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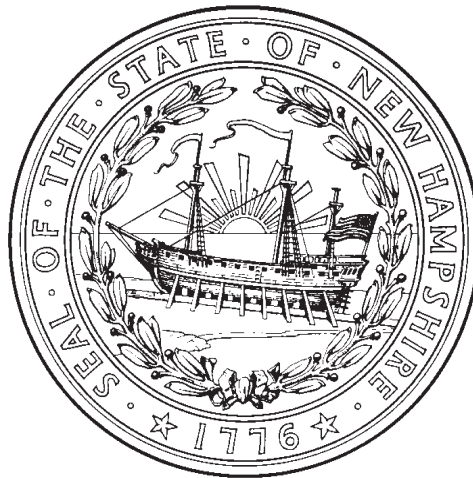
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SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,
MARCH 13, 2025 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

The Senate Session on Thursday, March 13, 2025, in the Senate Chamber
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Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 17-FN, relative to insurance cost-sharing calculations.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

SB 20-FN, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers. **01/30/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 35-FN, making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 59-FN, establishing a recruitment incentive program within the community college system for public safety communicators and dispatchers and making an appropriation therefor.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 64-FN, relative to an appropriation to the department of justice for the purpose of funding the New Hampshire child advocacy centers.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 70-FN, creating a mobile driver's license and non-driver identification card.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 113-FN-A, making appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless services and homeless prevention.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 114-FN-A, making appropriations to the department of health and human services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 115-FN, making an appropriation for regional drinking water infrastructure.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 116-FN, relative to the Pillsbury Lake Village District community water system, and making an appropriation therefor.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 117-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of education to fund the online tutoring program.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 120-FN, relative to insurance coverage for biomarker testing.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

SB 158-FN, raising the funding cap for the New Hampshire community development finance authority.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 168-FN-LOCAL, regulating online gambling and directing net proceeds to the education trust fund, the general fund, and to reimburse municipalities for elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf tax exemptions.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2025-0390s, Ways and Means, SJ 6**

SB 227-FN, relative to site setbacks for landfills.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Rerefer to Committee, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 6**

SB 238-FN, establishing the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prevention and treatment program and making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for this purpose.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 239-FN, appropriating funds to the fish and game department for continuing environmental review and to cover a deficit for previously instituted salary increases.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 240-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for eligible water projects.**02/13/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 5**

SB 242-FN, relative to the cost of living adjustments for certain group II retirees in the New Hampshire retirement system.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 290-FN, relative to the definition of "torture" in animal abuse cases.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Rerefer to Committee, Judiciary, SJ 6**

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 66-FN, relative to third-party veterans' claims assistance and protection.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 6-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would have prohibited the receipt of compensation for referring individuals to veterans' benefits advisors, mandated written agreements for paid advisory services, required specific disclosures, and set penalties for violations. The intent was to enact consumer protections for veterans, while also ensuring they had options for assistance. Based on concerns raised by stakeholders, the Committee believed this bill needed additional work.

SB 80-FN, consolidating licensing, auditing, and enforcement responsibilities for wholesale and retail e-cigarettes sales under the liquor commission.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

To avoid duplicative investigations, this bill would consolidate licensing, auditing, and enforcement responsibilities for wholesale and retail e-cigarettes sales under the Liquor Commission. If enacted, liquor enforcement would be able to ensure distributors are paying their taxes. The Committee Amendment clarified that auditing would remain under the Department of Revenue, while licensing and enforcement authority would be given to the Liquor Commission.

SB 86-FN, relative to the housing finance authority's affordable housing guarantee program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

This bill would establish an affordable housing guarantee program within the Housing Finance Authority to promote affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals. By reducing the financial risk to lenders, greater investment in housing projects would be encouraged. Over the past 25 years, the Authority has had no defaults while running the federal program. The Committee Amendment clarified the amount of loans that could be capped at one time, and it would sunset the program on July 1, 2030.

SB 88-FN, prohibiting state government entities from including specified terms related to labor organization agreements in construction related contracts and grants.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill would have prohibited state entities from including specified terms related to labor organization agreements in construction related contracts and grants. It is undeniable the benefits the construction industry brings to the state. For every \$1 spent on construction, \$1.5 is reinvested into the community. Given there has never been a state funded public labor agreement, and all contractors including non-union ones are invited to submit bids on public works projects, the Committee believed this bill needed additional work.

SB 177-FN, relative to requiring New Hampshire employers with over 25 employees use the E-Verify system.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would have required New Hampshire employers with over 25 employees to use the E-Verify system, and it would have provided for an investigations process through the Department of Labor. While the E-Verify system is free, it could pose an onerous administrative burden on small businesses. Businesses are already required to fill out and retain I-9 forms, and the Department already has the ability to audit employers to ensure they are complying. Businesses could be susceptible to security risks by transitioning to the E-Verify system, and there would be no guarantee it would stop individuals from engaging in wrongdoing or preventing them from using others documentation.

SB 279-FN, establishing the housing champion business loan program and making appropriations to the department of business and economic affairs and the business finance authority.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would allow housing champion communities to participate in a business loan program administered by the Business Finance Authority. Through this program, the Authority could provide low interest loans to businesses inside cities and towns that are designated as Housing Champions. In addition, this bill would make an appropriation to the Department of Business and Economic Affairs for deposit into the Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund. So far, the program has awarded funds to 18 communities to help offset the cost of sewer and water infrastructure projects.

EDUCATION

SB 33-FN, relative to the regulation of public school materials.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-1.

Senator Ward for the committee.

SB 33-FN requires local school districts to adopt and publicly post policies outlining materials authorized for student use and procedures for addressing complaints regarding content deemed harmful or age-inappropriate. The bill establishes a formal complaint resolution process, including an appeal to the local school board. The committee established that more research should be done before a decision on the bill is made.

SB 101-FN, authorizing parents to enroll their children in any public school in the state.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

SB 101-FN is a universal school choice bill which allows New Hampshire students to attend any public school in the state. It requires the average cost per pupil at the resident district school to be allocated to whichever school a student transfers to, requiring the parents/guardian of that student to pay the difference if the average cost per pupil is higher at the school the student is transferring to. The committee established that more research should be done before a decision on the bill is made.

SB 204-FN-A, relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide meals to students during school hours, reimbursing schools for meals provided to students at no cost, and making an appropriation therefor. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

SB 204-FN-A requires local school districts to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to students from households with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level through an opt-in program. The bill appropriates funds to reimburse schools for a portion of the costs and to assist districts in implementing an online application system for free or reduced-price meals.

SB 206-FN, requiring public schools to adopt policies to limit the use of cell phones by students.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 206-FN requires public school districts to adopt policies prohibiting student cell phone use during the school day, with exceptions for medical, disability, or language proficiency needs. The policy must be developed in collaboration with educators and parents and reviewed annually. The amendment clarifies that school boards must define a policy for student device use rather than banning it outright and requires the policy to outline administrative involvement if rules are not enforced or followed.

SB 209-FN, requiring schools to engage an owner's project manager for construction of school building aid projects at the time of application.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 209-FN requires school districts and chartered public schools applying for school building aid to engage an owner's project manager at the time of application for construction or reconstruction projects over \$1 million. The bill ensures project oversight from the start of the application process, though the requirement may be waived by the commissioner if deemed unnecessary.

EDUCATION FINANCE

SB 292-FN-A, authorizing a warrant for the funding of state special education aid.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

Senate Bill 292-FN-A authorizes a warrant for the funding of state special education programs. This bill ensures that the state's special education programs have adequate funding so that they may provide their services.

SB 294-FN, relative to lab fees for career and technical education courses.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

Senate Bill 294 amends RSA 188-E:1-A to include plans for the provision of *lab fees* for students from sending schools who wish to attend career and technical education programs.

SB 296, increasing the percentage of nonpublic school scholarships awarded to students who qualify for the federal free and reduced-price meal program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

Senate Bill 296 increases the percentage of nonpublic school scholarships awarded to students who qualify for the federal free and reduced-price meal program. This bill ensures that lower income students have access to quality scholarships. Amendment 2025-0642s adds language that prevents students in the Education Freedom Account from obtaining funds in this program. It also adds a probationary year to the re-application process if an income increase exceeds 300% of poverty.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 44, relative to hand counts of ballots in elections.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

The original bill requires a hand recount upon the request of 100 registered voters in one city, town, or municipality using electronic ballot counting machines. The committee heard concerns that requiring a hand count by a municipality could affect the integrity of ballots and interfere with the preparation of ballots for the next election. The committee amendment addresses these concerns by allowing a voter who wishes to have their ballot counted by hand to request that it be hand counted when the voter presents their ballot to the moderator. For these reasons, the committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment.

SB 103-FN-L, relative to the number of polling stations that are available for certain towns.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

SB 103-FN requires towns and cities to have at least one polling place per every 20,000 registered voters unless the town or city has received approval from the secretary of state for fewer locations. The committee amendment lowers the polling location requirement per the number of registered voters from 20,000 to 15,000 to alleviate long lines at the polls and make the voting process less cumbersome for voters. The committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment.

SB 215, requiring an unorganized town or unincorporated place to elect town officers for the purpose of conducting elections.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

SB 215 would require an unorganized town or unincorporated place of a specific size to elect town officers for the purpose of conducting elections. The committee heard from Secretary of State Scanlan that there are unincorporated locations in New Hampshire that have not organized to conduct elections but have instead chosen to align themselves with a nearby town. Secretary Scanlan explained that this can create issues when the aligned town is redistricted to a different district and the unincorporated location can no longer align itself with that town. For these reasons, the committee recommends Ought to Pass.

SB 218, relative to absentee ballot outer envelopes.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill removes the requirement that absentee ballots be placed in outer envelopes unless they are mailed to town or city clerks. It also allows clerks to open outer envelopes, allowing applicants time to cure defects. The committee believes enacting this bill would, during a preprocessing session, allow for ease of processing and increase transparency throughout the absentee voting process. For these reasons, the committee believes SB 218 Ought to Pass.

SB 221, relative to the verification of the checklist.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill changes checklist verification from every 10 years to every 5 years. The committee amendment more closely resembles a bill that passed the Senate last year by changing the 10-year requirement to every 4 years, looking back 6 years, which would cover two presidential elections and dozens of municipal and state elections. For this reason, the committee recommends SB 221 Ought to Pass with Amendment.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 228-FN, relative to the limitations on community customer generators.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 228 modifies the scope and capacity limits of community solar projects. It allows customer-generators to join group net metering after using their on-site generation and raises the capacity limit for individual low-to-moderate income solar projects to 3 MW and up to 18MW for all projects. The amendment caps compensation at total group electricity costs to prevent excessive payments and adds nonprofit education institutions and special districts or entities, including public housing, as eligible municipal hosts.

SB 231, relative to road frontage requirements and setbacks for wetlands.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 231 is intended to improve housing density by limiting road frontage requirements and setbacks for wetlands to no more than 50 feet. These changes ensure consistency with existing shoreland protection laws under RSA 483-B:9 and maintain compliance with environmental standards under RSA 489:2. By reducing restrictive zoning barriers, this bill intends to facilitate residential development while preserving environmental protections, supporting housing availability. However, the Senate Energy voted to rerefer the bill, stating that the language needs further refinement before it can be advanced.

SB 232, clarifying certain net metering terms and conditions.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

SB 232 clarifies net metering rules to ensure renewable energy generators in ISO-New England markets can retain their market participant status while qualifying for net metering. It directs the Public Utilities Commission to periodically review alternative net metering tariffs to balance benefits and costs between customer-generators and ratepayers. The bill also prevents retroactive changes to net metering eligibility, protecting existing participants from new tariff adjustments.

SB 235, enabling funds from the Pitman-Robertson Act to be spent by the fish and game department on threatened and endangered species in New Hampshire.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 235 allows the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to use Pitman-Robertson Act funds to protect threatened and endangered species. Previously, these funds could only be used for species that had been legally hunted, fished, or trapped in the past five years. Removing this restriction helps strengthen wildlife conservation, protect biodiversity, and improve environmental efforts across the state.

SB 236, relative to transferring control of the Electric Assistance Program to the department of energy.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

SB 236 transfers control of the Electric Assistance Program from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Energy, improving oversight and efficiency. The bill ensures that financial aid through a small charge of 1.5 mills per kilowatt-hour on electric bills. This change gives the Department of Energy authority over eligibility, benefits, and spending, ensuring continued support for low-income electricity customers.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 179-FN, to administratively attach the state council on housing stability to the department of health and human services.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

SB 179-FN provides that the New Hampshire Council on Housing Stability shall be administratively attached to the Department of Health and Human Services. The amendment revises the members and duties of the Council and repeals the requirement that the Housing Finance Authority submit a biennial housing plan.

