly from pharmacists by means of a standing order.

- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1799-FN**, relative to blood testing for individuals exposed to perfluorinated chemicals in private or public water supplies.
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 1243**, relative to exemptions from property attachments.
10:15 a.m. **HB 1296**, relative to rules of the judicial council.
10:30 a.m. **HB 1297**, relative to compensation of jurors.
10:45 a.m. **HB 1337**, relative to public bodies under the right-to-know law.
11:15 a.m. **HB 1387**, relative to the penalty for tampering with public records or information.
1:15 p.m. **HB 1399**, relative to statutes of limitations in civil actions against public servants.
1:45 p.m. **HB 1408**, relative to fraudulent documents purporting to create a lien or assert a claim against property.
2:15 p.m. **HB 1410**, establishing a penalty for violations related to statutory liens on personal property.
2:30 p.m. **HB 1504**, expanding the jurisdiction of the state commission for human rights to hear civil rights and civil liberty issues.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1776-FN-A**, requiring installation of electric vehicle charging stations for use by members of the general court and making an appropriation therefor.
1:20 p.m. **CACR 10**, relating to sessions of the legislature. Providing that there be no secret sessions of the legislature.
1:45 p.m. **HB 1223**, establishing a commission to study legislator compensation.
2:00 p.m. **HB 1225**, relative to removal of public officers for cause.
2:15 p.m. **HB 1237**, relative to the definition of "public at large."
2:35 p.m. **HB 1268**, relative to selection of delegates to an Article V convention.
3:00 p.m. **HB 1336**, establishing a commission to study the construction of a memorial wall to honor state legislators.
3:15 p.m. **HB 1642-FN**, relative to the compensation of the house chief of staff.
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 1541-FN**, relative to registration and road toll fees for hybrid and electric vehicles.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1248**, establishing a committee to study the construction of a parking facility at Hampton Beach.
1:00 p.m. **HB 1696-FN**, relative to the Hampton Beach capital improvement fund.
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 1745-FN-A**, making appropriations for costs involved in controlling invasive aquatic species.
10:45 a.m. **HB 1590**, relative to standards for perfluorinated chemicals in surface water.
11:30 a.m. **HB 1618**, relative to ambient water quality standards and maximum contaminant levels for perfluorinated chemicals.
1:15 p.m. **HB 1727-FN**, relative to monitoring perfluorinated chemicals in public water supplies.
1:45 p.m. **HB 1737-FN-L**, relative to the permissible level of methyl tertiary butyl ether in drinking water.
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 1250**, establishing a committee to study the use and location of Lucky 7 machines.
10:30 a.m. **HB 1260**, relative to the payout value of bingo games at private campgrounds and hotels.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1276**, adding an exemption for certain raffles conducted by charitable organizations.
11:30 a.m. **HB 1501-FN**, relative to regulation of consultants for operators of games of bingo and lucky 7.
1:00 p.m. **HB 1534-FN**, relative to Lucky 7.
1:30 p.m. **HB 1317-FN-A**, exempting occupancies over 30 days from the rooms and meals tax.
2:00 p.m. **HB 1821-FN**, repealing Keno.
2:30 p.m. **HB 1710-FN-A**, relative to the provision allowing operators to retain a portion of meals and rooms taxes collected and the appropriation of meals and rooms tax revenues to school building aid.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Department of Revenue Administration, Training Room, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.
- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee meeting on equalization.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1669-FN**, relative to commerce in food in New Hampshire.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1793-FN-A**, establishing a New Hampshire single payer health care system.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1516**, establishing a commission to examine the feasibility of the New England states entering into a compact for a single payor health care program.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1790-FN-A**, establishing a New Hampshire health access corporation.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1241**, establishing a commission to assess benefits and costs of a "health care for all" program for New Hampshire.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY BROADBAND (HB 238, Chapter 163:1, Laws of 2017), Room 304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), Room 100, SH

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1 Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, D), Room 101, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1), New Hampshire Technical Institute, Sweeney Crocker Building, Room 235, Concord

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1287**, relative to the age at which persons may marry.
 - 11:00 a.m. **HB 1586**, relative to judicial review for underage marriage.
 - 1:00 p.m. **HB 1587**, raising the minimum age for marriage and relative to the emancipation of minors.
 - 2:00 p.m. **HB 1661**, relative to the protection of minors who petition the court to marry.
 - 3:00 p.m. **HB 1377**, relative to the emancipation of minors.
- 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. **HCR 13**, condemning hate crimes and any other form of racism in New Hampshire.
 - 11:00 a.m. **HB 1406**, relative to canceled carry licenses and evidence of domicile for voting purposes.
- 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 1713**, relative to the transfer of digital copies of voter checklists to qualified political organizations and candidates.
 - 10:30 a.m. **HB 1770-FN-L**, relative to verification of checklists.
 - 10:50 a.m. **HB 1773-FN-A**, relative to campaign contributions and expenditures.
 - 11:30 a.m. **HB 1368**, relative to political contributions made by limited liability companies.
 - 12:00 p.m. **HB 1667-FN**, relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions and relative funding source disclosure for political advertising.
- 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 1349**, relative to biological products and diagnostic reagents for animal use.

- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1320**, establishing a committee to study crop theft.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1407**, repealing the prohibition on the use of milk containers.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1723-FN**, relative to the reckless beating of animals.
 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 1411-FN-A**, relative to funds transferred to the nongame species account.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1714-FN**, relative to chemical analysis of fish in stocked waterways.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1794-FN**, requiring a portion of rental fees for canoes, kayaks, and personal watercraft to be deposited in the fish and game search and rescue fund.
 2:00 p.m. **HB 1412-FN**, relative to cruelty to non-captive wildlife.
 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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1274**, establishing a committee to study the needs of certain handicapped and disabled persons.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1284**, relative to the reports required by the incapacitated and vulnerable adult fatality review committee.
 1:15 p.m. **HB 1312**, relative to adult changing stations in places of public accommodation.
 2:15 p.m. **HB 1811-FN-A**, relative to the New Hampshire health protection program.
 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 petitioned warrant articles.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1332**, allowing warrant articles to be split by the deliberative session.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1392**, relative to publishing the tallies of votes of municipal budget committee members on warrant articles.
 12:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1221**, relative to petitioned warrant articles; **HB 1332**, allowing warrant articles to be split by the deliberative session; **HB 1392**, relative to publishing the tallies of votes of municipal budget committee members on warrant articles.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1693**, relative to appropriations for bridge construction or reconstruction.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1536-FN**, requiring certain signs on divided highways.
 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 1376**, repealing the prohibition on collecting seaweed at night.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1371**, repealing certain exemptions from permitting requirements for temporary seasonal docks.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1313**, relative to prohibitions on carrying a loaded firearm on an OHRV or snowmobile.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1226**, relative to restricting the watering of lawns through the use of private wells.
 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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1488**, establishing a committee to study the public utilities commission's role and scope of duties in a deregulated environment.
 10:45 a.m. **HB 1555**, relative to participation by the public utilities commission in regional activities.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1646**, requiring reports of dropped cell phone calls by carriers.
 1:45 p.m. **HB 1647**, relative to inclusion of energy storage in distributed energy resources for electricity transmission and distribution.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1256**, relative to decal fees for multi-use veterans decal plates.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1509-FN**, authorizing Granite Pathways to issue decals for multi-use decal number plates.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1513-FN**, authorizing the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Association to issue decals for multi-use decal plates.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1538-FN**, authorizing Friends of the Hampton Falls Bandstand, Inc. to issue decals for multi-use decal plates.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1546-FN**, authorizing Seacoast Youth Services to issue decals for multi-use decal plates.

- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1697-FN**, authorizing the Daniel Webster Council of Boy Scouts of America to issue decals for multi-use decal plates.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1595**, prohibiting the use of the far left lanes on all highways for anything other than passing or preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
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 1251**, relative to indicia for payment of taxes on the transfer of real property.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1478-FN-A**, reducing the rate on the tax on transfer of real property.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1673-FN-L**, relative to the interest charged on late and delinquent property tax payments.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1679-FN**, relative to the real estate transfer tax to be paid on certain acquisitions of business entities.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1512-FN-A**, relative to taxes applicable to certain transfers of real property.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1316-FN**, relative to revenue collected from concealed carry licenses.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1430-FN**, relative to emergency medical services license and fine revenue.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1763-FN-A**, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1102-FN**, enabling the department of health and human services to enter into a contract with an Academy Society of Addiction Medicine certified physician.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1707-FN**, relative to information regarding abortion.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1388-FN**, relative to testing for Lyme disease.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 1457-FN**, relative to drug take-back programs.
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 1314**, repealing the board of conciliation and arbitration.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1321**, relative to the hours youth are permitted to work.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1326**, repealing the compensation appeals advisory board.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1330**, relative to the wrongful discharge of an employee.
- 12:00 p.m. **HB 1386**, establishing a joint committee on employee relations.
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, Rooms 201-203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1706**, relative to the construction of a Lake Sunapee public boat ramp.
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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1358**, relative to decisions by the site evaluation committee.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1569**, relative to liability of energy facility companies for damage caused by restoration projects.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1524**, relative to election-related amendments to the United States Constitution.
- 11:00 a.m. **HCR 12**, applying to Congress to propose a congressional term limits constitutional amendment.
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 1422-FN-A**, relative to the applicability of certain business tax rate changes.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1292**, relative to the effective dates of changes to the rates for the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1758-FN**, establishing a credit against business taxes for paid maternity and paternity leave.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1681-FN**, establishing an early childhood development tax credit against business taxes administered by the community development finance authority.

- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1686-FN**, relative to applications for and the use of education tax credits.
 3:00 p.m. **HB 1629**, establishing a committee to study establishing business tax credits for companies that pay a liveable wage and provide adequate benefits to their employees.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1666**, relative to redistricting.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1699**, relative to state representative districts for Hudson and Pelham.
 10:50 a.m. **HB 1239**, relative to nomination of political organizations.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1448**, relative to the definition of “party” for election purposes.
 12:00 p.m. **HB 1479-L**, relative to the nomination of political candidates.
 12:30 p.m. **HB 1568-FN**, allowing voters to register as members of political organizations.
 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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1375**, repealing the prohibition on inhaling toxic vapors for effect.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1785**, changing “hearing impaired” to “deaf” or “hard of hearing” in the New Hampshire laws.
 1:15 p.m. **HB 1468**, establishing a commission to study legislative oversight activities related to the department of health and human services.
 2:15 p.m. **HB 1506-FN**, relative to regulation of assistant physicians.
 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 1722-FN-L**, relative to the property tax exemption for chartered public school property, including leased property.
 10:45 a.m. **HB 1282**, repealing the provisions for tax exemptions for certain chartered public school facilities.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1294**, relative to religious societies.
 11:15 a.m. **HB 1355**, establishing a commission to study adaptation of the tax structure of the state to economic and demographic change.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1398**, establishing a commission to study and evaluate providing financial incentives for professional media production activity in New Hampshire.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1390-FN**, using a portion of meals and rooms revenues for fish and game search and rescue operations.
 1:15 p.m. **HB 1548-FN**, relative to meals and rooms taxes applicable to room remarketers.
 1:30 p.m. **HB 1491-FN-A-L**, relative to the disposition of meals and rooms tax revenues to town and cities.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 1609**, establishing a local option for an additional surcharge on occupancy under the meals and rooms tax.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

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

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON THE SEACOAST CANCER CLUSTER INVESTIGATION (RSA 126-A:74), Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73), Room 205, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (HB 517, Chapter 156:244, Laws of 2017), Rooms 205-207, LOB ****Please Note Room Change**

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22), Room 100, SH

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RSA 238-A:2), Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (RSA 228:107), New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Rooms 112-113, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LEGALIZATION, REGULATION, AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA (RSA 318-B:43), Room 202, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2), Room 204, LOB

2:00 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.

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4), Room 305, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION (RSA 198:15-z), Room 209, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB**10:00 a.m. **HB 1562**, establishing a foster parent bill of rights.1:00 p.m. **HB 1234**, permitting foster parents to intervene in a legal proceeding involving the custody of a child in their care.

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, LOB10:00 a.m. **HB 1212**, establishing a local option for commercial buildings with environmental liability that are delinquent on property taxes.11:00 a.m. **HB 1238**, relative to animal cruelty and costs of care for such animals.1:00 p.m. **HB 1231-FN-L**, relative to dog licenses.2:00 p.m. **HB 1233**, preempting local regulation of seeds and fertilizer.

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, LOB10:15 a.m. **HB 1779-FN**, requiring monitoring of certain radioactive air pollutants.

1:00 p.m. Introduction of the new State Energy Manager to the committee.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1227**, relative to an unattended idling vehicle on private property.1:45 p.m. **HB 1563-L**, relative to taxation of solar energy systems.2:30 p.m. **HB 1515**, relative to an exemption from the combustion ban on construction and demolition debris.**WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB**10:00 a.m. **HB 1502**, adding the tax exemption for water and air pollution control facilities to the tax expenditure review.10:30 a.m. **HB 1554-FN**, increasing exemptions under the interest and dividends tax and decreasing the total amount of research and development credits against business taxes.11:30 a.m. **HB 1619**, adding the rehabilitation of tourist lodging to qualifying structures under the community revitalization tax relief incentive program.1:00 p.m. **HB 1808**, repealing certain inactive dedicated funds.1:30 p.m. **HB 1802-FN-L**, relative to the statewide education property tax.2:00 p.m. **HB 1429-FN-A**, relative to exemptions from the tax on interest and dividends.

- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1381**, relative to determining the taxable value of utility property for local property taxation. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1611**, establishing a committee to study off-shore wind energy development.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1338**, establishing a committee to study the changes in law necessary to allow for microgrids in electricity supply.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1544**, establishing a committee to identify the requirements needed to commit New Hampshire to a goal of 100 percent renewable energy for electricity by 2040.
 1:30 p.m. **HB 1230**, establishing a commission to study the economic impact of national carbon pricing on New Hampshire.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HR 21**, urging Congress to repeal or amend the Apportionment Act of 1911.
 11:00 a.m. **HR 22**, urging Congress to amend federal law on the issues of civil and criminal liability for providers and users of computer services carrying advertisements offering sex with sex trafficking victims.
 1:00 p.m. **HJR 4**, urging Congress to apply laws equally to United States citizens and members of Congress.
 2:00 p.m. **HR 20**, affirming states' powers based on the Constitution for the United States and the Constitution of New Hampshire.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T), New Hampshire Medical Society, 7 North State Street, Concord

- 2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE APPORTIONMENT OF GROSS BUSINESS PROFITS UNDER THE BUSINESS PROFITS TAX (RSA 77-A:23), Room 100, SH

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY CERTAIN INVESTMENTS BY MUNICIPALITIES (SB 72, Chapter 37:1, Laws of 2017), Room 102, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1103-FN**, relative to financial responsibility for voluntary services provided pursuant to a report of abuse or neglect that is "unfounded but with reasonable concern."
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1261**, relative to record management of abuse and neglect reports.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1341**, relative to the definition of child abuse.
 2:00 p.m. **HB 1650**, removing education as required by law as a criterion for determining child neglect. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
 3:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1293-FN**, establishing the complex divorce court within the judicial branch family division.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1357**, relative to the delivery of articles to a prisoner in a state or county correctional facility.

- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1372**, prohibiting the implanting of subcutaneous identification devices in individuals.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1537**, relative to a second opinion on health care matters for state or county prisoners.
 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 1558-FN**, relative to the payment of the meals and rooms tax by individuals renting cars through an online service.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1621**, repealing the waiting period for federal regulations governing achieving a better life experience accounts.
 11:00 a.m. **HCR 10**, applying for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

- 9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73), Room 205, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY GRANDFAMILIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 170-G:17), Rooms 306-308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1), Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, D), Room 101, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2), Room 204, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

- 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RSA 238-A:2), Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Coös County Delegation will meet to vote on the county's 4th quarter financials has been rescheduled. The meeting will now be held **Monday, January 29th**, at the Berlin Nursing Home. The meeting will begin promptly at **10:00 a.m.**

Rep. Robert L. Théberge, Chairman

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Pursuant to RSA:23, there will be a public hearing for **Hillsborough** County on **Wednesday, January 10th at 5:45 p.m.** at the county complex in Goffstown.

Rep. Larry Gagne, Clerk

Pursuant to RSA 24:9-a, there will be a meeting of the **Hillsborough** County Delegation immediately following the public hearing on **Wednesday, January 10th** in order to approve the two (2) union contracts.

Rep. Larry Gagne, Clerk

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Rockingham** County Delegation Adult Medical Day Care Study Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 17th at 12:00 p.m.** in the Webster Room, State House Room 308, to discuss the AMDC Proposal from the Board of Commissioners and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

Rockingham County public hearing on Commissioners proposed 2018-2019 budget, **Wednesday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m.**, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood. Executive Committee Meeting to follow to approve line item transfer requests.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

Rockingham County Executive Committee meeting, **Friday, February 16th at 9:30 a.m.**, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, to report budget recommendations and vote on budget to be presented to full delegation.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

Rockingham County Delegation meeting, **Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m.**, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, to adopt the 2018 County Budget; an 18-month budget from 1/1/18 to 6/30/19. Executive Committee to meet at 5:30 p.m., Commissioner's Conference Room, to authorize treasurer's borrowing and finalize any unfinished business.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

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.

The House Republican Alliance (HRA) will meet on **Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.** in Room 201, LOB. All republican house members are invited to attend.

Reps. Glenn Cordelli and James Spillane

All House members and House staff are cordially invited to attend the "Welcome Back Legislators" reception hosted by the Business and Industry Association, New Hampshire's statewide chamber of commerce. The reception will take place at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord, on **Thursday, January 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** The reception is complimentary to House members and staff, but the BIA is requesting advance registration to assist in planning for the event. You can RSVP online at www.BIAofNH.com. Click on the events calendar for January 11th. You may also call the BIA at 224-5388, ext. 100.

