

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

HB 561 (Working After Retirement) To Have Public Hearing

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We explained in both [Bulletin #1](#) and [Bulletin #2](#) our concerns with [HB 561](#), which makes significant changes to the number of hours a New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) retiree can work in a part-time position for an NHRS employer, imposes a waiting period before a new retiree can begin working in a part-time position, and institutes a penalty for violations of those limits. The Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee (ED&A) recommended an amendment to [HB 561](#) in December to incorporate these provisions, which had been recommended by the NHRS Decennial Commission. However, neither the committee nor the commission had held a public hearing to consider the impact such changes may have on municipal operations, particularly for smaller towns that rely on experienced retirees to fill part-time positions.

After last-minute pleas to key senators, on Wednesday the Senate voted to re-refer [HB 561](#) to the ED&A Committee for a public hearing, which will likely occur within the next two weeks. We are very appreciative of this Senate action, which provides the opportunity to understand better the implications of the changes proposed in [HB 561](#) (and possible amendments to that bill), and lessen the types of “unintended consequences” that often lead to “tweaking” and “correcting” legislation.

Current law imposes a 32-hours per week limit on retirees working in part-time positions, with certain exceptions for seasonal workers. [HB 561](#) would limit retirees to working 1,040 hours per calendar year, which averages 20 hours per week. There is discussion of a possible amendment to [HB 561](#), which we have not yet seen, that would change the limit to 1,300 hours per calendar year, an average of 25 hours per week. We have been requested to provide information regarding the number of retirees working part-time for municipalities; we will contact our members to help compile that information. Be sure to check next week’s *Bulletin* for more information regarding the public hearing on [HB 561](#).

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RGGI Bills Postponed

We wrote in [last week's Bulletin](#) about two bills—one good, one bad—dealing with distribution of proceeds from the sale of carbon allowances under the regional greenhouse gas initiative (RGGI). We won't repeat the explanation here. Both bills were scheduled for a vote by the House this week, but were postponed because of a key representative's absence and the snowstorm. The House is now scheduled to vote on both bills next **Tuesday, January 9**.

Again, please encourage your representatives to overturn the committee recommendations on both **HB 559** (the good bill) and **HB 592** (the bad bill) and then vote to *pass HB 559* and *kill HB 592*.

Water Quality Standards Bills

On **Thursday, January 11, in LOB Room 305**, the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee will hear testimony on the following bills dealing with water quality standards:

- **10:45 a.m.** – [HB 1590](#) requires the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to enact administrative rules regarding surface water quality standards for a variety of chemicals.
- **11:30 a.m.** – [HB 1618](#) requires the commissioner to enact administrative rules regarding ambient groundwater quality standards for a variety of chemicals.
- **1:15 p.m.** – [HB 1727](#) requires all public water systems to test for perfluorinated chemicals within 18 months of passage of the bill, and monthly thereafter if initial testing exceeds the lowest state standards for such chemicals. The fiscal note indicates that additional costs to public water systems for such testing are indeterminable.
- **1:45 p.m.** – [HB 1737](#) lowers the permissible level of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in drinking water from 13 to 0.5 micrograms per liter. As NHMA stated in the fiscal note, a reduction of this magnitude will likely result in significant costs to public water systems. Both NHMA and DES stated that such additional costs are unknown and indeterminable.

There is at least one other bill dealing with water quality standards that will be scheduled for a hearing in the coming weeks. Additionally, DES is in the process of readopting with amendments a number of administrative rules dealing with water quality standards, which we have highlighted in *Newslink*, NHMA's online bi-weekly newsletter. A listing of these administrative rules is available on the [DES proposed rules webpage](#).

THE EDGE

Phantom RTK Violations

A recent editorial in a New Hampshire newspaper complained about a school board's refusal to answer questions from the newspaper. According to the editorial, the school district's business administrator had been suspended, and a reporter from the newspaper contacted board members to ask about the suspension and to ask how the district's finances were being handled during the suspension. The editorial stated, "Inquiries to almost all of the district's 13 board members and [the] superintendent . . . were rebuffed."

The paper implied that board members' refusal to answer the questions constituted a violation of the Right-to-Know Law. It stated that the law "give[s] public bodies latitude in discussing certain personnel matters . . . [b]ut those exemptions don't extend to the state of the district's finances."

The editors seem to misunderstand what the Right-to-Know Law requires. The law has only two basic requirements: (1) that meetings of public bodies be open to the public, with appropriate public notice and meeting minutes; and (2) that governmental records be made available for inspection and copying. The law does not require public officials to answer questions from reporters, or anyone else.