SB 183, relative to membership of the Pease development authority board of directors.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

SB 183 changes the membership of the Pease Development Authority Board of Directors to give representation to the towns of Hampton and Rye. Due to the number of stakeholders who emerged throughout the committee process, the Committee felt this bill needs more time for discussion.

SB 184, recognizing the second Thursday in October as children's environmental health day.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 184 establishes the second Thursday in October as Children's Environmental Health Day. Children's Environmental Health Day is a nationwide movement to encourage collective efforts to enhance awareness and understanding of children's environmental health issues. For the past few years the governor has, upon request, issued an annual proclamation. This bill removes the need for future proclamations.

SB 186, relative to a portrait in the likeness of Senator Jeb Bradley at the state house.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 186 authorizes the Joint Legislative Historical Committee to accept a gift of a portrait of Senator Jeb Bradley. The commission to create the portrait is fully privately funded. The portrait would recognize Senator Bradley's years of legislative service to the State of New Hampshire.

SB 195, relative to reporting requirements for the New Hampshire advisory council on career and technical education.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

SB 195 changes the required content of the annual report issued by the Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education. The amendment changes the composition and duties of the Council. One of the new duties of the Council would be to establish annual metrics on the number of students who complete career and technical education, the number of dual enrollments, and the number of industry recognized credentials awarded.

SB 198, declaring the third week in September to be New Hampshire service dog week.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator McGough for the committee.

SB 198 declares the third week in September to be New Hampshire service dog week. Service dogs were first trained for wounded veterans of World War I, and have continued to be trained and provide assistance to people of all walks of life and disabilities. This week would help people differentiate between service dogs and emotional support dogs.

SB 298-FN, relative to sober living house certification and operational standards.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

SB 298-FN requires sober living houses to be certified by the New Hampshire Coalition of Recovery Residents, to verify resident eligibility, and to retain a paid house manager. This bill provides enforcement authority to the municipality in which the house is located and to the Department of Health and Human Services. The Committee heard testimony from stakeholders and sober living house operators that bad actors have been abusing sober living housing, but that this bill needs more work to avoid unintended consequences.

SB 302-FN, requiring background checks for solid waste facility owners.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 302-FN requires background checks for solid waste facility owners including partners and managers. This bill was drafted in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Services (DES). The bill fine tuned previous efforts to change the background check process to comply with Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) requirements.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 125-FN, relative to clinical eligibility criteria for nursing facility and home and community based care. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

This bill updates clinical eligibility criteria for nursing facility and home and community based care; adds mobility to the activities of daily living; corrects the federal reference for the definition of “skilled professional medical personnel”; requires information from the applicant’s primary care physician be considered; clarifies the medical eligibility determination is the responsibility of “skilled professional medical personnel”; and gives the Department of Health and Human Services staff authority to obtain medical information for the eligibility decision making process. The intent of this legislation is to address the ongoing issue of individuals losing eligibility for their care services and suffering as a result.

SB 127-FN-A, relative to the office of the public guardian and making appropriations to the department of health and human services.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

As amended, this bill authorizes hospitals seeking to assist older adults or adults with a disability with discharge from a hospital setting to a less restrictive setting to seek to have a guardian or conservator appointed by the probate court, and makes an appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services to fund guardianship slots. This bill supports the critical work done to care for vulnerable individuals and addresses pressure on the healthcare system by ensuring these individuals are in a setting to receive the appropriate level of care.

SB 135-FN, relative to rate setting parity for Medicaid state plan case management services.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to annually establish rates for Medicaid State Plan case management services to create rate parity for such services within the program. The language of this bill is currently required by both state and federal regulations. The intent of this legislation is to clarify any misunderstandings and ensure compliance with rate setting parity.

SB 136-FN, establishing an uncompensated care assessment, fund, and committee within the department of insurance.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill establishes an uncompensated health care fund to be administered by the Department of Insurance and assessed by a surcharge on commercial insurers, reinsurers, and trusts overseeing self-insured plans. A proposed change clarifying the bill’s intent to target uncompensated care in mental health care has been considered, and the Committee believes it would be best to revisit this effort in the future and work with stakeholders in the meantime to ensure this bill is ready to go.

SB 243-FN, relative to the child care scholarship program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt administrative rules regarding payments for child care providers, the child care scholarship presumptive eligibility pilot program, and the child care scholarship application process study. This bill will address the child care shortage by making the child care scholarship program more accessible for parents and providers across the state, ensuring that parents can go back into employment and that child care providers are not facing unnecessary financial strain.

SB 244-FN-A, relative to expanding access to primary health care services, increasing the number of direct health care providers, increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates, and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

As amended, this bill expands access to primary health care services by directing the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its contract with the Bi-State Primary Care Association’s Recruitment Center in order to expand health care workforce recruitment and retention efforts and increases funding

for such programs. The bill also makes an appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for opioid treatment providers. This will take an important step forward in addressing the shortages in New Hampshire's health care workforce, ensuring access to care for patients across the state.

SB 245-FN, prohibiting surprise ambulance billing and regulating ground ambulance reimbursement.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill prohibits health carriers and providers from balance billing for ambulance services and establishes parameters for reimbursement of ground ambulance services by non-participating ambulance service providers. An amendment has been adopted that clarifies balanced billing prohibitions, removes co-pay caps and waivers, points to statute regarding prompt pay requirements, and points to jurisdiction around payment explanation of benefits.

SB 251, establishing a commission to study the delivery of public health services through regional public health networks and the continued development of coordinated responses to public health incidents and emergencies in New Hampshire.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill re-establishes the commission to study the delivery of public health services through regional public health networks and the continued development of coordinated responses to public health incidents and emergencies in New Hampshire. Re-establishing this commission will continue the critical, unfinished work surrounding regional public health networks and their collaborative role in New Hampshire's public health system.

JUDICIARY

SB 49-FN, establishing the crime of and penalties for unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 49, a request of the New Hampshire Department of Safety, establishes the crime of, and penalties for the unlawful use of small, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). Penalties for unlawful UAS operations range from misdemeanors to class A felonies relative to the manner of operation, and danger posed to other craft or individuals.

SB 143, relative to the impaired driver care management program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

Senate Bill 143, a request of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, enhances the accountability of drivers subject to the Impaired Driver Care Management Program (IDCMP). As amended, the bill requires that individuals participate in the IDCMP for reinstatement of their license regardless of prior completion within the last five years, while asserting that IDCMP programs must be consistent with nationally recognized standards to be valid.

SB 148-FN, prohibiting those convicted of murder from financially profiting from the death of the victim.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

Senate Bill 148, as amended, prevented convicted murderers from profiting off the death of their victim. Individuals who have been found to have intentionally and feloniously killed another, and who have exhausted appeal, may not be beneficiary to the decedent and or forfeits all benefits relative to the decedent's estate. In cases where a conviction is not secured, interested parties may also petition the court.

SB 259, creating an exception to physical attendance and quorum requirements under the right-to-know law for individuals with disabilities.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 259 absolves certain individuals from in-person quorum standards assuming they, or someone they care for is qualified under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The legislation intended on improving the productivity and participation of certain bodies which faced difficulty satisfying current standards.

SB 263, criminalizing and creating a private right of action for the facilitation, encouragement, offer, solicitation, or recommendation of certain acts or actions through a responsive generative communication to a child.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

Senate Bill 263, as amended, establishes criminal penalties and a private right of action relative to certain communications and content generated to children. Generative responses toward a child that facilitates, encourages, solicits, or offers sexual, violent, or substance related matters shall be considered child endangerment, subject to prosecution and or private action.

SB 300-FN, criminalizing the creation of child intimate visual representations.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 300 provides that the production, manufacture, or direction of an intimate visual representation of a child is a class B felony. The standing RSAs on Child Sex Abuse Images are expanded upon in SB 300 to accommodate for generative content which remains harmful yet unaccounted for in current language specific to traditional mediums.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 153-FN, relative to the issuance of permits for the alteration of driveways exiting onto public ways.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

The original bill proposed a timeframe of 90 days for the issuance of driveway permits, particularly for housing developments that are major traffic generators or significant entrances. The amendment modifies SB 153-FN to become an innovative public-private partnership with NHDOT that will cut permitting time by over one year while enhancing accountability, transparency, and efficiency. This voluntary program streamlines the process by allowing residential home developers to “fast-track” their permits for residential sites with 20 units or more. This act shall take effect 90 days after its passage. The committee moves SB 153-FN ought to pass with an amendment.

SB 157-FN, relative to inspection and registration of certain fleet vehicles and necessary amendments and administrative rules regarding the state implementation plan.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

SB 157-FN establishes a vehicle rental fleet registration program for companies with 50 or more vehicles, permitting inspections upon purchase and again in the second year. The amendment requires the Department of Environmental Services to support rulemaking for state implementation plans and federal emission laws. This bill streamlines vehicle inspections and registrations for rental companies, preventing the need to title vehicles in other states. The committee recommends passage with the amendment.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 291, relative to the religious use of land property tax exemption.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

SB 291 clarifies and affirms the property tax exempt status of property owned by religious institutions and used for religious purposes. The committee heard testimony that certain municipalities began taxing properties that had always been exempt because they were no longer occupied by the religious institution's leader but instead were either being occupied by employees, volunteers, or being rented out. The committee amendment addresses concerns raised during the hearing by capping at six, the number of units a religious institution may use for such purposes as residential or congregate housing and maintain tax exempt status.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 79-FN, enabling the use of self-pour automated systems by liquor commission licensees.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

SB 84-FN, relative to zoning procedures concerning residential housing.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-1.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

SB 162-FN, relative to restrictions on acquisition of ownership, controlling, and occupancy interests in real property by certain foreign principals on or around certain military installations, and criminal penalties and civil forfeiture procedures for illegal acquisition.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

SB 164-FN, relative to homeowners and prohibiting certain types of service agreements.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-2.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

SB 176-FN, relative to the state minimum hourly rate.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator Innis for the committee.

EDUCATION

SB 97-FN, relative to intra-district public school transfers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

SB 203-FN, relative to administration of the education freedom accounts program.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 205-FN, requiring schools to offer free or reduced cost breakfast and lunch to children who meet federal income eligibility guidelines.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Ward for the committee.

SB 207-FN, requiring the department of education to administer the education freedom account program.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Ward for the committee.

SB 208-FN, requiring local school boards and public libraries to adopt curation policies.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 3-2.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

EDUCATION FINANCE

SB 293-FN, relative to using enrollment in Medicaid as a measure of eligibility for school lunches.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Ward for the committee.

SB 295-FN, expanding the number of students eligible for education freedom accounts.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 213-FN, relative to absentee voting.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 214, enabling no-excuse absentee registration and voting.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 130-FN, relative to insurance reimbursement for ambulance services.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

SB 249-FN, relative to the uncompensated care and Medicaid fund.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.
Senator Birdsell for the committee.

JUDICIARY

SB 144-FN, authorizing the state to report mental health data for firearms background check purposes and providing for processes for confiscation of firearms following certain mental health-related court proceedings and for relief from mental health-related firearms disabilities.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.
Senator Abbas for the committee.
CACR 8, relating to sheriffs. Providing that no person shall hold the office of county sheriff after he or she has attained the age of seventy-five years.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.
Senator Abbas for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 151-FN, relative to accessible parking permit verification and fraud prevention.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Fenton for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 83-FN, establishing an elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf property tax exemption reimbursement fund, authorizing video lottery terminals, renaming the lottery commission, and creating a voluntary statewide self-exclusion database.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.
Senator Lang for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
March 4, 2025
2025-0730s
08/09

Amendment to SB 44

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Hand Count. Amend RSA 659 by inserting after section 23-a the following new section:

659:23-b Machine Count; Hand Count. In precincts where an electronic ballot counting device is used, a voter may request that his or her ballot be counted by hand at the time the voter presents his or her ballot to the moderator. The moderator shall deposit the ballot in the compartment on the side of the electronic ballot counting device.

2025-0730s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows a voter voting in a precinct with electronic ballot counting devices to request that his or her vote be counted by hand.