Reps. Dick Hinch and Steve Shurtleff

The NH Nurses Association invites all legislators and staff to a breakfast reception on **Tuesday, January 9th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 am.** in the State House cafeteria. NHNA exists to promote the practice of professional nursing, advance the development of professional nurses, and improve the health standards and availability of health services for the people of New Hampshire. Members of NHNA will be here to talk about the work that nurses are doing in our communities and to answer your questions about issues relating to nursing.

Rep. Polly Campion

The Legislative Children's Caucus will meet on **Wednesday, January 10th at noon** in the back room of the Upham-Walker House. All legislators are welcome to attend and participate.

Rep. Skip Berrien

Members of the legislature are invited to an Automotive Skills Contest at Lakes Region Community College, 379 Belmont Road, Laconia, **Saturday, January 13th from 8:00 a.m. to noon**, hosted by the Community College System of NH and the NH Automotive Dealers Association (NHADA). Ten teams from high school auto technician programs will be competing, fixing cars donated by Toyota, in LRCC's recently completed automotive technology building. Come by to watch the students in action. Winning teams earn scholarships for community college automotive technology programs, donated by the NH Automotive Education Foundation/NHADA. NHADA and CCSNH are pleased to showcase student achievement and the partnership between CCSNH and the NHADA that strengthens the workforce pipeline and supports one of NH's most significant industry sectors. For more information and to RSVP, contact Kathy Mercer at kmercerc@nhada.com

Reps. Richard W. Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to attend a breakfast reception with the NH Nurse Practitioner Association on **Tuesday, January 16th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** in the State House cafeteria. NHNPA is a non-profit professional advocacy organization dedicated to preserving the strength and integrity of advanced practice nursing here in New Hampshire. Please join members of NHNPA who will be available to answer your questions about APRN practice in this state.

Rep. Polly Campion

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation cordially invites all women legislators to our First Annual Marilla Ricker Reception on **Thursday, January 18th at 4:00 p.m.** or the end of session (whichever is later) at O Steaks and Seafood, 11 South Main Street in Concord. Join us for beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres to kick off the legislative session and celebrate New Hampshire's women lawmakers. This event is made possible with the generous support of our sponsor Rath, Young & Pignatelli. Please RSVP by January 11th to Sarah Mattson Dustin, sarah@nhwomensfoundation.org or 603-226-3355.

Reps. Terry Wolf and Cindy Rosenwald

Keene State College will be hosting a legislative breakfast on **Monday, January 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** at the Mountain View Room in the LP Young Student Center. Snow date will be Monday, February 12th. Please RSVP by January 12th to steve.fortier@keene.edu or 603-358-2421. Directions and parking passes will be sent prior to the event.

Rep. William Pearson

The New Hampshire Association of Nurse Anesthetists (NHANA) will be hosting a legislative breakfast on **Wednesday, January 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** at the State House cafeteria. A continental breakfast will be served. National CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists) Week is January 21-27, 2018. Practicing CRNA's will be on hand to discuss pending legislation as well as what services they provide to NH residents.

Reps. Richard W. Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

During National Eye Care Month, Health Services will have a local eye care professional, Kristen Bryant, OD, back to conduct a brown bag seminar on eye health. Three eye seminars will occur in Upham-Walker House on **Wednesday, January 24th**, in 3 repeat sessions each lasting 30 minutes, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. An RSVP would be appreciated at 271-2757, or email dianne.bergquist@leg.state.nh.us for each of the 3 seminars.

Reps. Richard W. Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

Please join us for an informational session on CACR 19, the Community Rights Amendment, which empowers NH communities to enact local laws that protect the rights of people and their natural environments. We welcome you **Tuesday, January 30th at noon** at New England College, 63 No. Main Street, Concord, hosted by the NH Community Rights Network. A complimentary luncheon will be provided. Special guest: Thomas Linzey - executive director, co-founder and chief legal counsel of Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF).

Rep. Ellen Read

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network - NH, will be hosting a legislative breakfast on **Thursday, February 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** at the State House cafeteria. A hearty, warm breakfast will be served. American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network volunteers and staff will be on hand to discuss pending legislation, as well as what services the society provides to NH residents.

Rep. Frank R. Kotowski

The NH Retail Lumber Association is hosting a legislative breakfast on **Tuesday, February 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the State House cafeteria. Legislators and staff are invited to stop by anytime to enjoy a hot breakfast and the opportunity to meet your local building material dealers and learn more about the independent building material industry.

Reps. Richard W. Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

The NH Optometric Association hosts its Eye-Opener Breakfast on **Wednesday, February 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the State House cafeteria. Legislators and staff are invited to stop by anytime to enjoy a hot breakfast, speak with local Doctors of Optometry and learn about eye health, the practice of optometry and how the state regulates the profession.

Reps. Richard W. Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

The NH Retail Association invites you to join the members and directors at their Legislative Lunch and presentation of the annual "Retailer of the Year" and "Legislator of the Year" awards on **Thursday, February 8th from noon to 2:00 p.m.** or during the legislative lunch break at the Concord Holiday Inn. Please join members of the retail community, the Retail Association Directors and your colleagues for a hot buffet lunch and conversation and help us recognize those who stand up for retail.

Reps. Richard W. Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

The University of New Hampshire invites all legislators and legislative employees to cheer on the UNH Men's Hockey Team as they take on Vermont at the Whitmore Center in Durham on **Friday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.** To reserve your complimentary ticket, please contact Tom Cronin at thomas.cronin@unh.edu or 603-862-0574.

Rep. Marjorie Smith

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 2018. 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. 10	9:15	Parker Academy – Concord	12/HS
Jan. 17	9:00	Times Square Study Group	10
Jan. 17	9:15	Parker Academy – Concord	12/HS
Jan. 18	9:00	Manchester Chamber – Government & Politics day	35
Jan. 18	9:45	Hallsville Elementary School – Manchester	53/3
Jan. 19	9:45	Nelson Elementary School	22/4&5
Jan. 19	10:30	Paul School – Wakefield	44/4
Jan. 22	9:30/11:00	New Boston Central School	86/4
Jan. 22	2:00	NH Brain Injury Association	15
Jan. 23	9:00	Northwood Elementary School	40/4
Jan. 24	9:15	Parker Academy – Concord	12/HS
Jan. 24	10:00	Portsmouth Recreation Department	15/Srs
Jan. 25	9:30	Seabrook Elementary School	44/4

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to HB 92

(2017-2490h)

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration - r

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Definition of State Building Code. Amend RSA 155-A:1, IV to read as follows:

IV. “New Hampshire building code” or “state building code” means the adoption by reference of the International Building Code [2009] **2015**, the International Existing Building Code [2009] **2015**, the International Plumbing Code [2009] **2015**, the International Mechanical Code [2009] **2015**, the International Energy Conservation Code 2009, ***the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code 2015***, and the International Residential Code [2009] **2015**, as published by the International Code Council, and the National Electrical Code 2014, as amended by the state building code review board and ratified by the legislature in accordance with RSA 155-A:10. The provisions of any other national code or model code referred to within a code listed in this definition shall not be included in the state building code unless specifically included in the codes listed in this definition.

Amend section 4 of the bill by deleting paragraph V and renumbering the original paragraphs VI-VII to read as V-VI, respectively.

2017-2490h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Updates the definition of the state building code to include the 2015 editions of the International Building Code, the International Existing Building Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Mechanical Code, and the International Residential Code.

II. Amends the definition of the state building code to include the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code 2015.

III. Ratifies changes to the state building code adopted by the state building code review board in 2015 and 2016.

Amendment to HB 124-FN

(2017-2470h)

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 certain aircraft registration fees and airways tolls.

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

1 New Section; Reporting by Airport. Amend RSA 422 by inserting after section 20 the following new section:

422:20-a Reporting by Airport. The owner of each airport open for public use shall submit to the department quarterly a list of all aircraft, including the federal registration number for each aircraft, that are based at that airport.

2 Repeal. RSA 422:31, I-II, relative to aircraft registration fees, are repealed.

3 Aircraft Operating Fee. RSA 422:31, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

III. An aircraft operating fee for each aircraft for which a state registration certificate is required. The amount of the fee shall be based on the maximum certificated gross weight of the aircraft, as follows:

0-3000 lbs.	\$100
3001-8000 lbs.	\$250
8001-12,500 lbs.	\$2,500
more than 12,500 lbs.	\$3,500

4 New Section; Reporting by Commissioner. Amend RSA 422 by inserting after section 31 the following new section:

422:31-a Reporting by Commissioner. On or before September 15 of each year, the commissioner shall certify in a report to the governor and the chairpersons of the house and senate standing committees on ways and means the following information: for the fiscal year just ended, the numbers of aircraft registered in each of the weight classes listed in RSA 422:31, III; operating fee revenues received by weight class; the numbers of aircraft by weight class that were based during the fiscal year at each of the airports open for public use; and a summary report showing the total numbers of such registered aircraft by weight class by year beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

5 Airways Toll. Amend RSA 422:34, I-II to read as follows:

I. There is hereby imposed an airways toll of ~~[\$.04]~~ **\$.08** per gallon upon the sale of each gallon of motor fuel or fuel, as defined by RSA 259:58, sold to and used in the propulsion of aircraft. The airways toll shall be subject to the exemptions provided for government sales by RSA 260:32.