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Agritourism, Again

Even as it killed one bill this week ([SB 169](#)) seeking to broaden the definition of “agritourism” and limit local regulation of agritourism, the Senate scheduled a hearing next week for another bill that would accomplish the same goal in a slightly different manner. [SB 412](#) will have a hearing before the Senate Ways and Means Committee next **Wednesday, January 10, at 9:40 a.m., in State House Room 100.**

The bill defines “agritourism” as “any activity carried out on a farm that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view, enjoy, or participate in activities related to farm life, including historical and cultural activities, activities in which the view or ambience of the farm serves as an appropriate backdrop, harvest-your-own activities, and other attractions related to farming.”

Notably, the proposed definition eliminates language in the existing definition that requires agritourism activities to be “accessory uses to the primary farm operation.” This is crucial because existing law restricts municipalities’ ability to regulate agritourism, and specifically requires agritourism to be permitted “on any property where the primary use is for agriculture.” The existing law works together with the definition of agritourism to ensure that agritourism activities will not overtake the farming operations on a property. The municipality may be required to allow a legitimate farm to offer overnight stays to guests, but it can prevent the property from being turned into a hotel that keeps a few cows in an outbuilding.

By deleting the “accessory use” provision from the existing law, **SB 412** would introduce confusion about whether the agritourism activities must remain subordinate to the primary farm operation. Further, it adopts an excessively broad definition of agritourism, including “activities in which the view or ambience of the farm serves as an appropriate backdrop.” What would not be included in that definition?

The existing agritourism statute was the product of extensive discussions and negotiations among all interested parties, was drafted carefully to accommodate the concerns of farmers while maintaining reasonable local control, and passed easily on voice votes in both houses just two years ago. It continues to have the support of NHMA, the Farm Bureau, and others representing agricultural interests. **SB 412** would introduce confusion and upset the careful balance struck by the existing statute. Please encourage members of the [Ways and Means Committee](#) and your own senator to *oppose SB 412*.

THE EDGE *(Continued)*

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Whether the school board members *should* answer reporters’ questions, as a matter of either good government or good politics, is a different question. The editorial’s criticism of the board members’ silence may be legitimate; but the suggestion that it was illegal is simply wrong.

There are plenty of Right-to-Know Law violations at both the local and state level, and the news media are right to hold public officials’ feet to the fire. However, they would do everyone a service if they made sure they understood the law before accusing officials of breaking it.



HB 121 Fails in the Senate

[HB 121](#), an **NHMA policy bill** that would have increased the cap on the local option transportation improvement fee from \$5 to \$10, failed in the Senate on Wednesday by a vote of 11-12. A subsequent motion was made to send the bill to interim study, which passed on a voice vote. As there is not much left to “study” with this very simple piece of legislation, we don’t anticipate much more Senate activity on the bill. Even if there were, the best outcome would merely be a recommendation for future legislation, beginning the process over with a new bill to be filed in the 2019 session.

Thank you to all the local officials who contacted their senators urging support of **HB 121**. Thank you also to those [senators who supported HB 121](#), and supported local control by acknowledging that citizens and their elected municipal officials are in the best position to decide whether, and how, to raise money to support their local transportation needs.

House Bill Addresses Postponement of Town Elections

The House Election Law Committee will hear testimony next Thursday on a bill to amend RSA 40:4, II, the law that gives town moderators authority to postpone a town meeting because of a weather emergency. The bill, [HB 1224](#), presumably is a response to what happened last March, when state officials questioned moderators’ authority to postpone the official ballot voting sessions of town meetings.

The bill has the right intentions—it amends the statute to say that the moderator may postpone “the deliberative session *or second session* of the meeting *or the town election*” to another reasonable date and time. We are not convinced this change is needed, but it does not hurt. The bill also amends RSA 669:1, the statute requiring town elections to be held on the second Tuesday in March, by adding the language “except as provided in RSA 40:4, II.” This may be a helpful addition, because it leaves no doubt that town elections are part of the town meeting.

The hearing on **HB 1224** is scheduled for **Thursday, January 11, at 10:30 a.m., in LOB Room 308.**

A much more dangerous bill, [SB 438](#), would change several centuries of town meeting law by giving postponement authority to the Secretary of State, who have never had any authority or jurisdiction over any part of town meetings, including the ballot voting session. That bill has not been scheduled for a hearing yet; we will let you know when it is.

Bill Would Punish Selectmen for Managing Town Property

The House Municipal and County Government Committee will hear testimony next Wednesday on a curious bill that seeks to limit selectmen’s authority to manage town property under RSA 41:11-a.