Senate Judiciary
March 5, 2025
2025-0754s
09/08

Amendment to SB 49-FN

Amend RSA 644:23, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor for a first offense, and a felony for a second or subsequent offense, if such person operates a small unmanned aircraft system ("UAS") that interferes with law enforcement, firefighting, or other emergency response operations, over a military installation, or violates any provisions of RSA 644:9.

Amend RSA 644:23, II(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) A class A misdemeanor for a first offense, and a felony for a second or subsequent offense, if such person negligently operates a small UAS in a manner so as to interfere with or disrupt the flight of a human-occupied aircraft, or otherwise impede the normal course of operations of any international, regional, municipal, or general aviation airport.

Amend RSA 644:23, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if such a person operates a small UAS in FAA-restricted airspace over the property of a federal or state correctional, penal, or detention facility, or over a military installation, and a class B felony if such operation is done with the purpose of delivering contraband into the facility or to aid in the escape of a prisoner.

Senate Commerce

March 4, 2025

2025-0727s

05/09

Amendment to SB 79-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Self-Automated Pour Systems. Amend RSA 178 by inserting after section 22 the following new section:

178:22-a Self-Automated Pour Systems.

I. In this section:

(a) “Automated system” means a mechanized device capable of dispensing alcoholic beverages in a predetermined amount directly to an employee of the licensee or a patron when an RFID device activates the mechanized device.

(b) “Licensee” means a holder of an on-premises license under RSA 178:20, RSA 178:20-a, RSA 178:21, or RSA 178:22.

(c) “Quantity limit” means 32 ounces of beverage or 32 ounces of cider not exceeding 6 percent alcohol by volume, or 10 ounces of wine.

(d) “Radio frequency identification device” or “RFID device” means a card, wristband, or other item that uses electromagnetic fields, ultra-high frequency radio waves, or other similar technology that automatically and uniquely identifies the user of the device.

II. Automated systems may be used by a licensee under the following conditions:

(a) A licensee may offer self-service of beverage or cider not exceeding 6 percent alcohol by volume, or wine from an automated system on the premises of the licensee.

(b) No licensee shall allow an automated system to be used by patrons without first providing notification to the liquor commission of the licensee’s intent to use an automated system.

(c) The sale of the alcoholic beverage through the automated system shall be deemed to occur between the licensee and the patron.

(d) Every licensee offering a patron self-service through an automated system shall maintain constant video monitoring of the automated system at all times during which the licensee is open to the public. The licensee shall keep recorded footage from the video monitoring for at least 60 days and shall provide the footage, upon request, to the commission or any authorized law enforcement agent.

(e) A licensee shall offer to a patron who prepaids for an RFID device a prorated refund if the patron does not serve himself or herself the full allowable amount of beverage, cider, or wine from the automated system.

III. Automated systems shall have the following requirements:

(a) The automated system shall only be accessible by an activated RFID device that an employee or patron receives from the licensee or the licensee’s designee. Each time a patron activates or reactivates the

RFID device, the automated system may dispense to the patron an amount up to the quantity limit. The full amount of the quantity limit need not be served at once. No more than the quantity limit shall be served per each activation of the RFID device.

(b) No beverage, cider, or wine shall be sold, served, or dispensed from an automated system unless the brand name of the beverage, cider or wine manufacturer's product corresponding to the container from the beverage is drawn is affixed or imprinted on a card, sign, plate, button, screen, or key of the dispensing spigot or nozzle. The automated system shall prohibit the intermixing of alcoholic beverages of different brands or labels while dispensing.

(c) The automated system shall not dispense from or utilize a container other than the original container as received from the manufacturer or wholesaler.

(d) No automated system shall allow beverage, cider, or wine to flow through copper or lead tubing unless such tubing is isolated so that the alcoholic beverage does not come in direct contact with the copper or the lead.

(e) The automated system shall be located in the main portion of the dining room or cocktail lounge in an area that is constantly monitored by the licensee and visible to the public.

IV. RFID devices shall have the following requirements:

(a) An RFID device shall be automatically deactivated and rendered unusable by a patron if it:

- (1) No longer contains a volume credit or monetary credit; or
- (2) Has been used to dispense the quantity limit.

(b) The automated system shall prohibit a patron from obtaining different types of alcoholic beverage during the same activation. For the purposes of this section the types of alcoholic beverage are beverage, cider, or wine.

(c) The licensee shall maintain the ability to activate and deactivate all RFID devices at any time, and shall store the devices in a secure location that is not freely and readily accessible to patrons.

(d) Each RFID device shall only be used during the hours that the licensee is allowed to serve alcoholic beverages according to its license under this chapter. All RFID devices shall be deactivated upon the conclusion of legal service hours or when the premises closes, whichever occurs first.

V. In order to access the automated system:

(a) An employee or patron shall obtain or activate an RFID device from the licensee or the licensee's designee. A licensee or the licensee's designee shall not issue more than one active RFID device to an employee or patron at any given time and shall ensure that the employee and patron do not share the RFID device with another person.

(b) Before allowing a patron to use an RFID device, the licensee or the licensee's designee shall verify that the patron is 21 years of age or older based upon a government-issued identification card with a name that matches the patron's debit card, credit card, or mobile payment application. The licensee or the licensee's designee shall record such verification of the patron's age in a print or digital log that shall be kept upon the licensee's premises for a period of 3 years from the date of the last entry and shall be available at all times that the premises is open for inspection by the commission and any authorized law enforcement agent. Such log may be kept off the licensee's premises but only with the approval of the commission.

(c) The licensee shall not allow an intoxicated patron to access the automated system.

(d) Any patron in possession of an inactive RFID device may, upon production of the patron's valid identification, have the RFID device reactivated a second time and subsequent times to allow another service of an amount up to the quantity limit. The licensee shall not reactivate the RFID device until the patron's first serving is substantially disposed of or consumed.

VI.(a) Beverage, cider, or wine pipe lines, barrel tubes, coils and other appurtenances used for the dispensing of alcoholic beverages through an automated system shall be cleaned at least once a week by the use of a hydraulic pressure mechanism, hand pump suction, or a force clear, or other substantially similar system. After cleaning, the lines and tubes shall be rinsed with clear water until all chemicals, if any have

been used, have been removed. A print or digital record card shall be used to record the dates of cleaning. Such card shall be signed by the person who performs the cleaning and countersigned by the licensee. Such card shall be kept upon the licensee's premises for a period of one year from the date of the last entry and shall be available at all times that the premises is open for inspection by the commission and any authorized law enforcement agent.

(b) At least once every 30 calendar days, a licensee shall calibrate the automated system to ensure that each ounce of liquid registered by the system is precisely one ounce of liquid poured. A print or digital record card shall be used to record the dates of calibration. Such card shall be signed by the person who performs the calibration and counter signed by the licensee. Such card shall be kept upon the licensee's premises for a period of one year from the date of the last entry and shall be available at all times that the premises is open for inspection by the commission and any authorized law enforcement agent.

VII. The commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to maximum dollar sales and the maximum number of ounces that may be sold to a patron.

Senate Commerce
March 4, 2025
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07/09

Amendment to SB 80-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Notice to Liquor Commission. Amend RSA 78:23 to read as follows:

78:23 Notice to Liquor Commission. The commissioner shall provide notice to the liquor commission of ***a violation of this chapter by*** a retailer, ~~[whose license has been suspended or revoked by the commission]~~ ***wholesaler, or manufacturer that results in an assessment, penalty, seizure, suspension or revocation.***

Amend RSA 178:19-a, VIII as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VIII. Each retailer shall keep complete and accurate records of all tobacco products bought and sold in this state. Complete records shall be safely preserved for 3 years to ensure permanency and accessibility for inspection by the liquor commission.

Amend RSA 178:19-e, I as inserted by section 7 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. No tobacco products manufacturer shall engage in the business of selling or distributing tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, in this state, unless it is registered with the secretary of state, it has obtained a tobacco tax certificate from the department of revenue administration, and it is licensed as a tobacco products manufacturer in this state, as applicable.

Amend RSA 178:19-e, IV as inserted by section 7 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. Each manufacturer shall keep complete and accurate records of all tobacco products manufactured, produced, imported, distributed, bought, and sold in this state. Complete records shall be safely preserved for 3 years to ensure permanency and accessibility for inspection by the liquor commission.

Amend RSA 178:19-f, I as inserted by section 7 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. No tobacco products wholesaler shall engage in the business of selling or distributing tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, in this state, unless it is registered with the secretary of state, it has obtained a tobacco tax certificate from the department of revenue administration, and it is licensed as a tobacco products wholesaler in this state, as applicable.

Amend section 7 of the bill by inserting after RSA 178:19-g the following new section:

178:19-h Notice to Department of Revenue Administration. The commissioner shall provide notice to the department of revenue administration of a violation of RSA 178:19-a, 178:19-b, 178:19-c, 178:19-e, or 178:19-f by a retailer, wholesaler, or manufacturer that results in an assessment, penalty, seizure, suspension or revocation.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 9 with the following:

10 New Paragraph; Suspension or Revocation. Amend RSA 179:57 by inserting after paragraph I-a the following new paragraph:

I-b. License suspension for a violation of RSA 78:26 shall be as provided in RSA 78:26, VII.

11 Tobacco Tax; Licenses and Tobacco Tax Certificates Required. Amend RSA 78:6 - 78:9 to read as follows:

78:6 Licenses *and Tobacco Tax Certificates* Required.

I. No manufacturer or wholesaler shall engage in the business of selling or distributing tobacco products in this state, unless registered with the secretary of state, ~~and~~ licensed as a manufacturer or wholesaler in this state *under RSA 178 and holding a tobacco tax certificate issued under this chapter*, as applicable.

II. No retailer or sampler shall engage in the business of selling or distributing tobacco products in this state, unless licensed to sell or distribute tobacco products under RSA 178.

III. A wholesaler shall have a separate license *and tobacco tax certificate* for each location.

IV. The fees for ~~licenses and license~~ *tobacco tax certificates and tobacco tax certificate* renewals shall be:

(a) \$100 for a manufacturer's ~~license~~ *tobacco tax certificate*; and

(b) \$250 for a wholesaler's ~~license~~ *tobacco tax certificate*.

V. Each license *and tobacco tax certificate* shall be prominently displayed in the premises described in it.

VI. Licenses *and tobacco tax certificates* shall not be transferable.

VII. Any wholesaler or manufacturer that ceases business operations requiring a license *or tobacco tax certificate* under this chapter during the license *or certificate* period shall inform the department in writing and relinquish its license *to the liquor commission and its tobacco tax certificate* to the department within 30 days after ceasing business operations.

VIII. Each manufacturer, wholesaler, sampler, and retailer shall keep complete and accurate records of all tobacco stamps purchased and all tobacco products manufactured, produced, imported, distributed, bought, and sold in this state. Complete records shall be safely preserved for 3 years to insure permanency and accessibility for inspection by the commissioner.

IX. Any person who sells, offers for sale, or possesses with intent to sell in this state any tobacco products without the appropriate license *and tobacco tax certificate*, as provided in this section or RSA 178, shall be subject to criminal penalties as provided in RSA 21-J:39.

X. Notwithstanding RSA 21-J:14, information regarding ~~licenses~~ *tobacco tax certificates* issued pursuant to this section, *licenses issued pursuant to* RSA 178 ~~[as it pertains to licenses for the retail sale of tobacco products]~~, and RSA 126-K~~[-]~~ shall be public records.

78:7 Tobacco Product Sales Between Licensees *and Certificate Holders*.

I. No manufacturer or wholesaler shall sell tobacco products in this state to any manufacturer, wholesaler, retailer, or sampler that does not possess an appropriate ~~license~~ *tobacco tax certificate* issued by the commissioner ~~or~~ *and license issued* by the liquor commission under RSA 178.

II. A manufacturer shall sell tobacco products, without indicia of tax paid under RSA 78:10 or RSA 78:14, as applicable, only to a wholesaler licensed by this state.

III. A wholesaler shall purchase tobacco products, without indicia of tax paid under RSA 78:10 or RSA 78:14, as applicable, only from a manufacturer or wholesaler licensed by this state *under RSA 178 and holding a tobacco tax certificate issued under this chapter*.

IV. A wholesaler shall sell tobacco products to a retailer or sampler in this state only if it provides indicia of tax paid under RSA 78:10 or RSA 78:14, as applicable, to the purchaser *under RSA 178 and holding a tobacco tax certificate issued under this chapter*.

V. No retailer or sampler shall purchase tobacco products without indicia of tax paid under RSA 78:10 or RSA 78:14, as applicable. A retailer shall not sell tobacco products without indicia of tax paid under RSA 78:10 or RSA 78:14, as applicable.