II. There is hereby imposed an airways toll of ~~[\$.02]~~ **\$.049** per gallon on the sale of each gallon of aviation jet fuel sold and used in the propulsion of aircraft. All aircraft, however, that are certified to operate under part 121 of the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration shall pay an airways toll of ~~[\$.005]~~ **\$.027** per gallon on aviation jet fuel sold and used in the propulsion of aircraft.

6 Operating Fee Revenues. Amend RSA 422:36, II to read as follows:

II. Disbursements of revenue from the aircraft operating fee shall be made by the department after collection of such fees provided that ~~[1/4]~~ **\$250,000** of aircraft operating fee revenues originating at a publicly or privately owned airport shall be available **each fiscal year** for public use and shall, upon application, be paid over to the aeronautical fund established for that airport and shall be used for aeronautical purposes.

7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

2017-2470h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires quarterly reporting by airport owners, modifies registration and operating fees for aircraft, changes the rate of airways tolls, and adjusts the distribution of operating fee revenue.

Amendment to HB 141

(2017-2472h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy - r

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

1 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Electric Renewable Energy Classes. Amend RSA 362-F:4, V and VI to read as follows:

V. ~~[For good cause, and]~~ After notice and hearing, the commission may ***either: (i) for good cause, accelerate or delay by up to one year, any given year's incremental increase in class I or II renewable portfolio standards requirement under RSA 362-F:3, or (ii) modify the class I or II renewable portfolio standards requirements under RSA 362-F:3 for calendar years beginning January 1, 2018 such that the requirement is equal to the reasonably expected potential annual output of available eligible sources after taking into account demand from similar programs in other states; provided such modified requirement does not exceed the applicable class requirement under RSA 362-F:3.***

VI. After notice and hearing, the commission may modify the class III and IV renewable portfolio standards requirements under RSA 362-F:3 for calendar years beginning January 1, 2012 such that the requirements are equal to ~~[an amount between 85 percent and 95 percent of]~~ the reasonably expected potential annual output of available eligible sources after taking into account demand from similar programs in other states; ***provided such modified requirement does not exceed the applicable class requirement in RSA 362-F:3.***

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

2017-2472h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits the public utilities commission to modify renewable energy portfolio standards according to expected annual output provided such requirement does not exceed the requirement of RSA 362-F:3.

**Amendment to HB 287
(2017-2524h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - r

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study issues related to changing prostitution laws in New Hampshire.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study issues related to changing prostitution laws in New Hampshire.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

(b) Two members 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 study:

(a) The scope and scale of engagement in the sex trade in New Hampshire.

(b) The mental and physical health and well-being of those engaged in the sex trade in New Hampshire.

(c) The experiences of law enforcement personnel with individuals engaged in the sex trade in New Hampshire.

(d) The experiences of individuals engaged in the sex trade in New Hampshire with law enforcement personnel.

(e) The needs of individuals engaged in the sex trade in New Hampshire and the availability of services in this state to meet those needs.

(f) The impacts of arrest, conviction, and incarceration on individuals who have been arrested on prostitution offenses.

(g) The costs to state and local law enforcement and corrections budgets of arresting, prosecuting, and incarcerating individuals for prostitution offenses.

(h) The potential costs and benefits of partial or full decriminalization of prostitution, including possible effects on rates of sex trafficking.

II. The committee may solicit advice and testimony from any interested party, including but not limited to:

(a) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

(b) The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee.

(c) The New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police.

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

(e) The New Hampshire Harm Reduction Coalition

(f) Amnesty International.

(g) Child and Family Services.

(h) New Hampshire Legal Assistance.

(i) The Sex Workers Outreach Project.

(j) The American Civil Liberties Union.

(k) The Southern New Hampshire HIV/AIDS Task Force.

(l) Survivors of sex trafficking.

(m) Individuals who are or were engaged in consensual sex work in New Hampshire.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. 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 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, 2018.

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

2017-2524h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study issues related to changing prostitution laws in New Hampshire.

**Amendment to HB 317
(2017-2483h)**

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy - r

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

AN ACT relative to changes in the system benefits charge.

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

1 Electric Utility Restructuring; Policy Principles; System Benefits Charge. Amend RSA 374-F:3, VI to read as follows:

VI. Benefits for All Consumers. Restructuring of the electric utility industry should be implemented in a manner that benefits all consumers equitably and does not benefit one customer class to the detriment of another. Costs should not be shifted unfairly among customers. A nonbypassable and competitively neutral system benefits charge applied to the use of the distribution system may be used to fund public benefits related to the provision of electricity. Such benefits, as approved by regulators, may include, but not necessarily be limited to, programs for low-income customers, energy efficiency programs, funding for the electric utility industry's share of commission expenses pursuant to RSA 363-A, support for research and development, and investments in commercialization strategies for new and beneficial technologies. ***Legislative approval shall be required to modify the system benefits charge except for the 3-year program authorized by Order No. 25,932 issued by the commission, dated August 2, 2016.***

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

2017-2483h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires legislative approval for modifications to the system benefits charge.

**Amendment to HB 388-FN
(2017-2456h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - r

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

AN ACT relative to special number plates for veterans.

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

1 Special Number Plates for Veterans. Amend RSA 261:87-b, I to read as follows:

I. The director is hereby authorized to issue special number plates to be used on motor vehicles owned by veterans of the United States armed services, in lieu of other number plates. The design of these special plates shall be determined by the commissioner, and shall be distinct from the design or designs of those plates issued under RSA 261:86. Such plates shall be issued only to veterans as defined in RSA 21:50, I(a) upon application, proof of veteran status in a form authorized by RSA 21:50, I(b), and payment of the regular motor vehicle registration fee and the \$4 per plate fees under RSA 261:75. The director shall also issue such plates to any person providing proof of honorable discharge from the armed services of any nation allied with the United States during World War II and proof of such person's service during World War II. Renewals of such special number plates shall be charged the fee assessed for standard motor vehicles as prescribed under RSA 261:141. The plates furnished pursuant to this section are nontransferable and shall expire upon the death of the veteran, except that the surviving spouse may use the plates for one year after the death of the veteran and shall be eligible to replace the plates during that year at no charge under RSA 261:75. ***Persons eligible for special number plates under this section may obtain such plates for a trailer registered under this chapter and owned by the person, provided that vanity number plates may not be issued under this section for a trailer.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

2017-2456h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the availability of special number plates for veterans.

**Amendment to HB 407-FN
(2017-2453h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services - r

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

1 Workers' Compensation; Medical, Hospital, and Remedial Care. Amend RSA 281-A:23, VI to read as follows:

VI. An employer subject to this chapter, or the employer's insurance carrier, may furnish or cause to be furnished, testing for the presence of a bloodborne disease when a critical exposure that arises out of and in the course of employment occurs. Such testing shall be provided without prejudice as to the issue of the causal

relationship of any subsequently diagnosed bloodborne disease to the employee's work and without prejudice to the compensability of the bloodborne disease as an occupational disease or an accidental injury for the purposes of RSA 281-A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any costs for testing associated with a testing order issued pursuant to RSA 141-G:11 shall be paid for by the employer's insurance carrier. Such payment shall be provided without prejudice as to the issue of the causal relationship of any subsequently diagnosed disease or injury. ***In addition, all expenses associated with evaluation and care provided pursuant to RSA 141-G including prophylactic treatment shall be paid for by the employer's insurance carrier.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

2017-2453h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for an identified occupational exposure pursuant to RSA 141-G.

Floor Amendment to HB 413-FN-A-LOCAL

(2018-0015h)

Proposed by Reps. Cushing, Bean, Edgar, Messmer, O'Brien, Cloutier, Martin, Cilley, King and Proulx

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Retirement System; Employer Contributions; State Share of Contributions. Amend RSA 100-A:16, II(b) and (c) to read as follows:

(b) The contributions of each employer for benefits under the retirement system on account of group II members shall consist of a percentage of the earnable compensation of its members to be known as the "normal contribution," and an additional amount to be known as the "accrued liability contribution;" provided that beginning with state fiscal year ~~[2013]~~ **2020** and for each state fiscal year thereafter, any employer ~~[shall pay the full amount of such total contributions]~~ **other than the state, shall pay 85 percent of such total contributions, and 15 percent thereof shall be paid by the state; and provided further that, in case of group II members employed by the state, the state shall pay both normal and accrued liability contributions.** The rate percent of such normal contribution, including contributions on behalf of group II members whose group II creditable service is in excess of 40 years, in each instance shall be fixed on the basis of the liabilities of the system with respect to the particular members of the various member classifications as shown by actuarial valuations, except as provided in subparagraph (i).