Some background: RSA 41:11-a states that the selectmen “shall have authority to manage all real property owned by the town and to regulate its use, unless such management and regulation is delegated to other public officers by vote of the town, or is governed by other statutes.”

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In 2003, because of concerns that some towns were trying to prohibit the carrying of firearms on town property, the legislature enacted RSA 159:26, which gives the state exclusive authority over the ownership, use, possession, etc., of firearms, and states that no ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision may regulate such matters, except as specifically provided by statute. It is clear, then, that municipalities do not have the authority to prohibit the possession of firearms on municipal property. However, RSA 41:11-a still gives selectmen authority to regulate the *use* of municipal property, and presumably that includes the use of firearms.

The “legislative findings and purpose” section of [HB 1749](#) states that “a growing number of towns and local boards are violating RSA 159:26.” It specifically mentions that the board of selectmen in Milford “has banned target shooting on town land.” The bill then goes on to repeal and reenact RSA 159:26 so that it expressly preempts RSA 41:11-a with respect to the use of firearms. Thus, under the bill, the governing body could not prohibit any use of firearms—whether target shooting, hunting, military salutes, celebratory shooting, or anything else—on any municipal property, so long as the activity is not expressly prohibited by state law.

The bill doesn’t stop there. If a municipality “knowingly” adopts an ordinance in violation of the prohibition, the officials “under whose jurisdiction the violation occurred” would be subject to civil fines of \$5,000, and would be subject to termination of employment or removal from office by the governor “or other appropriate official.”

Wow! A couple of points are worth noting. First, the selectmen’s authority under RSA 41:11-a obviously needs to be given effect. There are any number of activities that a town may not regulate generally, but which it surely may prohibit on town property. A town does not, for example, have authority to outlaw trombones, but it certainly may prohibit trombone playing in the town library. A town may not prohibit the growing of potatoes, but it need not allow someone to grow potatoes in the town cemetery. Similarly, a town may not prohibit the possession or use of firearms generally, and may not prohibit someone from *carrying* a gun on town property; but the idea that anyone at all must be permitted to set up a shooting range on town property is, frankly, kind of goofy.

Second, setting aside firearms, municipalities frequently enact ordinances that are invalid either for lack of authority or because they are preempted by state law. The remedy in such cases is straightforward—the ordinance is simply invalid and unenforceable. If the municipality tries to prosecute someone for violating the ordinance, the court dismisses the case and possibly awards attorney fees to the defendant. (More likely, the town attorney advises the selectmen that the ordinance is invalid, and the town never even tries to enforce it.) No one is fined or removed from office. It is unclear why an ordinance that is preempted by RSA 159:26 ought to be treated any differently. If there are existing ordinances that conflict with RSA 159:26, they are already invalid and unenforceable.

HB 1749 is so outlandish that we do not think it should be taken seriously—but one never knows. It is scheduled for a hearing on **Wednesday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m., in Representatives’ Hall**, and the committee will take up the bill in executive session the same day at 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to share your thoughts with [members of the committee](#).

Timber Tax Bills

The House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee will hear testimony next week on two bills dealing with the timber tax. [HB 1470](#) proposes to repeal the timber tax, resulting in a loss of over \$3 million in municipal revenue annually. We do not expect the bill to receive significant support, but we will take it seriously. [HB 1473](#) makes a number of changes to the tax: it repeals RSA 79:5, which currently authorizes assessment of the timber tax when a municipality is “unreasonably deprived of revenue” in certain circumstances; changes the requirements for filing the notice of intent to cut; reduces the period for review of the intent to cut from 30 days to five business days; and authorizes the town clerk (in addition to the assessing officials) to approve the intent to cut.

Hearings on both bills will be **Wednesday, January 10, in LOB Room 305, at 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.**

HOUSE CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1380**, relative to unauthorized use of firearms.
10:20 a.m. **HB 1730-FN-A**, establishing a public safety enhancement revolving fund, establishing a grant program for body cameras worn by police, and creating prestige number vanity plates.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1566**, prohibiting open carry of a firearm in certain public places.
1:20 p.m. **HB 1820-FN**, relative to requiring the use of body cameras by law enforcement officers.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1441-FN**, establishing the office of the ombudsman in the department of state.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1814-FN-L**, relative to additional education grants to municipalities for the purpose of restoring reductions in stabilization grants.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **CACR 16**, relating to privacy. Providing that an individual’s right to live free of governmental interference is fundamental.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1201**, relative to an employee’s earned but unused vacation time.
10:30 a.m. **HB 1222**, relative to inquiries concerning salary history by prospective employers.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Representatives Hall, SH