VI. A retailer shall neither purchase tobacco products from nor sell tobacco products to another retailer, unless the purchase or sale is a one-time transfer of the seller's entire tobacco product inventory and the seller discontinues the tobacco line of business. The selling retailer shall return its license to the liquor commission and shall file an inventory of the tobacco products transferred, along with indicia of tax paid, with the department, within 30 days of the transfer of the tobacco products.

VII. Any person who violates a provision of this section may be subject to tobacco products seizure and license suspension or revocation under this chapter, and criminal penalties under RSA 21-J:39.

78:8 [License] **Tobacco Tax Certificate** Application and Renewal.

I. Manufacturers and wholesalers intending to engage in the business of selling or distributing tobacco products in this state shall apply to the department providing the applicable fee as provided in RSA 78:6, IV, and all information required by the commissioner through rules adopted under RSA 541-A.

II. [Licenses] **Tobacco tax certificates** shall expire on June 30 in each even-numbered year.

III. Manufacturers and wholesalers in good standing with the department may renew their [licenses] **tobacco tax certificates** upon application and payment of the applicable fees. A manufacturer or wholesaler is not in good standing with the department if the manufacturer or wholesaler is delinquent in its payment of applicable fees, fines, or penalties resulting from violations of this chapter, delinquent in its payment of any taxes, penalties, or interest due under any tax administered by the department, or delinquent in its payment of applicable fees, fines, or penalties resulting from violation of RSA 126-K.

78:9 Denial of [License] **Tobacco Tax Certificate** Application.

I. The commissioner may deny a manufacturer's or wholesaler's application for a [license] **tobacco tax certificate**, for any of the following reasons:

- (a) The applicant's [license] **tobacco tax certificate** was revoked by the commissioner under RSA 78:20.
- (b) The commissioner believes that the application is filed by a person as a subterfuge for the real person in interest whose [license] **tobacco tax certificate** was revoked by the commissioner under RSA 78:20.
- (c) The applicant, or a person or entity that owns or has a right to control any interest in the applicant, is not in good standing with the department as described in RSA 78:8, III.
- (d) The applicant, or a person or entity that owns or has a right to control any interest in the applicant, has been convicted of a crime provided for in this chapter, or in any other state for a crime related to tobacco tax, within a 2-year period prior to the date on which the application is filed.
- (e) The applicant, or a person or entity that owns or has a right to control any interest in the applicant, has been convicted of a crime involving theft or fraud in this state or any other state, within a 2-year period prior to the date on which the application is filed.
- (f) The commissioner, pursuant to rules adopted under RSA 541-A, determines that the applicant, or a person or entity that owns or has a right to control any interest in the applicant, is not financially responsible or otherwise not a suitable person to manufacture, or purchase or sell tobacco products at wholesale, in this state.

II. The commissioner shall notify the applicant of the denial in writing.

III. An applicant aggrieved by the denial of a license may petition for redetermination or reconsideration within 60 days after the commissioner issues the notice of denial in accordance with the procedures provided in RSA 21-J:28-b.

12 Indicia of Tax Paid-Cigarettes; Stamps. Amend RSA 78:10, V to read as follows:

V. A wholesaler or vending machine operator licensed under RSA 178 **and holding a tobacco tax certificate** may possess, with an intent to sell, cigarettes or little cigars bearing a foreign state's tax stamp or indicia only if the licensee is currently and legitimately doing business in that state.

13 Indicia of Tax Paid - Other Tobacco Products. Amend RSA 78:14, III to read as follows:

III. Indicia of tax paid includes, but is not limited to, all invoices from all wholesalers purchased from within the preceding 24 months. At a minimum, invoices shall contain the names and addresses of the seller and the purchaser, the license **and tobacco tax certificate** numbers of the seller and purchaser, the date of purchase of the product, the type and brand of each product, the quantity of each product, the purchase price of each product, and an affirmative statement from the wholesaler that all taxes on the product have been paid.

14 Enforcement; Documentation Required. Amend RSA 78:15, IV-VII to read as follows:

IV. Wholesalers, retailers, and samplers shall maintain their statements and records at the places of business identified in their [licensees] **tobacco tax certificates** for a period of 12 months from the date of manufacture, purchase, acquisition, or sale, whichever is later.

V. The records required of wholesalers shall include a written statement containing:

- (a) The name and address of both the seller and the purchaser;
- (b) The date of delivery;
- (c) The quantity of tobacco products;
- (d) The trade name and brand of the tobacco products;
- (e) The price paid for each brand of tobacco products purchased; and
- (f) Any other records or statements as the commissioner may reasonably require.

VI. Every manufacturer and wholesaler shall deliver with each sale or distribution of tobacco products a written statement, and retain a duplicate, containing:

- (a) The name or trade name and address of both the seller and the purchaser;
- (b) The date of delivery;
- (c) The quantity of tobacco products; and

(d) The trade name or brand of the tobacco products, correctly itemizing the prices paid for each brand of tobacco products purchased.

VII. No [licensee] **tobacco tax certificate holder** shall issue or accept any written statement that the [licensee] **certificate holder** knows to contain any statement that falsely indicates the name of the customer, the type of merchandise, the prices, discounts, or the terms of sale. Nor shall any [licensee] **certificate holder** insert, in any invoice given or accepted, any statement that makes the invoice a false record of the transaction it represents. Nor shall any [licensee] **certificate holder** give or accept any invoice that withholds statements so that the invoice does not truly reflect the transaction it represents.

15 Enforcement; Suspension; Revocation; Penalties; Reinstatement. Amend RSA 78:19 - 78:22 to read as follows:

78:19 Administrative Hearings on [License] **Tobacco Tax Certificate** Suspension or Revocation and Seizure and Forfeiture of Contraband Tobacco Products.

I. Within 10 days after a seizure of tobacco products under RSA 78:18, the commissioner shall schedule and notice a hearing at which the owner shall have an opportunity to show cause as to why the seizure was inappropriate.

II. To suspend or revoke a [license] **tobacco tax certificate** under RSA 78:20, the commissioner shall provide the [licensee] **certificate holder** with notice and a hearing at which the [licensee] **certificate holder** shall have an opportunity to show cause as to why the suspension or revocation is inappropriate.

III. The commissioner shall issue a final order in writing following a hearing under paragraph I or II.

IV. Within 30 days of the notice of a final order by the commissioner, the [licensee] **certificate holder**, owner, or other person, as applicable may appeal the final order by written application to the board of tax and land appeals. The board of tax and land appeals shall hear the appeal de novo.

78:20 Suspension or Revocation of [License] **Tobacco Tax Certificate**.

I. The commissioner, after notice and hearing under RSA 78:19, may suspend for a period of time not to exceed 90 days, or revoke any [license] **tobacco tax certificate** issued under this chapter or ~~[RSA 178 as it relates to licensure for the retail sale or sampling of tobacco products,]~~ or uphold the denial of a [license] **tobacco tax certificate** for any one of the following reasons:

(a) The [licensee] **certificate holder** fails to file any return or report required by this chapter.

(b) The [licensee] **certificate holder** files a return, report, or affidavit required by this chapter, which is false.

(c) The [licensee] **certificate holder** fails to collect, truthfully account for, or pay over any tax due under this chapter.

(d) The [licensee] **certificate holder**, or a person or entity that owns or has a right to control any interest in the [licensee] **certificate holder**, has been convicted of, or has admitted to sufficient facts to support a finding of guilt of, any violation under this chapter, any violation under federal law where the conduct underlying the conviction or admission relates to tobacco products, or any violation of law involving dishonesty or fraud, within a 5-year period in the case of a misdemeanor or within a 10-year period in the case of a felony.

(e) Tobacco products without indicia of tax paid have been seized from the licensee's business premises and held by the department as contraband on one or more occasions during a 5-year period.

(f) The [licensee] **certificate holder** has refused to permit, hindered, or obstructed an examination, investigation, or search authorized under RSA 78:16.

(g) The [licensee] **certificate holder**, or a person or entity that owns or has a right to control any interest in the [licensee] **certificate holder**, is not a suitable person for licensure in New Hampshire, as determined by the commissioner pursuant to rules adopted under RSA 541-A.

(h) The certificate holder has had a license issued under RSA 178 suspended or revoked.

II. [License] **Tobacco tax certificate** suspension for a violation of RSA 78:26 shall be as provided in RSA 78:26, VII.

78:21 Administrative Penalties.

I. Administrative penalties for violation of RSA 78:26 shall be in accordance with RSA 78:26, VII.

II. In addition to, or in lieu of, a period of [license] **tobacco tax certificate** suspension, the commissioner may assess an administrative fine against any wholesaler who satisfies RSA 78:2, III, who has sold tobacco product without indicia of tax paid, or against any retailer who has purchased tobacco products without indicia of tax paid, as follows:

(a) First offense-\$500.

(b) Second offense-\$1,500.

(c) Third offense-\$5,000.

78:22 Reinstatement After Revocation. The commissioner may reinstate a revoked [license] **tobacco tax certificate** if he or she is satisfied that the former [licensee] **certificate holder** will comply with the provisions of this chapter.

16 New Paragraph; Importation of Certain Tobacco Products Prohibited; Federal Requirements; Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products; Placement of Labels; Penalty; Definition of License. Amend RSA 78:26 by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

X. In this section, "license" means a license issued under RSA 178 and the tobacco tax certificate issued under this chapter.

17 Tobacco Tax; Rulemaking; Tobacco Tax Certificates. Amend RSA 78:27 to read as follows:

78:27 Rulemaking.

The commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to the following:

I. The use, purchase, and purpose of tobacco stamps.

II. [License] **Tobacco tax certificate** application processes.

III. Documentation required to be maintained by [licensees] **tobacco tax certificate holders**.

IV. Application of credits and refunds for taxes paid on other tobacco products.

V. Roll-your-own tobacco.

VI. Refund process for stamps on outdated, damaged, or unsaleable cigarettes.

VII. Documentation and filing requirements for [licensees] **tobacco tax certificate holders** with regard to the Master Settlement Agreement.

VIII. [Licenses] ***Tobacco tax certificates***, forms, reports, and returns.

IX. Hearings procedures.

X. Any other matter necessary to the proper administration and enforcement of this chapter.

18 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2025-0734s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill consolidates licensing, auditing, and enforcement responsibilities for wholesale and retail e-cigarettes sales under the liquor commission. The bill also provides for tobacco tax certificates to be issued by the department of revenue administration and licenses issued by the liquor commission.

Senate Ways and Means

March 5, 2025

2025-0773s

08/09

Amendment to SB 83-FN

Amend RSA 287-J:5, II as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. VLTs shall not accept a wager in excess of \$50.

Amend RSA 287-J:6, I as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Each VLT licensee shall collect a sum equal to 35 percent of gross video lottery revenue for distribution under paragraph II.

Senate Commerce

February 11, 2025

2025-0366s

06/02

Amendment to SB 84-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Senate Commerce

March 4, 2025

2025-0728s

07/05

Amendment to SB 86-FN

Amend RSA 204-C:95, II(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) Register with the secretary of state as a private, nonprofit or for-profit entity, or be a municipal housing authority or the housing finance authority.

Amend RSA 204-C:96 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

204-C:96 Guarantee. Upon application from a lender, in such form as the authority may require, the authority may issue, or commit itself to issue to the lender or its assigns, a certificate of guarantee equal to 80 percent of the principal due on the loan. In no instance shall any loan principal guaranteed under this section exceed \$30,000,000 per lender per fiscal year. The aggregate amount of loans guaranteed under this section shall not exceed \$300,000,000 at any time.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Prospective Repeal; 2030. RSA 204-C:93 through 204-C:98, relative to the affordable housing guaranteed loan program, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.

II. This remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Senate Education
March 4, 2025
2025-0735s
07/06

Amendment to SB 97-FN

Amend RSA 193:3, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (i) the following new subparagraph:

(j) The school board of each school district shall adopt a policy addressing instances in which there are more requests to transfer to a school than there is ability to accommodate students based on teacher to student ratio and existing school capacity pursuant to subparagraph (e).

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
March 5, 2025
2025-0741s
08/08

Amendment to SB 103-FN-LOCAL

Amend RSA 658:11-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

658:11-a Additional Polling Places; Presidential Elections.