(c) The contributions of each employer for benefits under the retirement system on account of group I members shall consist of a percentage of the earnable compensation of its members to be known as the "normal contribution," and an additional amount to be known as the "accrued liability contribution;" provided that beginning with state fiscal year ~~[2013]~~ **2020** and for each state fiscal year thereafter, ***in the case of teachers,*** any employer ~~[shall pay the full amount of such total contributions]~~ **other than the state, shall pay 85 percent of such total contributions, and 15 percent thereof shall be paid by the state; and provided further that, in case of teacher members employed by the state, the state shall pay both normal and accrued liability contributions.** The rate percent of such normal contribution in each instance shall be fixed on the basis of the liabilities of the system with respect to the particular members of the various member classifications as shown by actuarial valuation, except as provided in subparagraph (i).

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Floor Amendment to HB 529-FN-A-LOCAL

(2018-0021h)

Proposed by Reps. Weyler and Hoell

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

AN ACT decreasing the rate of the tax on interest and dividends.

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

1 Rate. Amend RSA 77:1 to read as follows:

77:1 Rate. The annual tax upon incomes shall be levied at the rate of ~~[5]~~ **4** percent.

2 Applicability. The amendment to RSA 77:1 by section 1 of this act shall apply to tax years ending on and after December 31, 2018.

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

2018-0021h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill decreases the rate of the tax on interest and dividends to 4 percent.

**Amendment to HB 559-FN
(2017-2479h)**

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy - r

Amend RSA 123-O:23, III(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. All remaining proceeds received by the state from the sale of allowances, excluding the amount used for commission and department administration under paragraph I, shall be allocated by the commission as follows:

(a) At least ~~[15]~~ **35** percent to the low-income core energy efficiency program.

(b) Beginning January 1, ~~[2014]~~ **2018**, up to ~~[\$2,000,000]~~ **\$5,000,000** annually to utility core programs for municipal, ***school district***, and local government energy efficiency projects, including projects by local governments that have their own municipal utilities. Funding elements shall include, but not be limited to, funding for direct technical and project management assistance to identify and encourage comprehensive projects and incentives structured to assist municipal and local governments funding energy efficiency projects. In calendar years 2014, 2015, ~~[and]~~ 2016, **2017, and 2018**, any unused funds allocated to municipal and local government projects under this paragraph remaining at the end of the year shall roll over and be added to the new calendar year program funds and continue to be made available exclusively for municipal and local government projects. Beginning in calendar year ~~[2017]~~ **2019**, and all subsequent years, funds allocated to municipal and local government projects under this paragraph shall be offered first to municipal and local governments as described in this paragraph for no less than 4 full calendar months. If, at the end of this time, municipal and local governments have not submitted requests for eligible projects that will expend the funds allocated to municipal and local government projects under this paragraph within that program year, the funds shall ~~[be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis to business and municipal customers who fund the system benefits charge]~~ ***go to a fuel neutral residential core energy efficiency program.***

**Amendment to HB 579-FN
(2017-0866h)**

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

Amend RSA 261:74-t as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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

I. Out-of-state semi-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.
- (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 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 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.
- (2) The monthly reports shall be submitted along with all fees due to the department 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.

III. A nonresident may register a semi-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 semi-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. Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following and renumbering the original sections 5-6 to read as 7-8, respectively:

5 Nonresident Registration. Amend RSA 261:46 to read as follows:

261:46 Nonresident Registration. Notwithstanding RSA 261:45, a nonresident who garages a vehicle exclusively in this state **or who registers a semi-trailer through a nongovernmental agent** may register such vehicle in this state as a nonresident. No exemption from the payment of a permit fee shall be granted by reason of nonresidence except by the director, who shall in all cases require proof satisfactory to him or her of residence elsewhere, and of the liability of a nonresident owner, otherwise entitled to such exemption, to pay a property tax on the vehicle for the current year in the state of his or her residence.

6 New Paragraph; Fees for Registration Permits; Multiyear Registrations. Amend RSA 261:153 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

VII. A person registering a semi-trailer for multiple years in accordance with RSA 261:141, XI shall, when offering the semi-trailer for registration, pay all permit fees and other municipal fees associated with the registration for the entire multiyear period. Permit fees for the multiyear period shall be determined under paragraph I. If the registration is for 12 years, the permit fee shall be reduced by 10 percent.

Amendment to HB 592-FN

(2017-0503h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy - r

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

AN ACT relative to allowance sales under the New Hampshire regional greenhouse gas initiative program.

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

1 Energy Efficiency Fund and Use of Auction Proceeds. Amend RSA 125-O:23, II to read as follows:

II. All amounts in excess of the threshold price, *minus administrative costs*, of [~~\$1~~] **\$0** for any allowance sale shall be rebated to all retail electric ratepayers in the state on a per-kilowatt-hour basis, in a timely manner to be determined by the commission.

2 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 125-O:23, III-V, relative to use of remaining proceeds received by the state from the sale of allowances.

II. RSA 374-F:6, V, relative to the duty of the oversight committee on electric utility restructuring to monitor core energy efficiency programs pursuant to RSA 125-O:23, III.

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

2017-0503h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires all amounts from allowance sales under the New Hampshire regional greenhouse gas initiative program to be rebated to retail electric ratepayers in this state.

Amendment to HB 628-FN

(2017-2481h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services - r

Amend RSA 282-B:3, I and II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. This chapter applies to all nongovernmental employers, provided that any employer participating in a self-insured plan or who is self-insured may opt out of this chapter upon certification by the commissioner or authorized representative that the employer provides an equivalent benefit for its employees. The state or its political subdivisions may opt into this chapter upon certification by the commissioner or authorized representative that this chapter's insurance benefits are at least equivalent to the benefits provided under the collective bargaining agreement, provided the applicable bargaining unit has first ratified this option.

II. All employers subject to this chapter shall remit FMLI premium payments on a calendar quarter basis. These quarterly insurance premium payments shall amount to 0.5 percent of wages per employee per week for each week of the preceding quarter. Employers may withhold or divert no greater than 0.5 percent of wages per week per employee to satisfy this paragraph, provided that such employers provide employees, before employment commences, a department approved information sheet containing conspicuous language explaining the costs and benefits of the insurance and indicating that employees are able to affirmatively opt-out of the insurance by downloading a form from the department and that such form, if the employee chooses to opt-out, shall be notarized and submitted to the department and the employer before employment commences, and that the employee shall be provided the opportunity to opt in on January 1 of each year. No employer shall make opting-out of the insurance a condition of employment nor discriminate against an employee in compensation or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment based on whether or not the employee opts-out of the insurance.

Amend RSA 282-B:6, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. An employee shall be limited up to 12 weeks of FMLI in any one application period. An employee shall have had premium payments remitted as a percent of his or her wages for at least 6 months to be eligible for benefits and shall have worked in employment resulting in wages in the amount of at least 1,040 multiplied by the applicable minimum wage, in either the "base period" or "alternative base period", as those terms are defined in RSA 282-A:2.

Amend RSA 282-A:128 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

282-A:128 Advisory Council. There is hereby created within the unemployment compensation bureau an advisory council on unemployment compensation *and family medical leave insurance*, hereinafter called

the advisory council. The advisory council shall consist of 9 members to be appointed, with the exception of the legislative members, by the governor with the consent and advice of the governor's council. Three of the appointees of this advisory council shall be persons who, because of their vocations, employment or affiliations, shall be classed as representing the point of view of employers; 3 shall be persons who, because of their vocations, employment or affiliations, shall be classed as representing the point of view of employees; one shall be a senator from the insurance committee appointed by the senate president; one shall be a representative from the labor, industrial and rehabilitative services committee appointed by the speaker of the house; the remaining appointee, who shall be designated as chairman, shall be a person whose training and experience qualify him to deal with the problems of unemployment compensation. Such advisory council shall meet no later than 45 days after each calendar quarter and aid the commissioner in formulating policies and discussing problems related to the administration of this chapter **and RSA 282-B** and in assuring impartiality and freedom from political influence in the solution of such problems. Advisory council meetings shall provide opportunity for public comment.

The advisory council shall quarterly review, evaluate, and provide the general court with rate adjustment or fiscal recommendations.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

3 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (339) the following new subparagraph:

(340) Moneys deposited in the family and medial leave insurance fund established in RSA 282-B:4.

4 Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; Funding. The initial administrative and implementation costs associated with this chapter shall either be a capital appropriation included in the state capital budget of the 2019 legislative session or an appropriation in fiscal year 2020 in the operating budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2021. Initial administrative and implementation costs shall be reimbursed to the general fund within 10 years.

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

Amendment to HB 636-FN

(2017-2441h)

Proposed by the Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs - r

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

AN ACT establishing a department of military and veterans services.