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1428-FN**, relative to removal of roadside memorials.
1:45 p.m. **HB 1640-L**, relative to the definition of “occasion” relating to the laying out of roads.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1592**, requiring the commissioner of the department of environmental services to revise rules relative to arsenic contamination in drinking water.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1585**, requiring conservation commissions to keep a natural resources inventory.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1470-FN**, repealing the timber tax.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1473-FN**, relative to the timber yield tax.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

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

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

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1423-FN**, relative to election assistance for cities and towns.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1224**, relative to election dates.
- 11:30 a.m. **CACR 11**, relating to elections. Providing that a majority of selectmen shall be present at certain polling places.
- 12:00 p.m. **HB 1345**, relative to election officers at additional polling places.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1254**, establishing a committee to study the procedures for adoption of national codes by the state of New Hampshire.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1255**, relative to the state fire code.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1421-FN**, relative to regulations for event tents.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1472**, relative to the state building code provisions for energy conservation in new building construction.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1399**, relative to statutes of limitations in civil actions against public servants.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1541-FN**, relative to registration and road toll fees for hybrid and electric vehicles.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1248**, establishing a committee to study the construction of a parking facility at Hampton Beach.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1696-FN**, relative to the Hampton Beach capital improvement fund.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1590**, relative to standards for perfluorinated chemicals in surface water.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1618**, relative to ambient water quality standards and maximum contaminant levels for perfluorinated chemicals.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1727-FN**, relative to monitoring perfluorinated chemicals in public water supplies.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1737-FN-L**, relative to the permissible level of methyl tertiary butyl ether in drinking water.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1710-FN-A**, relative to the provision allowing operators to retain a portion of meals and rooms taxes collected and the appropriation of meals and rooms tax revenues to school building aid.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

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

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

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

11:00 a.m. **HB 1406**, relative to canceled carry licenses and evidence of domicile for voting purposes.
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ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:30 a.m. **HB 1770-FN-L**, relative to verification of checklists.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1221**, relative to petitioned warrant articles.
10:30 a.m. **HB 1332**, allowing warrant articles to be split by the deliberative session.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1392**, relative to publishing the tallies of votes of municipal budget committee members on warrant articles.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 1693**, relative to appropriations for bridge construction or reconstruction.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

11:30 a.m. **HB 1226**, relative to restricting the watering of lawns through the use of private wells.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:45 a.m. **HB 1673-FN-L**, relative to the interest charged on late and delinquent property tax payments.
2:30 p.m. **HB 1763-FN-A**, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

11:30 a.m. **HB 1330**, relative to the wrongful discharge of an employee.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1666**, relative to redistricting.
10:30 a.m. **HB 1699**, relative to state representative districts for Hudson and Pelham.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1722-FN-L**, relative to the property tax exemption for chartered public school property, including leased property.

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WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB (*Continued*)

- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1282**, repealing the provisions for tax exemptions for certain chartered public school facilities.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1548-FN**, relative to meals and rooms taxes applicable to room remarketers.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1491-FN-A-L**, relative to the disposition of meals and rooms tax revenues to town and cities.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1609**, establishing a local option for an additional surcharge on occupancy under the meals and rooms tax. **NHMA Policy**.

SENATE CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

ELECTION LAW AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 320**, relative to checklists used at elections.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 364**, establishing a commission to study the establishment of a searchable database to verify that each vote was properly recorded.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

- 9:15 a.m. **SB 321**, relative to group host net energy metering.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 322**, relative to access to a water utility.
- 9:45 a.m. **SB 366**, relative to members of the site evaluation committee.

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 387-FN**, relative to liability of governmental units.
- 10:45 a.m. **SB 336**, relative to the judicial district for the towns of Waterville and Livermore.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 101, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 324-FN**, allowing an optional retirement system allowance to include a subsequent remarriage of a divorced retiree.

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 340**, relative to department of revenue administration guidelines for municipal audits.
- 10:20 a.m. **SB 341**, allowing municipalities to adopt a property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans.
- 10:40 a.m. **SB 342**, requiring written disclosure of certain default budget items during the deliberative session.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 100, SH

- 9:40 a.m. **SB 412**, relative to agritourism.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

- 9:15 a.m. **SB 386**, relative to access to criminal records.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

- 1:45 p.m. **SB 352-FN**, relative to examinations of injured employees under workers' compensation law.