I. For general elections in which the office of president of the United States is decided, a town or city shall have a minimum of one polling place for every 15,000 registered voters appearing on the checklist as of January 1 of the year of the election, unless a plan to accommodate more than 15,000 registered voters with one location has been submitted to and jointly approved by the secretary of state and the attorney general. The plan shall specifically address the following issues that could potentially cause a delay to voters:

- (a) Traffic flow to and from the polling place;
- (b) The presence of police officers or third party contractors to assist with traffic flow;
- (c) The number of parking spaces adjacent to the polling place available to voters;
- (d) The number of poll books and staff members available to assist with checking in voters;
- (e) The presence of electronic poll books;
- (f) The number of ballot counting machines;
- (g) The number of stations and staff members available for same-day registrants; and
- (h) Any other criteria specified by the secretary of state and the attorney general.

II. The secretary of state and attorney general may request additional information when considering whether to approve a submitted plan, and such approval may be conditioned upon specific measures that must be met by the town or city on election day.

2025-0741s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires towns and cities to have at least one polling place per every 15,000 registered voters unless the town or city has received approval from the secretary of state and attorney general for fewer locations.

II. Allows the secretary of state and attorney general to create conditions for towns and cities to follow if they seek to utilize one polling place for more than 15,000 voters.

Senate Health and Human Services
 March 5, 2025
 2025-0784s
 05/09

Amendment to SB 125-FN

Amend RSA 151-E:3, V as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. No applicant who is being assessed for annual redetermination shall be denied eligibility under this section without the individual's primary care physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner's agreement that the applicant no longer meets the level of care identified in paragraph I.

Senate Health and Human Services
 March 5, 2025
 2025-0772s
 09/08

Amendment to SB 127-FN-A

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

AN ACT relative to public guardianship and the office of the public guardian and making appropriations to the department of health and human services.

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

1 New Section; Long-Term Care; Guardianship Contracted Services. Amend RSA 151-E by inserting after section 27 the following new section:

151-E:28 Guardianship Contracted Services.

I. When all other resources are exhausted, hospitals seeking to assist older adults or adults with a disability as defined in RSA 151-E:24 with discharge from a hospital setting to a less restrictive setting may seek to have a guardian or conservator appointed by the probate court, pursuant to RSA 464-A, for any older adult or adult with a disability who:

- (a) Requires an alternative decision maker to assist with discharge;
- (b) Is deemed incapacitated by a court of competent jurisdiction; and
- (c) Cannot secure guardianship services through any other alternative.

II. The department shall contract with office of the public guardian to provide publicly funded guardianship slots for individuals in need of guardianship pursuant to paragraph I.

III. Hospitals seeking to assist adults with discharge shall apply to the department for access to the publicly funded guardianship slots.

IV. Availability of publicly funded guardianship slots shall be subject to the availability of funding.

2 Appropriations; Department of Health and Human Services.

I. The sum of \$550,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services. Said appropriation shall be used for 50 slots to provide publicly funded guardianship for individuals as set forth in RSA 151-E:28. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

II. The sum of \$3,884,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services. Said appropriation shall be used by the department to create new contract guardian slots and adjusting rates for individuals served under RSA 171-A, RSA 161-F:52, and RSA 135-C. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect September 30, 2025.

2025-0772s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes hospitals seeking to assist older adults or adults with a disability with discharge from a hospital setting to a less restrictive setting to seek to have a guardian or conservator appointed by the probate court, and makes appropriations to the department of health and human services to fund guardianship slots.

Senate Health and Human Services
February 12, 2025
2025-0402s
05/02

Amendment to SB 130-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a commission to study delivery models for emergency medical services in the state of New Hampshire.

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

1 New Subdivision; Commission to Study Delivery Models for Emergency Medical Services. Amend RSA 153-A by inserting after section 37 the following new subdivision:

Commission to Study Delivery Models for Emergency Medical Services

153-A:38 Commission to Study Delivery Models for Emergency Medical Services.

I. There is established a commission to study delivery models for emergency medical services in the state of New Hampshire.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. At least one member of each party shall be appointed, and at least one member representing Coos County shall be appointed.

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

(c) A representative from the department of safety, appointed by the commissioner.

(d) A representative from the New Hampshire Fire Chiefs Association, appointed by the association.

(e) A representative from the New Hampshire Ambulance Association, appointed by the association.

(f) A representative from the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire, appointed by the association.

(g) A representative from the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the association.

(h) A representative from the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by the association.

(i) A representative from the New Hampshire Association of Counties, appointed by the association.

(j) A representative from AHIP, appointed by the association.

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

IV. The commission shall:

(a) Review the history and operation of emergency medical services delivery in New Hampshire and the current models adopted by municipalities in New Hampshire for emergency responses.

(b) Review the systems response to both emergency calls for assistance, unscheduled emergency transfers and non-emergency transfers.

(c) Identify the barriers to providing emergency medical services in New Hampshire, including access to EMS services in rural communities, interfacility transfers, and the provision of advanced life support.

(d) Examine what part or parts of the state could benefit from regional emergency medical services models of care.

(e) Identify recommendations to support and build sustainable emergency medical systems in New

Hampshire.

V. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VI. The commission 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, the state library, and the New Hampshire Historical Society on or before November 1, 2025.

2 Repeal. RSA 153-A:38 and the subdivision heading preceeding RSA 153-A:38, relative to the commission to study delivery models for emergency medical services, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2025.

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

2025-0402s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study delivery models for emergency medical services in the state of New Hampshire.

Senate Judiciary
March 4, 2025
2025-0739s
09/05

Amendment to SB 143

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

AN ACT relative to the impaired driver care management program and recovery residences.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 7 with the following:

8 Provision of Services; Acceptance Into Treatment. Amend RSA 172-B:2, V(a)(2) to read as follows:

(2) Certification **by a certifying entity designated by the commissioner that is** based on [national] **nationally recognized** standards including, but not limited to, documents to show the recovery house meets minimum safety and recovery standards including, but not limited to health, building, zoning, and fire inspection approvals, proof of insurance, resident agreement, emergency procedures, and policies and procedures addressing grievances, non-discrimination, code of ethics, and safe storage of medication.

9 Provision of Services; Acceptance Into Treatment. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 172-B:2, VII(a) to read as follows:

VII.(a) The commissioner or designee shall designate an entity to serve as the certifying body for a voluntary certification program for recovery residences based upon **nationally recognized** standards [determined by the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) or a similar entity]. The certifying body shall establish and implement a certification program for recovery residences that maintain [nationally-recognized] **nationally recognized** standards that:

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

2025-0739s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the requirements for the impaired driver care management program and when it is required. This bill further amends the certification standards for recovery houses.

This bill is a request of the department of health and human services.

Senate Judiciary
 March 5, 2025
 2025-0746s
 09/05

Amendment to SB 148-FN

Amend RSA 562-A:2 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

562-A:2 Forfeiture of Statutory Benefits. An individual who feloniously and intentionally kills the decedent forfeits all benefits under this title with respect to the decedent's estate. If the decedent died intestate, the decedent's intestate estate passes as if the killer predeceased the decedent.

Amend RSA 562-A:4, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Provisions of a governing instrument are given effect as if the killer predeceased the decedent.

Amend RSA 562-A as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after section 562-A:8 the following new section:

562-A:9 Time of Application of Forfeiture. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a forfeiture arising under this chapter may be determined at any time prior to the closure of the estate by the probate court. This chapter shall be construed to apply to all estates that have not been closed by the probate court prior to the effective date of this chapter.

Amend RSA 507-I:1, II as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. "Profits from a homicide crime" include any property which the defendant obtained or income generated as a result of having committed the crime, any potential inheritance or realized inheritance, any assets obtained through the use of unique knowledge obtained during the commission of, or in preparation for the commission of, a crime, any other acquisition of property or interest by the killer, including a life estate in homestead property, and any property obtained by or income generated from the sale, conversion, or exchange of such property and any gain realized by such sale, conversion, or exchange.

Senate Transportation
 February 19, 2025
 2025-0497s
 11/09

Amendment to SB 151-FN

Amend the bill by deleting section 4 and renumbering the original section 5 to read as 4.

Senate Transportation
 March 5, 2025
 2025-0759s
 08/05

Amendment to SB 153-FN

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

AN ACT relative to expedited driveway permitting of major entrances for residential use of 20 units or greater.

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

1 New Paragraph; Expedited Permitting. Amend RSA 236:13 by inserting after paragraph IV-a the following new paragraph:

IV-b. For expedited permitting of major entrances for residential use of 20 units or greater:

(a) The commissioner of the department of transportation shall revise the department's policy for the permitting of driveways and other access to the state highway system to implement an optional program for the expedited permitting of major entrances for residential use of 20 units or greater, within 60 business days of approval of the traffic impact study.

(b) An applicant electing to use the expedited permitting process under this paragraph shall pay a \$120 per unit non-refundable permit fee.

(c) The commissioner of the department of transportation, with approval of the governor and council, may adjust the fee in subparagraph (b).

(d) In addition to the permit fee in subparagraph (b), the applicant shall pay a retainer as formulated in the department's policy relating to the permitting of driveways and other access to the state highway system, for reasonable expenses incurred by the department for third party professional engineer review and consultation during the expedited permitting process. All third-party review fees shall be tracked and a copy provided to the applicant. All unused retainages shall be refunded to the applicant within 120 days of the issuance of the permit.

2 Position Established. There shall be a classified position of business operations specialist established within the department of transportation, compensated under SOC 13, Broad Group 13-1190, Pay Band 6, for the purpose of administering the expedited permitting of major entrances under RSA 236:13, IV-b.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 90 days after its passage.

2025-0759s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates an expedited driveway permit for major entrances for parcels of land for residential use of 20 units or greater.

Senate Transportation
March 6, 2025
2025-0791s
08/09

Amendment to SB 157-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Rental Fleet Passenger Vehicle Inspection. Amend RSA 266:1, II-IV to read as follows:

II. Any vehicle registered under this title, except an OHRV, snowmobile, moped, roadable aircraft, or other exempt vehicle, shall be inspected once a year, ***except as provided in paragraph IV-a***, during the month in which the birth date of the owner is observed, if the owner is a natural person. An inspection sticker shall be valid for the same duration as the vehicle's registration, which shall not exceed 16 months. If the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, an inspection sticker may be issued, with an expiration date of the birth month in the following year, of the first person named on the title application. Nothing in this paragraph shall require any person who has registered and had inspected a vehicle with temporary plates to have the vehicle reinspected upon receipt of permanent motor vehicle plates. An inspection sticker shall not expire when a vehicle is transferred to a licensed dealer.

II-a. Notwithstanding RSA 266:1, II, ***and except as provided in paragraph IV-a***, if the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, and the vehicle owner provides written verification of absence from New Hampshire during the entire anniversary month, an inspection sticker may be issued, with an expiration date of the birth month in the following year, of the first person named on the title application.

III. If the owner of the vehicle is a company or corporation or other than a natural person, the annual inspection shall be made during the month designated by the director as the registration month for such legal entity. Vehicles registered as antique motor vehicles and antique motorcycles and which are 40 years old and over shall be inspected biennially. Antique motor vehicles and custom vehicles shall be inspected in the month of May. Without regard to the owner's birth date or registration month, motorcycles, autocycles, and recreational vehicles shall be inspected annually by July 1.

IV. Notwithstanding paragraphs II and III, ***and except as provided in paragraph IV-a***, newly registered vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, mopeds, roadable aircraft, and vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, mopeds, and roadable aircraft, the ownership of which has been transferred, shall be inspected not later than 10 days after the registration or transfer of ownership of said vehicle. However, if a new vehicle ***other than one described in paragraph IV-a*** is purchased at retail from a licensed dealer, as defined in RSA 259:18, the vehicle shall be inspected not later than 20 days after the date of transfer. A used vehicle for which a dealer has issued a 20-day

plate pursuant to RSA 261:109 shall be inspected by the dealer or an authorized inspection station on behalf of the dealer at the time of the attachment of the plate unless a valid inspection sticker issued by the dealer is in place, in which case the vehicle shall be inspected within 20 days or before the sticker expires, whichever occurs first. All other expired motor vehicle inspections shall be subject to the 10-day grace period in RSA 266:5.

IV-a. A fleet vehicle that is registered as part of the rental fleet registration program pursuant to RSA 261:40-b and which was purchased within one year prior to or during the vehicle's model year shall be inspected upon purchase and not again until the common annual expiration date in the second year after purchase. The vehicle shall bear an inspection sticker that indicates the vehicle is in compliance with inspection regulations.