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

1 New Chapter; Department of Military and Veterans Services. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 21-U the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 21-V

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS SERVICES

21-V:1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to improve the administration of military and veterans services. Recognizing that service members, veterans and their families require dedicated, strategic, collaborative outreach, that current service delivery model is not structured to provide coordinated, high quality services, and that the welfare of service members, veterans and their families can best be enhanced if a single entity coordinates many efforts, the department of military and veterans services is established to address system gaps and coordinate, consolidate and provide unified direction of policies, procedures and programs in conjunction with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as well as other federal, state, local and private organizations.

21-V:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "Commissioner" means commissioner of the department of military and veterans services.

II. "Department" means department of military and veterans services.

21-V:3 Establishment; General Functions.

I. There is hereby established a department of military and veterans services, an agency of the state.

II. The department, through its officials, shall be responsible for:

(a) Promoting the welfare of military service members, veterans, and their families.

(b) Enhancing, coordinating, and overseeing the benefits and services offered by organizations within the state of New Hampshire and directing veterans to appropriate benefits and services offered by such organizations.

(c) Serving as a clearinghouse for research, data, and analysis, to initiate and support public education and awareness campaigns.

(d) Providing guidance and training regarding military and veterans issues to civilian organizations.

21-V:4 Internal Organizational Units. The department shall include the following internal organizational units performing the following major functions:

I. The division of veterans services, under the supervision of a director of veterans services:

(a) Shall assist veterans who are residents of this state or their dependents to secure all benefits or preferences to which they may be entitled under any state or federal laws or regulations. The office shall employ such assistance as may be necessary, within the limits of the appropriation made therefor, subject to the rules of the state division of personnel.

(b) Biennially, beginning July 1, 2019, shall publish and distribute to the entities listed in subparagraph (1), a state veterans handbook which shall include the following information:

(1) Points of contact for all federal, state, local, and nonprofit veterans agencies, departments, councils, hospitals, clinics, and other organizations offering services, benefits, and programs to New Hampshire veterans, including addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

(2) A description of the services, benefits, and programs offered by each entity listed under subparagraph (1).

(c) May accept and expend for purposes of publishing and distributing the state veterans handbook, any donations, grants, bequests, and contributions which become available for such purposes.

II. The division of community military programs, under the supervision of a director of community military programs which shall facilitate military and civilian partnerships by collaborating, coordinating, and communicating with military and civilian provider groups in the delivery of health care services to New Hampshire veterans, service members, and their families.

21-V:5 Commissioner; Directors; Compensation.

I.(a) The commissioner of the department shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the council, and shall serve for a term of 4 years. The commissioner may succeed himself or herself. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

(b) The commissioner shall be:

(1) A resident of New Hampshire for 2 years preceding his or her appointment.

(2) Qualified to hold the position by reason of education and experience.

(3) Honorably discharged or separated from service in the armed forces of the United States; provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph.

(4) Have experienced no less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in:

(A) The Vietnam Conflict between December 22, 1961 and May 7, 1975; or

(B) The Vietnam Conflict between July 1, 1958 and December 22, 1961, if the resident earned the Vietnam service medal or the armed forces expeditionary medal; or

(C) Any other war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975, and in which the resident earned an armed forces expeditionary medal or theater of operations service medal.

II. The commissioner shall nominate each division director for appointment by the governor, with the consent of the council. Each division director shall serve for a term of 4 years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. The directors shall be qualified to hold their respective positions by reason of education and experience.

III. The salaries of the commissioner and the division directors shall be as specified in RSA 94:1-a.

21-V:6 Powers and Duties of the Commissioner. The commissioner shall:

I. Represent the public interest in the administration of the department and be responsible to the governor, the general court, and the public for such administration.

II. Advocate for the welfare of military service members and veterans in New Hampshire and be responsible for the operations of the department.

III. Seek the advice of the military leadership team and the state veterans advisory committee.

IV. Enter into memoranda of understanding with other executive branch agencies to coordinate services to veterans and military service members as may be appropriate.

V. Review, investigate, and assess the provision of any services to and for veterans and military service members in New Hampshire.

VI. Represent the department on boards, commissions, committees, and professional associations, or shall designate a designee.

VII. Serve as a liaison between the federal government and the governor on issues relevant to the department's mission, and represent the department at various state and national conventions, conferences, and public functions and provide supervision to the department public relations program.

VIII. Identify and develop legislative proposals to improve the delivery of services to and for veterans and military service members, review and monitor legislation introduced by the general court, testify at hearings, and prepare legislative fiscal note work sheets. The commissioner shall coordinate, implement, and administer programs mandated by the general court.

IX. Assume the duties set forth in RSA 115-C relative to the veterans' legal aid advocacy project. The commissioner shall also assist in the development, coordination, and oversight of programs for justice involved veterans in the state court system.

X. Assume the duties set forth in RSA 115-A regarding aid for veterans' programs.

XI. Prepare the department budget pursuant to RSA 9 and administer and monitor expenditures for the department.

XII. Apply for, accept, and expend funding from federal and other grant sources.

XIII. Have the authority to adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, necessary to assure the continuance or granting of federal funds and to adopt all rules necessary to implement the specific statutes administered by the department or by any division within the department.

XIV. Have the authority, subject to the approval of the governor and council to accept gifts, contributions, and bequests of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations, corporations, and other organizations or institutions for the purpose of furthering the policy objectives of the department.

XV. Delegate authority to subordinates as he or she deems necessary and appropriate, except that rulemaking authority shall not be delegated. The commissioner shall provide by delegation for the deputy commissioner to exercise authority in the commissioner's absence. Such delegation shall be made in writing, shall be disseminated to all division directors, shall clearly delineate the authority delegated and the limitations thereto, and shall be kept on file in the commissioner's office.

21-V:7 Deputy Commissioner.

I. The commissioner shall nominate a deputy commissioner who shall meet the qualification requirements set forth in RSA 21-V:5, I(b).

II. The deputy commissioner shall perform such duties as are assigned by the commissioner. The deputy commissioner shall assume the duties of the commissioner in the event that the commissioner is unable for any reason to perform such duties.

III. The salary of the deputy commissioner shall be as specified in RSA 94:1-a.

21-V:8 Military Leadership Team.

I. There is hereby established a military leadership team which shall serve as an advisory council and shall provide advice and guidance to the commissioner regarding the delivery of services to veterans and military service members in New Hampshire. The military leadership team shall consist of the following members:

(a) The director of the division of veterans services.

(b) The director of the division of community military programs.

(c) Representatives of organizations which provide services to veterans and military service members in New Hampshire, appointed by the commissioner.

II. The military leadership team shall choose a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary from their membership. The team may, by a majority vote of its members, adopt bylaws governing the management and operation of the team.

21-V:9 State Veterans Advisory Committee.

I. There is hereby established a state veterans advisory committee, consisting of the following members:

(a) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be from the committee with jurisdiction over military or veterans affairs, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the senate president.

(c) Twenty representatives of veterans organizations in the state of New Hampshire, appointed by the governor.

II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate while attending to the duties of the committee. Legislative members of the committee shall serve a term coterminous with their term in office. Each non-legislative member of the state veterans' advisory committee shall serve a 2-year term of office from the date of the member's appointment, and may be reappointed. The committee members shall choose a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary from their membership. The committee may, by a majority vote of its members, adopt bylaws governing the management and operation of the committee.

III. The committee shall provide advice and guidance to the commissioner regarding the welfare and needs of veterans and military service members in New Hampshire.

IV. The committee shall issue biannual reports of its actions, findings, and recommendations on May 1 and November 1 of each year to the commissioner, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the governor and council, and all veterans organizations in the state.

21-V:10 Administrative Attachment. The New Hampshire veterans' home and the New Hampshire state veterans' cemetery shall be administratively attached to the department in accordance with RSA 21-G:10.

2 New Subparagraph; Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery; Membership Amend RSA 12-J:1, III(a) by inserting after subparagraph (11) the following new subparagraph:

(12) The commissioner of the department of military and veterans services, or designee.

3 New Paragraph; Aid for Veterans' Programs; Definitions. Amend RSA 115-A:2 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of military and veterans services.

4 Veterans' Legal Aid Advocacy Project; Duties. Amend RSA 115-C:3 to read as follows:

115-C:3 Duties.

I. The veterans' legal aid advocacy project shall work to improve the lives of New Hampshire veterans through legal aid advocacy on behalf of veterans in civil matters.

II. The ~~[state veterans council]~~ **commissioner of the department of military and veterans services** shall serve as the veterans intake coordinator for the veterans' legal aid advocacy project.

III. New Hampshire Legal Assistance shall provide legal representation to veterans in a manner consistent with the purpose outlined in RSA 115-C:1 and the New Hampshire Rules of Professional Conduct.

IV. The ~~[state veterans council]~~ **commissioner of the department of military and veterans services** and New Hampshire Legal Assistance shall do outreach with veterans' service organizations and homeless shelters to reach the veteran homeless population that may need legal aid advocacy services.