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COMMERCE, Room 100, SH (*Continued*)

2:00 p.m. **SB 428**, relative to the payment of weekly and biweekly wages.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

9:15 a.m. **SB 453**, relative to requirements and criteria for a competitive grant program for drinking water protection.

9:45 a.m. **SB 444**, relative to cutting timber near certain waters and public highways.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 103, LOB

2:00 p.m. **SB 347**, relative to seasonal highway weight limits.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, LOB

10:00 a.m. **SB 504-FN**, relative to sales of tax-deeded property.

10:15 a.m. **SB 394**, enabling municipalities to establish term limits for elected officials.

10:30 a.m. **SB 505**, requiring abutter notice of the construction of a crematory.

10:45 a.m. **SB 395**, relative to access electronic records under the right-to-know law.

New Bills

HB 1814-FN-LOCAL requires the department of education to distribute certain surplus funds to school districts to offset stabilization grant reductions in fiscal year 2019. Rep. Horn of Franklin; **F-H**.

SB 369-FN eliminates the requirement that the rulemaking register be sent to municipalities and legislators upon request and requires that weekly publication of the register be made directly online. Sen. Reagan of Deerfield; **ED&A-S**.

HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

HB 80, revises the administration of building code enforcement. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 101-FN, relative to certification for solid waste operators. **Passed with Amendment.**

HB 182, relative to the adoption of a default budget. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 252, relative to pro se litigants under the right-to-know law. **Passed with Amendment.**

HB 324, relative to the valuation of utility property. **Passed with Amendment; referred to W&M-H.**

HB 366-FN, relative to the calculation of average final compensation under the retirement system for certain members. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 369-FN, relative to the amortization of retirement system unfunded accrued liability. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

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HB 393-FN, relative to the Winnepesaukee river basin control program reserve account. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 399, relative to pesticide use and notification in places where children play. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 403, relative to domicile affidavits. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 404, relative to eligibility to vote, voter registration forms, and absentee ballot requests. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 421-FN, relative to revocation of retirement and other benefits for persons convicted of certain crimes while in public service. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 459, relative to challenged voter affidavits. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 486, relative to the protection of wetlands. **Interim Study.**

HB 492, relative to motorized scooters and wheelchairs operating on public streets. **Passed with Amendment.**

HB 518, eliminating the cap on net metering. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 525-FN, relative to stabilization grants for education. **Passed with Amendment; referred to F-H.**

HB 565-FN-LOCAL, relative to collection of delinquent property tax payments by manufactured housing owners. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 582-FN-A, relative to public bathing facilities. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 593-FN, granting group II retirement system status to certain positions in the department of corrections. **Interim Study.**

HB 616-FN-LOCAL, relative to persons executing election affidavits. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 631-FN, establishing a cash balance pension plan for new hires and non-vested employees. **Interim Study.**

SB 7-FN-LOCAL, (New Title) relative to eligibility for food stamps and establishing the Granite Workforce pilot program. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

SB 73, relative to septic requirements in conversions to accessory dwellings. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

SB 47, relative to enforcement of election laws. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

SB 136, eliminating the land use board and requiring approval of federal land acquisitions by the governor and council. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

SB 169, relative to the definition of agritourism. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

SB 170, relative to the authority of towns to issue bonds for the expansion of broadband infrastructure. **Passed with Amendment.**

SB 172-FN, relative to dams on residential property. **Passed with Amendment.**

SB 178-FN, relative to motor vehicle registration transfer credits. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

SB 240-FN-L, relative to the monitoring and treatment of contaminated wells. **Re-referred.**

HB 121, relative to the maximum optional fee for transportation improvements charged by municipalities when collecting motor vehicle registration fees. **Interim Study.**

HB 122, relative to withdrawal from a cooperative school district. **Passed.**

HB 173, relative to regulations restricting the use of water for outdoor usage. **Inexpedient to Legislate.**

HB 390, relative to parties on certain election forms and ballots and relative to the voter registration form used on the day of the general election. **Passed with Amendment.**

HB 561, relative to contributions by retirement system employers for certain full-time positions changed to part-time or interim employment. **Re-referred.**



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Upcoming NHMA Workshops and Webinars

Jan. 13	2018 Moderators Workshop for SB 2 Town Meeting
Jan. 17	NHMA Webinar—2018 Legislative Preview
Jan. 24	NHMA Webinar—Preparing for Town Meeting
Feb. 17	2018 Moderators Workshop for Traditional Town Meeting
Feb. 21	NHMA Webinar—Election Law Changes in 2018

Please register online through our website (Scroll down on left to Calendar of Events—www.nhmunicipal.org).