IV-b. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this paragraph, the commissioner of the department of safety shall make rules relative to the establishment and administration of the rental fleet passenger vehicle program established in RSA 261:40-b and the waiver of registration in paragraph IV-a.

IV-c. As soon as practicable, the department of environmental services shall submit an amendment to the state implementation plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

3 Contingency. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect when the commissioner of the department of environmental services certifies to the director of the office of legislative services that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has approved amendments to the state SIP as it relates to the rental fleet registration program established in RSA 261:40-b.

4 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect as provided in section 3.

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

Senate Commerce

March 5, 2025

2025-0744s

09/11

Amendment to SB 162-FN

Amend RSA 477:22-d as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

477:22-d Qualified Renter/Purchaser Affidavit Required.

I. Every person or entity who leases or acquires an ownership or controlling interest in property within 10 miles of a protected facility shall file with the office of the attorney general, within one business day of closing, or, in the case of a lease, within one business day of the delivery of keys, access codes, or other methods of access to the premises, a notarized qualified renter/purchaser affidavit signed under penalty of perjury, attesting that the person acquiring an ownership or controlling interest, or leasing the property:

- (a) Is not a foreign principal or an agent of a foreign principal, as defined in this subdivision;
- (b) Has read and understands both the prohibitions in this subdivision and the penalties for violations of the terms of this subdivision; and
- (c) Is not prohibited from purchasing or leasing the property under this subdivision.

II. A failure to submit the qualified renter/purchaser affidavit to the attorney general's office does not affect the title or insurability of the title for the real property, or subject the listing, brokering, closing, or leasing agent to civil or criminal liability, unless the agent has actual knowledge that the transaction will result in a violation of this section so long as the agent has complied with the notice requirement in RSA 477:4-i. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the attorney general's office from initiating a forfeiture action in accordance with RSA 477:22-f.

III. Failure to submit a required affidavit under this section shall result in a \$500 civil penalty. Prior to an action against a natural person to impose the civil penalty, the attorney general shall give notice and provide 60 days to cure the violation. No opportunity to cure shall be offered to an entity in RSA 477:22-b, as knowledge of the filing requirement under this section shall be imputed.

Amend RSA 477:22-g as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

477:22-g Rulemaking. The attorney general shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:

I. The contents and filing requirements for the qualified renter/purchaser affidavit; and

II. Other provisions of this subdivision that the attorney general determines require administrative rules.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:

2 New Section; Notification of Qualified Renter/Purchaser Affidavit Requirement. Amend RSA 477 by inserting after section 4-h the following new section:

477:4-i Notification of Qualified Renter/Purchaser Affidavit Requirement.

In any purchase and sale agreement, lease agreement, or rental agreement involving real property within 10 miles of a protected facility as defined in RSA 477:22-b, before signing an agreement to sell, transfer, lease, or rent such real property the seller, lessor, or landlord, or the seller, lessor, or landlord's agent, shall provide written notice to the buyer, lessee, or tenant that the buyer, lessee, or tenant is required to file a qualified renter/purchase affidavit with the attorney general's office pursuant to RSA 477:22-d.

Senate Commerce

March 4, 2025

2025-0723s

06/02

Amendment to SB 164-FN

Amend RSA 356-A:16-a, I(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) "Residential real estate" means real estate consisting of not less than one nor more than 4 residential dwelling units.

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 356-A:16-a, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. A service agreement is unfair under this section if any part of the service subject to the agreement is not to be performed within 2 years after the agreement is entered into and has any of the following characteristics:

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

March 5, 2025

2025-0771s

05/09

Amendment to SB 179-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the state council on housing stability.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 State Council on Housing Stability; Membership. RSA 4-H:2, I(i) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(i) Two landlords, appointed by the governor.

3 New Subparagraph; State Council on Housing Stability; Duties. Amend RSA 4-H:3, I by inserting after subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraph:

(i) Compile information regarding United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs administered by state and local government agencies and assist the agencies in the preparation of federally required plans and related performance reports. The council shall present such plans to the governor for approval and transmission to HUD.

4 State Council on Housing Stability. Amend RSA 4-H:3, II to read as follows:

II. The state council on housing stability shall be jointly facilitated by the department of health and human services, the department of business and economic affairs, *the New Hampshire housing finance*

authority, and the New Hampshire community development finance authority. The first meeting of the council shall be called by the legislative member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to RSA 4-H:2, I(t) within 45 days of the effective date of this section.

II-a. The council may create workgroups to advise members on its duties and compliance with federal laws and policies related to housing.

5 Repeal. RSA 204-C:47, relative to the biennial housing plan prepared by the housing finance authority, is repealed.

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

2025-0771s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the council on housing stability shall be attached to the department of health and human services. The bill also revises members and duties of the council, and repeals the requirement that the housing finance authority submit a biennial housing plan.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

March 5, 2025

2025-0777s

02/05

Amendment to SB 195

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

AN ACT relative to the composition and duties of the New Hampshire advisory council on career and technical education.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education. RSA 188-E:10-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

188-E:10-b Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education.

I. There is established an advisory council on career and technical education (CTE). Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the members of the council shall be as follows:

- (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (c) The state director of career and technical education.
- (d) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee.
- (e) The chancellor of the community college system, or designee.

(f) Three CTE directors, one member of a school board, and one SAU administrator, appointed by their professional associations.

(g) A representative of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the association.

(h) A representative of New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility, appointed by the organization.

(i) Five representatives of skilled trades or businesses related to CTE programs, nominated by their trade associations or industry representatives and appointed by the governor.

(j) A high school counselor from a sending school district, appointed by the president of the New Hampshire School Counselor Association.

II. Legislative members of the council shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the council.

III. Members of the advisory council appointed under subparagraphs I(f)-(j) shall serve for terms of 3 years and may be reappointed for 2 additional terms. Terms shall be staggered across all membership, ensuring stability for the council.

IV. The council shall study career and technical education, and make recommendations for legislation, rulemaking, policies, procedures and the administration of CTE on a statewide basis to include:

(a) Access and delivery of CTE programs on an annual basis with a focus on finding systemic and statewide solutions;

(b) The recruitment and retention of skilled CTE teachers;

(c) An annual study of business and industry needs; to include labor market data, industry trends and long term forecasting of industry outlook.

(d) Innovative and new partnerships and collaborative projects between industry, CTE centers, and CCSNH;

(e) Proposing opportunities for needed technical assistance, legislation or administrative rules that are student centered and enhance access;

(f) Supporting the renovation committee's recommendations on the new renovation policies and procedures;

(g) Establishing annual metrics/goals on the following:

(1) The number of students who complete CTE;

(2) The number of dual enrollments, concurrent enrollments, extended learning opportunities, and work based learning enrollments; and

(3) The number of industry recognized credentials awarded.

V. The members of the advisory council shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The chair shall serve for no more than 2 years and membership will establish annual expectations of the council, meeting norms, and agendas at the first annual meeting. Meetings of the advisory council shall occur at least every other month and if necessary with greater frequency as determined by the council. Seven members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

VI.(a) The advisory council shall file an annual report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation with the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the chairperson of the senate education and workforce development committee, the chairperson of the house education committee, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1.

(b) The annual report shall include the progress of the department of education, career and technical education centers, and the community college system of New Hampshire toward establishing a structure for work-based learning credentials and the recommendations and topics of study required pursuant to paragraph IV.

2025-0777s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the composition and duties of the advisory council on career and technical education.

Senate Education

March 5, 2025

2025-0742s

07/05

Amendment to SB 206-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Cell Phone Use Policy. Amend RSA 189:1-a by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. School boards shall develop and adopt a policy governing student cell phone use in schools. Such policy shall define a policy for personal device use by students during the school day and be implemented school-wide, with approved exceptions determined by student medical, disability, or language proficiency

need. Such policy shall be developed in collaboration with school district teachers and parents and shall be reviewed and updated annually. School district policies shall not prohibit students with disabilities from using a device to support their learning as identified by their individualized education program (IEP), plan developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C 794, or when required to support emergent multilingual students with appropriate language access programs and services pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The policy shall include a description of the administration's involvement should policies not be enforced in the classroom or disregarded by students.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

March 4, 2025

2025-0719s

08/11

Amendment to SB 221

Amend RSA 654:39 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

654:39 Verification Every ~~[10]~~ **4** Years.

I. In addition to any verification carried out~~[under the provisions of RSA 654:38]~~, the supervisors shall verify the checklist in ~~[1981]~~ **2026** and once every ~~[10]~~ 4 years thereafter.

II. Between April 1 and August 1 ~~[of 1981 and thereafter in each year ending with a one]~~ ***in the year following the Presidential election***, the supervisors shall post notice of their sessions in 2 appropriate places one of which shall be the town or city's Internet website, if such exists, and published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation and hold sufficient sessions for verification of the checklist as in their opinion will enable all eligible voters in said town or ward to appear before them and register or reregister as the case may be. Whenever a person is reregistered, his or her party designation, if any, on the checklist undergoing revision shall not be changed except as provided in RSA 654:34.

III. Beginning June 1 of such year, the supervisors shall review the checklist and shall strike therefrom the names of all persons who have not registered or reregistered under paragraphs I and IV; provided, that there shall not be stricken from said checklist the name of any person duly qualified to vote unless such person, not less than 30 days prior to such action, shall have been sent notice by the supervisors at his last known address of his failure to reregister stating the procedure to be followed in order to reregister and have his name retained on said checklist nor unless such person shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to follow said procedure.

IV. For the purpose of this section, a person shall be deemed reregistered and need not appear before the supervisors if:

(a) The person voted in any election within the ~~[4]~~ **6** years immediately preceding a ~~[10]~~ **4**-year verification; or

(b) The person has been added to the checklist ~~[since the last state general election]~~ ***during the 6 years immediately preceding a 4-year verification.***

V. Upon completion of verification of the checklist, but in no event later than September 1, the supervisors shall file with the secretary of state the following certificate: We, the supervisors of the checklist (or registrars of voters) of the town (or ward _____) of _____, do hereby certify that we have verified the checklist of registered voters in the town (or ward _____ of the city) of _____, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 654:39.

VI. In verifying the checklist in accordance with this section, the provisions of RSA 654:38, IV and V shall apply.

2025-0719s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the verification of the checklist from every 10 years to every 4 years in the year following a Presidential election.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 March 4, 2025
 2025-0717s
 06/05

Amendment to SB 232

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

3 Net Energy Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9, III to read as follows:

III. Metering shall be done in accordance with normal metering practices. A single net meter that shows the customer's net energy usage by measuring both the inflow and outflow of electricity internally shall be the extent of metering that is required at facilities with a total peak generating capacity of not more than 100 kilowatts. A [bi-directional] **bidirectional** metering system that records the total amount of electricity that flows in each direction from the customer premises, either instantaneously or over intervals of an hour or less, shall be required at facilities with a total peak generating capacity of more than 100 kilowatts. ***The bidirectional system may consist of one or more meters, as long as it can be used to appropriately meter and bill in compliance with utility tariffs and rules.*** Customer-generators shall not be required to pay for the installation of net meters, but shall pay for the installation of, ***or procure at their own cost if approved by the interconnecting utility,*** all [bi-directional] **bidirectional** metering systems as outlined in utility interconnection tariffs or rules.

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

Senate Health and Human Services
 March 5, 2025
 2025-0787s
 11/11

Amendment to SB 243-FN

Amend RSA 167:83, II(t)(5) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(5) The department may suspend this pilot program, with notice to providers and prospective applicants, if an active waitlist is maintained pursuant to N.H. Admin. Code section He-C 6910.11, and the department shall reinstate the pilot program if such a waitlist ends during the duration of the pilot program.

(6) On or before May 1, 2028, the department shall provide a detailed report of the presumptive eligibility pilot program to the house health and human services oversight committee and senate health and human services committee of the general court. The report shall include the following information:

(A) Information regarding family and provider interest and utilization of the program during the pilot period;

(B) Information regarding the costs and benefits of the program as implemented, and any suggestions for improvements;

(C) Funding levels necessary to sustain the program going forward; and

(D) Any other relevant information regarding the program.

Amend RSA 167:83, II(u) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(u) Child care scholarship application processes study. Such rules shall direct the department, by November 1, 2026, to evaluate information regarding challenges in the application process and make a plan for the implementation of improvements such as a fast-track application or other appropriate measures, to ensure that child care scholarship applicants do not face unnecessary burdens in the eligibility determination process and are not directed to submit information or documents that are not necessary for determination of child care scholarship program eligibility, except when an applicant has expressly opted to be considered for other assistance programs.

Senate Health and Human Services
 March 5, 2025
 2025-0776s
 05/09

Amendment to SB 244-FN-A

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

AN ACT relative to expanding access to primary health care services, increasing the size of the health care workforce, and making appropriations therefor.

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

3 Department of Health and Human Services; Division of Public Health Services; Public-Private Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Hub; Infrastructure Contracts.

I. The department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section shall amend its current contract with Bi-State Primary Care Association's Recruitment Center to require the Recruitment Center to strengthen the infrastructure needed to sustain and transform community-based primary care services through the creation of a Public-Private Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Hub that promotes collaboration across the continuum of care. Bi-State Primary Care Association shall administer the Public-Private Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Hub and manage the sub-recipient contracts, and leverage federal, state, and private funding, and seek new funding opportunities when appropriate.

II. Bi-State Primary Care Association shall design the sub-recipient contracts to facilitate health care workforce development, recruitment, retention, support nursing preceptor and mentoring programs, provide training and technical assistance, and loan repayment opportunities. Bi-State Primary Care Association shall:

(a) Expand and implement its national outreach and marketing campaign designed to recruit qualified clinicians to New Hampshire;

(b) Collaborate with an area health education center for the purpose of creating and expanding graduate level nursing mentoring and precepting programs. The area health education center shall provide the necessary support to graduate level nursing preceptors and the health care organizations that act as training sites;

(c) Collaborate with an area health education center for the purpose of supporting the New Hampshire Needs Caregivers Program. This program shall promote, recruit, and fund training of up to 500 individuals interested in a career in health care as a licensed nursing assistant. The New Hampshire Needs Caregivers Program shall create scholarship opportunities to cover the cost of tuition for licensed nursing assistant training up to \$2,600; supportive services; and assist individuals in finding courses and employment;

(d) Expand student loan repayment opportunities for clinicians with bachelors' degrees employed by non-profit health care organizations in exchange for the agreement to work for the non-profit health care organization for 24 months for part-time employees to 36 months for full-time employees; and

(e) Collaborate with a family medicine residency program in rural New Hampshire at a teaching health center program to support the training of family medicine residents in the north country. The teaching health center program shall be accredited or eligible for accreditation by a nationally recognized accreditation agency.

4 Department of Health and Human Services; Rural Health and Primary Care Section; Appropriations.

I. Appropriation; Public-Private Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Hub. The sum of \$580,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$580,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section for the purpose set forth in paragraph I of section 3 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

II. Appropriation; Workforce Recruitment, Advertising, and Marketing. The sum of \$250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and \$250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section for the purpose described in paragraph II(a) of section 3 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

III. Appropriation; Bi-State Primary Care Association Sub-Recipient Contract with an Area Health Education Center; Graduate Nursing Student Preceptors and Financial Support for Host Organizations. The sum of \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section for the purpose set forth in paragraph II(b) of section 3 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

IV. Appropriation; Bi-State Primary Care Association sub-recipient contract with an area health education center; New Hampshire Needs Caregivers. The sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$750,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section for the purpose set forth in paragraph II(c) of section 3 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

V. Appropriation; Bi-State Primary Care Association sub-recipient contracts; Public-Private Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Hub Loan Repayment Programs. The sum of \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section for the purpose set forth in paragraph II(d) of section 3 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

VI. Appropriation; Bi-State Primary Care Association sub-recipient contract with a rural residency training at a teaching health center program. The sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section for the purposes set forth in paragraph II(e) of section 3 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

VII. Appropriation; Early Childhood and Family Mental Health Credential. The sum of \$203,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$203,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, bureau of children's behavioral health for the purpose set forth in RSA 167:3-1, IV(a)(2). The bureau shall use the funding to support the training of up to 60 clinicians per year of the biennium. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

VIII. Appropriation; Primary Care Workforce Program. The sum of \$115,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$115,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section, for an administrator I position for the purpose of administering paragraph I of section 3 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

5 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Rates Paid to Opioid Treatment Providers; Appropriation.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of increasing rates paid to providers of opioid treatment programs. Said amounts are intended to cover the cost of rate increases for both the traditional Medicaid population and granite advantage program population. The department may accept and expend any federal funds available for the purposes of this section without the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2025-0776s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands access to primary health care services by directing the department of health and human services to amend its contract with the Bi-State Primary Care Association's Recruitment Center in order to expand health care workforce recruitment and retention efforts and increases funding for such programs. The bill also makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for opioid treatment providers.

Senate Health and Human Services

March 5, 2025

2025-0775s

05/06

Amendment to SB 245-FN

Amend RSA 420-J:8-i, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. With respect to a claim for covered services rendered by a non-participating ground ambulance service provider, the health carrier shall directly reimburse the non-participating ground emergency ambulance service provider the rates set or approved, whether in contract, in ordinance, or otherwise, by a local governmental entity in the jurisdiction in which the non-participating ground emergency services originated. If the local government entity having jurisdiction where the ground emergency ambulance service originated does not have set or approved rates, the health carrier shall directly reimburse the non-participating ground emergency ambulance service provider a minimum of 325 percent of the current urban, rural or super rural Medicare rates based on the geographic area where the ground emergency ambulance service originated.

(a) The payment shall be considered payment in full for the ambulance service provided, except for any copayment, coinsurance, deductible, and other cost sharing amounts that the carrier requires the covered individual to pay; and

(b) The non-participating ambulance service provider is prohibited from billing the covered individual for any additional amount for the ambulance service provided except for any copayment, coinsurance, deductible, and other cost sharing amounts that the carrier requires the covered individual to pay.

Amend RSA 420-J:8-i, V and VI as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. A health carrier shall reimburse a non-participating ground emergency ambulance provider in accordance with RSA 420-J:8-a, the prompt payment requirements.

VI. A health carrier shall clearly indicate on all payment explanations of benefits whether the claim relates to an insurance plan subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner.

Senate Judiciary

March 4, 2025

2025-0745s

07/09

Amendment to SB 263

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

1 New Paragraph; Endangering Welfare of a Child; Responsive Generative Communication. Amend RSA 639:3 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a.(a) In the prosecution of any person under this section, an owner or operator of a computer online service, internet service, or bulletin board service, including a provider of an artificial intelligence (AI) chat program, large language model artificial intelligence bot, chat bot, character AI, or other computer application whose sole purpose is to provide responsive open-ended generative communication through the use of artificial intelligence, constitutes endangering the welfare of a child if the communication is made with the intent to facilitate, encourage, offer, solicit, or recommend that the child imminently engage in:

- (1) Sexually explicit conduct.
- (2) The production or participation in the production of a visual depiction of such conduct.
- (3) The illegal use of drugs or alcohol.
- (4) Acts of self-harm or suicide.
- (5) Any crime of violence against another person.

(b) This paragraph shall not apply to:

(1) A provider of a telecommunications service or an information service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. section 153, for the provision of content created by or supplied on behalf of another person; or

(2) Any product, service, website, or application that provides an AI chat program or character that is integral or incidental to a video game, television, streaming, movie, or other similar interactive experience.

2 New Section; Private Right of Action; Responsive Generative Communication with Children. Amend RSA 507 by inserting after section 8-j the following new section:

507:8-k Private Right of Action for Solicitation of Children Through Responsive Generative Communication.

I. Any owner or operator of a computer online service, internet service, or bulletin board service, including a provider of an artificial intelligence (AI) chat program, large language model artificial intelligence bot, chat bot, character AI, or other computer application whose sole purpose is to provide responsive open-ended generative communication through the use of artificial intelligence, shall be liable to a child, parent of such child, or next friend of such child, for any communication made with the intent to facilitate, encourage, offer, solicit, or recommend that the child imminently engage in:

- (1) Sexually explicit conduct.
- (2) The production or participation in the production of a visual depiction of such conduct.
- (3) The illegal use of drugs or alcohol.
- (4) Acts of self-harm or suicide.
- (5) Any crime of violence against another person.

II. The owner or operator of such service shall be liable to the child, the child's parent, or the child's next friend for damages proximately caused thereby, but in no instance liable for an amount less than liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,000 per violation.

III. In addition to any damages set forth in this section, the owner or operator of a computer service described in this chapter shall be liable for the attorney's fees of any plaintiff prevailing in an action brought pursuant to this section.

IV. This section shall not apply to:

(1) A provider of a telecommunications service or an information service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. section 153, for the provision of content created by or supplied on behalf of another person; or

(2) Any product, service, website, or application that provides an AI chat program or character that is integral or incidental to a video game, television, streaming, movie, or other similar interactive experience.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Senate Ways and Means
March 4, 2025
2025-0769s
06/08

Amendment to SB 291

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Property Taxes; Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Exemption. Amend RSA 72:23, III to read as follows:

III. Houses of public worship, parish houses, church parsonages occupied by their pastors ***or by designated church employees***, convents, monasteries, buildings and the lands ~~[appertaining to them]~~ ***on the same lot*** owned, used, and occupied directly for religious training, ***including residential programs***, or ***housing used*** for other religious purposes by any regularly recognized and constituted denomination, creed or sect, organized, incorporated or legally doing business in this state and the personal property used by them for the purposes for which they are established. ***Housing used for religious purposes includes up to 6 residential housing units or congregate housing units to be used for residential purposes, or both, on land owned on or before January 1, 2025, or owned for a period of not less than 5 years by a regularly recognized and constituted denomination, creed, or sect, organized, incorporated, or legally doing business in this state and wholly owned by the religious organization. The term "units" as used in this paragraph shall have the same meaning as "rental units" as defined in RSA 540:1-a, III.***

Senate Education Finance
March 6, 2025
2025-0793s
07/02

Amendment to SB 295-FN

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

AN ACT relative to education freedom accounts.

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

1 Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Definitions. Amend RSA 194-F:1, VI to read as follows:

VI. "Eligible student" means a resident of this state who is eligible to enroll in a public elementary or secondary school ~~[and whose annual household income at the time the student applies for the program is less than or equal to 350 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2). No income threshold need be met in subsequent years, provided the student otherwise qualifies]~~. Students in the special school district within the department of corrections established in RSA 194:60 shall not be eligible students.

2 New Paragraphs; Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Application for an Education Freedom Account. Amend RSA 194-F:3 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraphs:

I-a. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, total enrollment for the education freedom account program shall be capped at 10,000. However, in any fiscal year when student applications for the education freedom account program are equal to or greater than 90 percent of the total enrollment cap applicable to that fiscal year, the total enrollment cap shall increase by 25 percent. The department shall publish on its website information identifying the total enrollment cap when it is increased pursuant to this paragraph.

I-b. In any fiscal year, if student applications during the spring application window exceed the program cap, priority shall be determined in the following order:

- (a) A student currently enrolled in the EFA program;
- (b) A sibling of a student currently enrolled in the EFA program;
- (c) A child with disabilities as defined by RSA 186-C:2;

(d) A student whose family income is less than or equal to 350 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902 (2).

I-c. In any fiscal year, for students applying after June 30 during the fall application window, only students who meet the priority categories as defined by RSA 194-F:3, I-b(b)-(d) are eligible for pro-rated accounts. The scholarship organization shall prioritize current EFA students for renewal in the spring by reserving space for them under that year's enrollment cap before awarding new EFA accounts for fall applicants.

3 Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Application for an Education Freedom Account. Amend RSA 194-F:3, III(b) to read as follows:

(b) The student on whose behalf the parent is applying is an eligible student ***and meets the priority guidelines when applications exceed the enrollment cap.***

4 New Paragraph; Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Authority and Responsibilities of the Scholarship Organization. Amend RSA 194-F:4 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

IV-a. The scholarship organization shall establish and publicize no less than 2 deadlines by which application forms must be submitted.

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

2025-0793s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Increases the number of students eligible for education freedom accounts by removing household income thresholds.

II. Removes certain conditions tied to education freedom account funds.

Senate Education Finance

March 6, 2025

2025-0794s

07/05

Amendment to SB 296

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

AN ACT relative to eligibility for education freedom account scholarships.

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

1 Taxation; Education Tax Credit; Definitions. Amend RSA 77-G:1, VIII to read as follows:

VIII. "Eligible student" means a New Hampshire resident who is at least 5 years of age and no more than 20 years of age, **or 21 if eligible under RSA 186-C:2**, who has not graduated from high school, and

(a)(1) Who is currently attending a New Hampshire public school, including a chartered public school, and for whom the adequacy grant in the next school year would be reduced if the student were removed from the average daily membership calculation, or who is entering kindergarten or first grade; or

(2) Who received a scholarship under subparagraph (1) or this subparagraph in the prior program year; or

(3) Who does not qualify under subparagraph (1) or (2); and

(b) Whose annual household income is less than or equal to 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2). The scholarship organization shall verify eligibility under this subparagraph[-] ; **and**

(c) Who does not possess an education freedom account under RSA 194-F.

2 Taxation; Education Tax Credit; Scholarships. Amend RSA 77-G:2, I(d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) At least **50** [40] percent of the scholarships awarded by the scholarship organization to eligible students as defined in RSA 77-G:1, VIII(a)(1) and (2) shall be awarded to students who qualified for the federal free and reduced-price meal program in the prior year.

(e) A student shall reapply each year for a scholarship. ***If during the reapplication process, a student who was awarded a scholarship for the previous year is deemed ineligible for the following year under RSA 77-G:1, VIII(b), the student may still receive the scholarship for the following year, deemed a probationary year. If following the probationary year, the student is again deemed ineligible during the reapplication process under RSA 77-G:1, VIII(b), then the student is ineligible to receive the scholarship that year and may reapply in subsequent years.***

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2025-0794s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Increases the percentage of nonpublic school scholarships awarded to students who qualify for the federal free and reduced-price meal program.

II. Establishes a probationary period for ineligible students to allow for them to receive an additional year of scholarship funding.

HEARINGS

All Standing Committee hearings will be live streamed on the NH Senate's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/NewHampshireSenatelivestream>

Links are also available on the Senate Meeting Schedule.



FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

COMMERCE, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Murphy (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Reardon

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee on Housing Work Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Innis (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Murphy, Sen. McGough, Sen. Fenton, Sen. Reardon

10:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

11:00 a.m. Hearing on proposed Amendment #2025-0807s relative to development and related requirements in cities, towns, and municipalities to SB 170, relative to residential property subject to housing covenants under the low income housing tax credit program.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Lang (VC), Sen. Rochefort, Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Sen. Long

9:30 a.m. **SB 287**, requiring applicants for absentee ballots to present a copy of their photo identification with their application.

9:45 a.m. **SB 222**, relative to moving the state primary date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

Sen. Avard (C), Sen. Pearl (VC), Sen. McConkey, Sen. Watters, Sen. Rosenwald

9:00 a.m. **SB 299**, relative to penalties for contractors violating water pollution and waste disposal regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

1:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Abbas (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon

1:00 p.m. **SB 269**, removing references to matrimonial age and time waivers in the vital records act.

1:15 p.m. **SB 265**, repealing the provision related to religious use of land and structures.

1:30 p.m. **SB 264**, relative to the therapeutic cannabis program.

1:45 p.m. **SB 260**, relative to access to abortion care.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Rochefort (C), Sen. Avard (VC), Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Long

9:45 a.m. **SB 252**, relative to criteria for providing certain medical care through telemedicine.

10:00 a.m. **SB 250**, relative to pharmacist administration of long-acting injectable drugs.

10:15 a.m. **SB 254**, relative to controlled substance inventories.

10:30 a.m. **SB 247**, prohibiting network exclusion for pharmacies that refuse to dispense a prescription of the PBM reimbursement that is below the pharmacy's acquisition cost.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 103, SH

Sen. Pearl (C), Sen. McGough (VC), Sen. Gannon, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 285**, relative to changing the term “physician assistant” to “physician associate.”
- 9:15 a.m. **SB 301**, creating a joint legislative oversight committee.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 200**, relative to accepting a portrait of Sylvia Larsen.
- 9:45 a.m. **SB 303**, directing the commissioner of the department of education to compile a report on the effects of the dissolution of the United States Department of Education on New Hampshire and its residents.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 304**, directing the commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs to assemble a report on the effects of tariffs on Canada and New Hampshire residents.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 100, SH

Sen. Lang (C), Sen. Murphy (VC), Sen. Sullivan, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Fenton

9:30 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1)

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Organizational Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

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

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
Concord, NH

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2)

10:00 a.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2)

10:00 a.m. 5 Chenell Drive Regular Meeting
Suite 301
Concord, NH

NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)

2:00 p.m. Department of Education Regular Meeting
Vocational Rehabilitation New Hampshire
Room 330
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88274077301?pwd=fceOts2WBj51lhqpHiteJs7QfTmkQH.1&from=addon>
Meeting ID: 882 7407 7301
Passcode: 705915

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RSA 238-A:2)

9:00 a.m. 7 Hazen Drive Regular Meeting
Room 112-113
Concord, NH
Via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84921583803?pwd=jNNjexnNwbEtbqANpiin6H8aQvWotdL.1>
Passcode:718312

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e)

10:00 a.m. NH Fire Academy Regular Meeting
 Classroom 1
 98 Smokey Bear Blvd
 Concord, NH

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3)

10:00 a.m. Mount Washington Observatory Offices Regular Meeting
2779 White Mountain Hwy
North Conway, NH

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a)

2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

This meeting will take place by remote conference. To listen in please follow the instructions below:

Please register for the Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals meeting on March 14, 2025, 2:00 PM EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5671215450474413150>

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You also may join the meeting by phone:

Call in Number: 1 (562) 247-8422

Access Code: 115-413-777

Webinar ID: 394-884-731

The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: Amy.E.Rousseau@des.nh.gov. You may also call Amy Rousseau at 603-271-8801.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED DEMENTIA (RSA 126-A:15-a)

2:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m. New Hampshire Veterans Home Regular Meeting
 Town Hall
 139 Winter Street
 Tilton, NH

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
125 Airport Road
Concord, NH

In addition to the physical location, access is also available need be remotely via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUt09>

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Room 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10)

9:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)

10:00 a.m. Department of Natural & Cultural Resources Regular Meeting
 172 Pembroke Road
 Concord, NH
 Teams Meeting ID: 282 387 535 833
 Passcode: qAxqEj

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

11:00 a.m. Room 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a)

1:30 p.m. Department of Business & Economic Affairs Regular Meeting
 Suite 100
 100 North Main Street
 Concord, NH

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD (RSA 126-BB:2)

9:30 a.m. DHHS Brown Building Regular Meeting
 Auditorium
 129 Pleasant Street
 Concord, NH

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

10:00 a.m. Room 206-208, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-A:88)

9:00 a.m. New Hampshire Hospital Association Regular Meeting
 Foundation for Healthy Communities
 Room 1
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH
<https://brandeis.zoom.us/j/91924404723?pwd=iGGIYA5u57zTlaudZ0RDbb1ZkoAQm6.1>
 Meeting ID: 919 2440 4723
 Password: 039529
 Dial-in number: 1-646-558-8656

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61)

9:30 a.m. NHDES Regular Meeting
 Room 208 C
 29 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH
 Remote attendance option:
 <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Center Facility Regular Meeting
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

COMMISSION TO STUDY REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO THE ROAD TOLL, ROAD TOLL REGISTRATION CHARGES, AND REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, INCLUDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND THEIR RESULTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT (RSA 21-J:49)

11:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

9:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:
 <https://youtube.com/live/eK4irWRtIRY?feature=share>

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)

9:30 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:
 <https://youtube.com/live/yNR3qmqzDZqs?feature=share>

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH
 In addition to the physical location, access is also available need be remotely via Zoom:
 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Center Facility Regular Meeting
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)

10:00 a.m. Department of Natural & Cultural Resources Regular Meeting
 172 Pembroke Road
 Concord, NH
 Meeting ID: 266 271 833 395
 Passcode: rA3Ae7wM

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH
 In addition to the physical location, access is also available need be remotely via
 Zoom:
 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)

2:00 p.m. Department of Agriculture, Markets, & Food Regular Meeting
 Granite Place South
 Concord, NH

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH
 Zoom:
 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH
 Zoom:
 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

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FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2025 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 13, 14, 15, 31, 58, 60, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 83, 86, 87, 92, 99, 100, 106, 108, 111, 112, 116, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 128, 130, 133, 134, 137, 139, 140, 142, 144, 147, 148, 152, 157, 160, 168, 179, 180, 181, 188, 191, 193, 201, 204, 205, 208, 213, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 233, 238, 239, 243, 244, 245, 253, 261, 274, 277, 286, 297

HOUSE BILLS: 66, 77, 85, 111, 112, 140, 179, 211, 225, 240, 284, 291, 309, 327, 328, 340, 369, 393, 468, 494, 506, 511, 517, 524, 621, 650, 716, 720, 727, 76, 778

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NOTICES

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on February 10, 2025, voted to formally issue the following advisory opinion, which is printed below in its entirety.

Advisory Opinion 2024-3

House Bill 1388

(November 18, 2024)

On January 1, 2025, the provisions of House Bill 1388 become effective, requiring members of the General Court to recuse themselves from participating in legislative activities in certain circumstances. While the Ethics Committee has found in the past that recusal is warranted when some conflicts of interest exist, this is the first time that a formal requirement has been imposed by statute.

When the Ethics Guidelines were initially adopted in 1991, there was substantial uncertainty as to how they would be applied. At that time, the Ethics Committee issued an Advisory Opinion recognizing that legislators may require a period of time to review and become familiar with the Guidelines. The Committee acknowledged that there would be violations, but the focus was on correction, not on punitive measures. Over time, the Committee has come to expect strict compliance with the Guidelines because they have become defined by application of factual circumstances brought before the Committee in the form of complaints or requests for advisory opinions.

The new provisions of HB 1388 are subject to interpretation and may cause some uncertainty among members of the General Court. Like the initial Guidelines, it is expected that specific cases will be brought before the Committee which will give more definition to the new statutory provisions. Until that happens, legislators should do their best to comply with HB 1388 according to their understanding and interpretation of the statutory language. In any event, at a minimum, they are required to comply with existing disclosure requirements.

It is the intention of the Committee that there be education of and compliance with the Guidelines, including the provisions of HB 1388. As long as a legislator acts in good faith in attempting to comply with the provisions of HB 1388, violations may be recognized but the Committee intends to focus on correction and not on punitive measures. This will remain the intention until the recusal provisions are better defined and understood.

Legislators are encouraged to bring questions about their specific circumstances to the Ethics Committee by requesting an advisory opinion or interpretive ruling.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

Senator Ricciardi and the New Hampshire Child Care Coalition invites all legislators to “Donut Day” on Wednesday, March 12th, from 8 AM to 10 AM in the State House Cafeteria. Please drop by for fresh coffee and artisan donuts from Bird Food Baking Co (Bedford), plus a “sprinkling” of solutions for New Hampshire families. We will share valuable perspectives and experiences from families across the state during this casual, drop-in event. It’s going to be a SWEET start to your day!

Senator Denise Ricciardi

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

AARP New Hampshire cordially invites all Senate and House members and staff to a Legislative Luncheon on Thursday, March 13th, 2025 from 11:30am-1:30pm at the State House Cafeteria. Lunch will feature a variety of sandwiches, salad, chips, cookies, and beverages along with vegetarian options to choose from.

Lawmakers will have an opportunity to meet AARP NH volunteers who are advocates for supporting family caregivers, protecting consumers against fraud, expanding access to affordable housing, and more. AARP NH is excited to talk with lawmakers about these issues and understand how we can work together moving forward. Please RSVP or note any dietary restrictions to Mike Padmore at mpadmore@aarp.org.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Senate Minority Leader

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

Legislators are invited to join the University System of New Hampshire for a Legislative Lunch on Thursday, March 27 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Church, Concord, NH. We invite you to meet our college and university presidents and learn more about our efforts to attract, equip, and retain a highly skilled NH workforce. Lunch will be provided.

Senator Daniel Innis
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Senate Minority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

Please join the Community College System of New Hampshire for a meet and greet in the State House cafeteria Wednesday, April 2 from 11-1. Legislators and staff are invited to join college and system leaders and discuss issues of importance to your region and the state. Refreshments, prepared by culinary students from Lakes Region Community College and White Mountains Community College, will be proudly served by students and faculty. The committee that leaves us the most business cards will win a delicious cake made by the colleges’ culinary students.

Senator Ruth Ward
Senator David Watters

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Monday, May 26, 2025

Thursday, June 05, 2025

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Friday, July 04, 2025

Monday, September 01, 2025

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Friday, November 28, 2025

Thursday, December 25, 2025

CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

Memorial Day (State Holiday)

Deadline to ACT on all House bills.

Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.

Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.

Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Independence Day (State Holiday)

Labor Day (State Holiday)

Veterans' Day (State Holiday)

Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)

Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)

Christmas Day (State Holiday)