V. The ~~[state veterans council]~~ **commissioner of the department of military and veterans services**, New Hampshire Legal Assistance, and the pro bono section of the New Hampshire Bar Association shall coordinate with the veterans' service organizations, the New Hampshire National Guard, and other veterans' service providers, in the efficient provision of veterans' legal aid advocacy services. The ~~[state veterans council]~~ **commissioner of the department of military and veterans services** and New Hampshire Legal Assistance shall create general guidelines on case acceptance and priorities, reviewing those guidelines and priorities every 2 years.

VI. The ~~[state veterans council]~~ **commissioner of the department of military and veterans services**, New Hampshire Legal Assistance, and the ~~[Pro Bono Section]~~ **pro bono section** of the New Hampshire Bar Association shall work to increase the number of private attorneys for referrals of veterans' cases, including, but not limited to, veterans' family law cases.

VII. The ~~[state veterans council]~~ **commissioner of the department of military and veterans services**, New Hampshire Legal Assistance, and the ~~[Pro Bono Section]~~ **pro bono section** of the New Hampshire Bar Association shall work to provide information sessions and legal advice for veterans and their families.

VIII. The veterans' legal aid advocacy project shall provide legal aid training to veterans' advocates.

IX. The veterans' legal aid advocacy project shall report annually to the governor, the general court, and the ~~[state veterans council]~~ **commissioner of the department of military and veterans services** on the number of veterans served, the results, and the number of veterans that could not be served.

5 Commission on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury; Membership. Amend RSA 115-D:2, I(e) to read as follows:

(e) The ~~[director of the state office of veterans services]~~ **commissioner of the department of military and veterans services**, or designee.

6 New Subparagraph; New Hampshire Council on Suicide Prevention; Membership. Amend RSA 126-R:3, I by inserting after subparagraph (w) the following new subparagraph:

(x) The commissioner of the department of military and veterans services, or designee.

7 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 115, relative to the state office of veterans services.

II. RSA 115-A:2, VI and VII, relative to the definitions of state veterans' advisory committee and the office of veterans services.

III. RSA 115-A:8, relative to the state veterans' advisory council.

8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

2017-2441h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the department of military and veterans services, an agency of the state. The bill also repeals the state office of veterans services and the state veterans advisory council.

Amendment to HB 656-FN-A-LOCAL

(2017-2478h)

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - r

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

AN ACT relative to the home cultivation of marijuana plants and the possession of certain marijuana-infused products.

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

1 Statement of Purpose. The general court finds that:

I. Since 2012, voters in the District of Columbia and 7 states, including Maine and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have legalized possession and limited cultivation of marijuana by adults 21 years of age and older.

II. Statewide polls have consistently found that most New Hampshire voters support making marijuana legal for adults 21 years of age and older.

III. Marijuana is less harmful than alcohol to the consumer and to society. It is less toxic, less harmful to the body, less addictive, and less likely to contribute to violent or reckless behavior. Adults should not be punished choosing to use marijuana instead of alcohol, if that is what they prefer.

IV. Home brewing of alcoholic beverages is legal in New Hampshire and every other state in the nation.

V. Allowing adults to cultivate their own limited supply of marijuana will provide them with an alternative to buying marijuana from illicit drug dealers.

2 Other Alcohol and Drug Offenses; Possession of Drugs. Amend RSA 265-A:43 to read as follows:

265-A:43 Possession of Drugs. Any person who drives on any way a vehicle while knowingly having in his or her possession or in any part of the vehicle a controlled drug or controlled drug analog in violation of the provisions of RSA 318-B shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and his or her license shall be revoked or his or her right to drive denied for a period of 60 days and at the discretion of the court for a period not to exceed 2 years. This section shall not apply to the possession of marijuana or hashish as provided in RSA 318-B:2-c; ~~or a personal-use amount of a regulated marijuana-infused product as defined in RSA 318-B:2-c, I(b)].~~

3 Controlled Drug Act; Personal Possession of Marijuana. Amend RSA 318-B:2-c to read as follows:

318-B:2-c Personal Possession of Marijuana.

I. In this section:

(a) "Marijuana" includes the leaves, stems, flowers, and seeds of all species of the plant genus cannabis, but shall not include the resin extracted from any part of such plant and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation from such resin including hashish, and further, shall not include the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such mature stalks, fiber, oil or cake, or the sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of germination.

(b) ~~["Personal-use amount of a regulated marijuana-infused product"]~~ **"Marijuana-infused product"** means one or more products that is comprised of marijuana, marijuana extracts, or resins and other ingredients and is intended for use or consumption, such as, but not limited to, edible products, ointments, and tinctures; ~~which was obtained from a state where marijuana sales to adults are legal and regulated under state law, and which is in its original, child-resistant, labeled packaging when it is being stored, and which contains a total of no more than 300 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol].~~

(c) **"Possession limit" means:**

(1) **Three-quarters of an ounce of marijuana, excluding hashish, marijuana-infused products, and growing marijuana plants;**

(2) **Five grams of hashish;**

(3) **Marijuana-infused products containing no more than 300 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC);**

(4) **Six marijuana plants, with 3 or fewer being mature, flowering plants; and**

(5) **Any additional marijuana, hashish, or marijuana-infused products produced from the person's marijuana plants, provided that any amount of marijuana in excess of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an ounce of marijuana, 5 grams of hashish, and marijuana-infused products containing no more than 300 milligrams of THC shall be possessed in the same location where the plants were cultivated.**

I-a. Except as provided in paragraphs III and IV, if undertaken by a person 21 years of age or older, the following acts shall not be illegal under New Hampshire law, shall not be a criminal or civil offense under New Hampshire law or the law of any political subdivision of New Hampshire, and shall not be a basis for seizure or forfeiture of assets under New Hampshire law:

(a) Possessing, consuming, growing, processing, or transporting an amount of marijuana that does not exceed the possession limit; or

(b) Transferring $\frac{3}{4}$ of an ounce of marijuana, 5 grams of hashish, marijuana-infused products containing no more than 300 milligrams of THC, or 3 immature, non-flowering marijuana plants to a person who is 21 years of age or older without remuneration; and

(c) Manufacturing, possessing, or purchasing marijuana accessories, or distributing or selling marijuana accessories to a person who is 21 years of age or older.

I-b. No person who is 21 years of age or older shall cultivate marijuana plants except as provided in this section:

(a) Marijuana plants shall not be cultivated in a location where the plants are subject to public view, including to view from another private property, without the use of binoculars, aircraft, or other optical aids.

(b) A person who cultivates marijuana shall take reasonable precautions to ensure the plants are secure from unauthorized access. Cultivating marijuana in an enclosed, locked space to which unauthorized persons do not have access, or other similar security precautions, shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable precautions.

(c) Marijuana cultivation shall only occur at the cultivator's primary residence.

(d) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a violation and may be fined not more than \$750.

I-c. No person shall smoke marijuana in a public place. A person 21 years of age or older who violates this paragraph shall be guilty of a violation and may be fined not more than \$100.

II. Except as provided in RSA 126-X, any person **under 21 years of age** who knowingly possesses 3/4 of an ounce or less of marijuana, including adulterants or dilutants, shall be guilty of a violation, and subject to the penalties provided in paragraph [V] **IV**.

III. Except as provided in RSA 126-X, any person **under 21 years of age** who knowingly possesses 5 grams or less of hashish, including adulterants or dilutants, shall be guilty of a violation, and subject to the penalties provided in paragraph [V] **IV**.

IV. ~~Except as provided in RSA 126-X, any person 21 years of age or older possessing a personal-use amount of a regulated marijuana-infused product shall be guilty of a violation, and subject to the penalties provided in paragraph V. Persons 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age who knowingly possess marijuana-infused products shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

~~V.](a) Except as provided in this paragraph, any person 18 years of age or older who is convicted of violating paragraph II or III[, or any person 21 years of age or older who is convicted of violating paragraph IV] shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for a first or second offense under this paragraph, or a fine of up to \$300 for any subsequent offense within any 3-year period; however, any person convicted based upon a complaint which alleged that the person had 3 or more prior convictions for violations of paragraph [H, HH, or IV] **II or III**, or under reasonably equivalent offenses in an out-of-state jurisdiction since the effective date of this paragraph, within a 3-year period preceding the fourth offense shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor. The offender shall forfeit the marijuana[, regulated marijuana-infused products,] or hashish to the state. A court shall waive the fine for a single conviction within a 3-year period upon proof that person has completed a substance abuse assessment by a licensed drug and alcohol counselor within 60 days of the conviction. A person who intends to seek an assessment in lieu of the fine shall notify the court, which shall schedule the matter for review after 180 days. Should proof of completion of an assessment be filed by or before that time, the court shall vacate the fine without a hearing unless requested by a party.~~

(b) Any person under 18 years of age who is convicted of violating paragraph II or III shall forfeit the marijuana or hashish and shall be subject to a delinquency petition under RSA 169-B:6.

~~[VI.] V.(a) Except as provided in this section, no person shall be subject to arrest for a violation of paragraph [H, HH, or IV] **II or III** and shall be released provided the law enforcement officer does not have lawful grounds for arrest for a different offense.~~

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a law enforcement agency from investigating or charging a person for a violation of RSA 265-A.

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as forbidding any police officer from taking into custody any minor who is found violating paragraph [H, HH, or IV] **II or III**.

(d) Any person in possession of an identification card, license, or other form of identification issued by the state or any state, country, city, or town, or any college or university, who fails to produce the same upon request of a police officer or who refuses to truthfully provide his or her name, address, and date of birth to a police officer who has informed the person that he or she has been found to be in possession of what appears to the officer to be 3/4 of an ounce or less of marijuana[, a personal-use amount of a regulated marijuana-infused product,] or 5 grams or less of hashish, may be arrested for a violation of paragraph [H, HH, or IV] **II or III**.

~~[VII.] VI.~~ All fines imposed pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund established in RSA 176-A:1 and utilized for evidence-informed substance abuse prevention programs.

~~[VIII.] VII.(a) No record that includes personally identifiable information resulting from a violation of this section shall be made accessible to the public, federal agencies, or agencies from other states or countries.~~

(b) Every state, county, or local law enforcement agency that collects and reports data for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Program shall collect data on the number of violations of paragraph [H, HH, or IV] **II or III**. The data collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be available to the public. A law enforcement agency may update the data annually and may make this data available on the agency's public Internet website.

VIII. Nothing in this section shall:

(a) Be construed to require an employer to permit or accommodate the use, consumption, possession, transfer, display, transportation, sale, or growing of marijuana in the workplace or to affect the ability of employers to have policies restricting the use of marijuana by employees.

(b) Be construed to permit driving or operating under the influence of drugs or liquor pursuant to RSA 265-A, nor prevent the state from enacting and imposing penalties for driving under the influence of or while impaired by marijuana.

(c) Be construed to permit the transfer of marijuana, with or without remuneration, to a person under 21 years of age, or to allow a person under 21 years of age to purchase, possess, use, transport, grow, or consume marijuana.

(d) Prohibit a state or county correctional facility from prohibiting the possession, consumption, use, display, transfer, distribution, sale, transportation, or growing of marijuana on or in the correctional facility's property.

(e) Prohibit a person or other entity that legally owns, leases, or controls any property from prohibiting or otherwise regulating the sale, use, or growing of marijuana on or in the property.

4 Controlled Drug Act; Penalties. Amend RSA 318-B:26, II(c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) In the case of more than 3/4 ounce of marijuana, ***marijuana-infused products containing more than 300 milligrams of THC***, or more than 5 grams of hashish, including any adulterants or dilutants, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. In the case of marijuana-infused products possessed by persons under the age of 21 ~~for marijuana-infused products as defined in RSA 318-B:2-c, other than a personal-use amount of a regulated marijuana-infused product as defined in RSA 318-B:2-c, I(b), that are possessed by a person 21 years of age or older~~, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d) In the case of 3/4 ounce or less of marijuana or 5 grams or less of hashish, including any adulterants or dilutants, ***possessed by a person under 21 years of age***, the person shall be guilty of a violation pursuant to RSA 318-B:2-c. ~~[In the case of a person 21 years of age or older who possesses a personal-use amount of a regulated marijuana-infused product as defined in RSA 318-B:2-c, I(b), the person shall be guilty of a violation pursuant to RSA 318-B:2-c.]~~

5 New Paragraph; Controlled Drug Act; Penalties. Amend RSA 318-B:26 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

VIII-a.(a) No person, other than an alternative treatment center approved pursuant to RSA 126-X, shall perform solvent-based extractions on marijuana using solvents other than water, glycerin, propylene glycol, vegetable oil, or food grade ethanol.

(b) No person shall extract compounds from cannabis using ethanol in the presence or vicinity of an open flame.

(c) Any person who violates this paragraph shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

6 Model Drug Dealer Liability Act; Definitions. Amend RSA 318-C:4, I to read as follows:

I. "Illegal drug" means any drug which is a schedule I-IV drug under RSA 318-B, ***the possession, use, manufacture, sale, or transportation of which is not otherwise authorized by law.***

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

2017-2478h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits adults to possess up to ¾ of an ounce of marijuana, 5 grams of hashish, and certain marijuana-infused products; permits adults to cultivate up to 6 marijuana plants at home in a secure location that is not visible from other properties, and to possess and process the marijuana produced from their plants at the same location; permits adults to give marijuana to other adults, provided it is not more than ¾ of an ounce of marijuana, 5 grams of hashish, or up to 300 mg of marijuana-infused products, or 3 immature plants; provides that smoking or vaporizing marijuana in public by an adult would be punishable by a \$100 fine; provides that violations of the restrictions on cultivation would be a violation punishable by fine of up to \$750; penalizes dangerous, volatile extraction; and permits adults to possess, make, and sell marijuana accessories to other adults.

Floor Amendment to SB 48

(2018-0034h)

Proposed by Rep. Hoell

Amend RSA 206:1-d, III as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Each member of the commission appointed under subparagraphs II(e) through (j) shall be an active outdoorsman holding a resident fishing, hunting, or trapping license in at least 5 of the 10 years preceding the appointment. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

Amend RSA 206:1-d, IX as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IX. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, the chairperson of the house fish and game and marine resources committee, the chairperson of the senate energy and natural resources committee, and the state library on or before January 1, 2019.

Amend the bill by replacing paragraph I of section 4 with the following:

I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

**Amendment to SB 48
(2017-2474h)**

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Fish and Game and Marine Resources - r

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

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the efficiency and effectiveness of fish and game department operations.

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

1 Declaration of Purpose. The duties of the fish and game department include management of the state's fish, wildlife, and habitat; off-highway recreational vehicle training and enforcement; conducting search and rescue operations; and administering the statewide public boat access program. Over the past several years, the department has seen declining revenue from license fees and an increase in operating expenses, including information technology, retiree health insurance, employee benefits, utility costs, and search and rescue costs. While the number of the department's hunting, fishing, and trapping constituents has been declining, non-consumptive users who benefit from the department's efforts to conserve and protect wildlife species and habitats have been on the rise. It was noted in the January 2008 audit of the department that this broader user base has not been well integrated into the governance, policy making, and financial support of the department. It is in the best interests of both wildlife and the people of New Hampshire that the financial operations of the department are structured in a way that is representative, efficient, effective, and financially secure.

2 New Section; Fish and Game; Study Commission Established. Amend RSA 206 by inserting after section 1-c the following new section:

206:1-d Commission Established.

I. There is established a commission to study the efficiency and effectiveness of fish and game department operations.

II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) One member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) Three members of the house of representatives, at least one of whom shall be from the fish and game and marine resources committee, and one of whom shall be from the finance committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The executive director of the fish and game department.

(d) One member of the fish and game commission, appointed by the chairperson of the fish and game commission.

(e) One person representing hunting, fishing, or trapping, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(f) One person representing a land conservation organization, appointed by the governor.

(g) One member representing the New Hampshire Guides' Association, appointed by the association.

(h) One member representing recreational interests, appointed by the president of the senate.

(i) One member representing the general public with a background in agricultural interests, appointed by the governor.

(j) One member of the general public, appointed by the senate president.

III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

IV. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

V. The commission shall make recommendations to improve the management and long-term financial health of the fish and game department, the department's name, new revenue sources, and other organizational and structural improvements that will better enable the department to carry out its statutory responsibilities. In developing recommendations, the commission shall:

(a) Review the findings of the 2008 legislative budget assistant's performance audit of the fish and game department.

(b) Solicit input from the fish and game department, the fish and game commission, and the public.

(c) Review governance structures and long-term funding mechanisms of other states' wildlife agencies.

(d) Review additional reports and studies it deems appropriate to its purpose.

VI. Appropriate legislative research entities shall provide assistance and support to the commission as necessary and as requested by the chairperson.

VII. The commission may form subcommittees or appoint technical committees composed of commission members and nonmembers to advance the goals of this section.

VIII. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, the chairperson of the house fish and game and marine resources committee, the chairperson of the senate energy and natural resources committee, and the state library on or before January 1, 2019.

3 Repeal. RSA 206:1-d, relative to the commission to study changes to the fish and game commission and department, is repealed.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2017-2474h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the efficiency and effectiveness of fish and game department operations.

Amendment to SB 224-FN

(2017-1158h)

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs - r

Amend RSA 332-L:1 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

332-L:1 Definition. In this chapter, “conversion therapy” sometimes referred to as “reparative therapy” or “reorientation therapy” means practices or treatments that seek to convert, change, cure, suppress, or repair an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity. Conversion therapy shall not include counseling that provides assistance to a person undergoing gender transition, or counseling that provides acceptance, support, and understanding of a person or facilitates a person’s coping, social support, and identity exploration and development, including sexual-orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, as long as such counseling does not seek to change an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity.