



New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs
2016 Legislation List
Week ending 9/2/16

OTP = Ought to Pass
ITL = Inexpedient to Legislate
COC = Committee of Conference

HOUSE TRACKING CHART

Bill #	LSR #	Prime Sponsor	Title	Analysis	Position	Committee	Status
HB 1108	2076	Frank Heffron	AN ACT relative to inquiries by employers into the criminal history of applicants for employment.	This bill prohibits employers from asking a job applicant about his or her criminal history prior to making a conditional offer of employment.	Oppose	Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Labor, Industrial & Rehabilitative Services 3/9/16 Refer for Interim Study
HB 1131	2209	Mark Proulx	AN ACT relative to vehicles formerly used as ambulances.	This bill creates a penalty for operating emergency lights and sirens on vehicles formerly used as ambulances.	Watch	Transportation	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Transportation 3/9/16 ITL
HB 1264	2246	George Saunderson	AN ACT relative to carnival or amusement ride inspections.	This bill requires carnival or amusement ride operators to make inspection forms available to the commissioner of the department of safety. This bill also makes changes to the required insurance coverage for carnival or amusement ride operators. This bill was requested by the department of safety.	Support	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	5/27/16 Signed by Governor Hassan; Chapter 133; Eff. 1/1/17
HB 1266	2253	Kenneth Weyler	AN ACT legalizing firecrackers and smoke bombs.	This bill legalizes the sale of firecrackers and smoke bombs.	Oppose	Criminal Justice and Public Safety	5/31/16 Vetoed by Governor Hassan 6/16/16 Veto Sustained, Lacking Necessary Two-Thirds Vote

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HB 1282	2287	Carol McGuire	AN ACT relative to the state building code.	This bill updates the definition of the state building code to include the 2015 editions of the International Building Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, and the International Residential Code. This bill is a request of the state building code review board established in RSA 155-A:10.	Support	Executive Departments and Administration	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Executive Depts & Administration 3/9/16 ITL
HB 1341	2448	John Martin	AN ACT relative to employee payments to unions.	This bill permits an employee who is not a member of a union, but who is required to pay fees to a union, to opt to have such fees contributed to a charitable organization.	Watch	Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Labor, Industrial & Rehabilitative Services 3/9/16 Refer for Interim Study
HB 1344	2455	Herbert Richardson	AN ACT prohibiting the sale or possession of sky lanterns.	This bill prohibits the sale or possession of sky lanterns.	Support	Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Criminal Justice & Public Safety 3/9/16 ITL
HB 1352	2495	Frank Byron	AN ACT relative to the penalty for retirement system employers' noncompliance with reporting requirements for retirees.	This bill requires the penalty for retirement system employer noncompliance with the data reporting requirements be assessed only for willful or intentional violations.	Watch	Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans	5/20/16 Signed by Governor Hassan; Chapter 110; Eff. 7/19/16
HB 1381	2667	Lars Christiansen	An act legalizing the sale of smoke bombs.	This bill repeals the prohibition on the sale or use of smoke bombs.	Oppose	Criminal Justice and Public Safety	4/28/16 ITL BILL KILLED

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HB 1402	2438	J.R. Hoell	AN ACT prohibiting the state and political subdivisions from acquiring military-equipped vehicles or equipment which are not readily available in an open national commercial market.	This bill prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions of the state except for the state guard from acquiring military-equipped vehicles or equipment which are not readily available in an open national commercial market.	Oppose	Municipal and County Government	2/4/16 Lay on Table (Rep. Hoell) 7/27/16 House Died on Table
HB 1416	2563	Katherine Rogers	AN ACT relative to funding for state criminal background checks.	This bill establishes a classified position of counter clerk in the department of safety to conduct state criminal background checks under RSA 159-D.	Watch	Executive Departments and Administration	2/10/16 ITL
HB 1449	2413	Robert Elliott	AN ACT relative to additional temporary supplemental allowances for retired members of the retirement system.	This bill establishes a procedure for funding and distributing additional temporary supplemental allowances for retired members of the retirement system or their beneficiaries.	Watch	Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans 3/9/16 Refer for Interim Study
HB 1489	2604	Neal Kurk	AN ACT establishing a committee to study the rates of employer contributions in the retirement system.	This bill establishes a committee to study the rates of employer contributions in the retirement system.	Watch	Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans 3/9/16 ITL

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HB 1535	2144	Jordan Ulery	AN ACT relative to liability for payment of criminal record background checks and drug tests.	This bill requires the employer to pay the cost of a criminal record background check or drug test of a current or prospective employee or contractor.	Watch	Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Labor, Industrial & Rehabilitative Services 3/9/16 ITL
HB 1546	2525	Robert Hull	AN ACT permitting the audio recording of a public servant performing a public function.	This bill permits the audio recording of a public servant performing a public function. The bill also permits the interception of telecommunications or oral communication if at least one party consents to the recording.	Watch	Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Criminal Justice & Public Safety 3/10/16 Lay on Table (Rep. Burt) 7/27/16 House Died on Table
HB 1586	2210	Mark Proulx	AN ACT prohibiting the impersonation of an emergency medical technician or firefighter.	This bill makes it a felony to impersonate an emergency medical technician or a firefighter.	Support	Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Criminal Justice & Public Safety 3/17/16 Senate Introduced & Referred to Judiciary 4/28/16 Committee Report: Referred to Interim Study
HB 1594	2431	Andrew White	AN ACT relative to emergency medical services.	This bill makes various changes in the laws regarding emergency medical services, including requiring criminal history record checks for provider licensure and relicensure and establishing a penalty for false reports concerning investigations. This bill is a request of the department of safety.	Watch	Executive Departments and Administration	5/27/16 Signed by Governor Hassan; Chapter 149; Eff. 1/1/17

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HB 1600	2560	Katherine Rogers	AN ACT prohibiting the possession of a flame thrower.	This bill prohibits the possession of a flamethrowing device except in certain circumstances.	Support	Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Criminal Justice & Public Safety 3/10/16 ITL
HB 1619	2380	Hopper	AN ACT relative to the use of narcan.	This bill requires hospitals in Hillsborough county to offer patients who have received Narcan for a drug overdose an opportunity to speak with a recovery coach or receive contact information for a recovery coach.	Watch	Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs	Introduced 1/6/16 & referred to Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs 4/19/16 Interim Study Full Committee Work Session held
HB 1639	2314	Marple	AN ACT relative to bonds for public employees.	This bill permits taxpayers to have access to bonds issued to indemnify public employees. This bill also gives taxpayers a right of subrogation against public employees.	Oppose	Executive Departments and Administration	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Executive Depts & Administration 3/9/16 ITL
HB 1653	2397	Brewster	AN ACT establishing a citizen complaint and grievance website.	This bill requires the establishment and maintenance of an Internet website by the house of representatives to receive and review citizen complaints and grievances.	Watch	Legislative Administration	Introduced 1/06/16 & referred to Legislative Administration 3/9/16 ITL
HB 1673	2412	David Hess	AN ACT establishing a cash balance plan within the state retirement system.	This bill establishes a cash balance pension plan for retirement system members who begin service with the state on or after January 1, 2017. Teachers, policemen, firemen, and political subdivision employee members of a non-state employer hired on or after January 1, 2017 are cash balance plan members if their employer elects to have their members participate in the cash balance plan.	Watch	Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans	Introduced 1/6/16 & referred to Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans 2/11/16 House Lay on Table (Rep. Goley) 7/27/16 House Died on Table

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HB 1688	2825	David Woodbury	AN ACT relative to governmental liability for negligence claims.	This bill provides that employees of a governmental unit may be held liable for damages in certain negligence claims. This bill is a request of the committee to study government immunity from suit and accountability by its citizens established in 2015, 175 (SB41).	Watch	Judiciary	1/6/16 Introduced & referred to Judiciary 3/9/16 ITL
HB 1699	2958	Richard Hinch	AN ACT establishing a licensed alcohol and drug counselor in the bureau of emergency medical services to develop a training program for fire and emergency medical services personnel and making an appropriation therefor.	This bill establishes the position of licensed alcohol and drug counselor in the department of safety, bureau of emergency medical services. The person holding the position shall be responsible for establishing a training program for fire and emergency medical services personnel and developing a pilot program through which local communities hire licensed alcohol and drug counselors. The bill makes an appropriation for these purposes.		Executive Departments and Administration	Introduced 1/07/16 & referred to Executive Depts & Admin 3/23/16 Lay on Table (Rep. L. Ober) 7/27/16 House Died on Table

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SENATE TRACKING CHART

Bill #	LSR #	Prime Sponsor	Title	Analysis	Position	Committee	Status
SB 319	2734	D'Allesandro	AN ACT relative to survivor benefits for families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.	This bill adds definitions of "adult child" and "child" for purposes of determining survivor benefits for families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.	Support	Executive Departments and Administration	6/21/16 Signed by Governor Hassan; Chapter 0298; Effective 6/21/16
SB 333	2764	Jeb Bradley	AN ACT relative to net energy metering.	This bill modifies the cap on net energy metering tariffs available to eligible customer-generators. This bill also requires the public utilities commission to initiate a proceeding to develop alternative net energy metering tariffs.	Watch	Energy And Natural Resources	5/11/16 Committee Report: ITL (Vote 14-0) 5/11/16 ITL
SB 335	2844	David Boutin	AN ACT transferring administration of the building code review board to the office of professional licensure and certification, and relative to appeals of decisions of the state fire marshal.	This bill transfers the administration of the state building code review board to the office of professional licensure and certification, and makes an appropriation for this purpose. The bill also changes appeals from decisions of the state fire marshal on state fire code matters from the state building code review board to the state board of fire control.	Watch	Executive Departments and Administration	Introduced 1/06/16 & Referred to Executive Depts & Administration 1/21/16 ITL BILL KILLED

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SB 390	2857	Feltes	AN ACT relative to the procedure in retirement system hearings concerning qualification for disability retirement benefits.	This bill allows the board of trustees of the retirement system to designate a presiding officer in hearings to determine if a member qualifies for ordinary or accidental disability benefits.	Watch	Executive Departments And Administration	5/3/16 Signed by Governor Hassan; Chapter 0049; Effective 7/2/16
SB 396	2908	Carson	AN ACT relative to compatibility of electrical devices with the National Electric Code and the state building code.	This bill requires electrical devices sold in the state to be compatible with the National Electric Code and the state building code.	Watch	Executive Departments And Administration	5/11/16 ITL
SB 409	2890	Donna Soucy	AN ACT relative to the first responder's critical injury benefit.	This bill repeals the prospective repeal of the first responder's critical injury benefit.	Support	Commerce	6/21/16 Signed by Governor Hassan; Chapter 0305; Effective 6/21/16
SB 446	2935	Daniels	AN ACT relative to requirements of the state building code.	This bill provides that any rule adopted by the state building code review board related to applications for permits under the International Residential Code shall require only such data as is reasonably required for the building inspector to act on the application.	Oppose	Executive Departments And Administration	5/3/16 Vetoed by Governor

2015 Legislation List
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Bill #	LSR #	Prime Sponsor	Title	Analysis	Position	Committee	Status
<u>HB 369</u>	463	Carol McGuire	Establishing a defined contribution retirement plan for public employees.	Establishes a defined contribution retirement plan for public employees and requires the issuance of a request for proposals for plan administration. Beginning November 1, 2015, all new hires by employers participating in the retirement system shall be enrolled in the public employee defined contribution plan.	Watch	Public Employee Pension Plans	2/6/15 House vote Retained in Committee 1/7/16 House Refer for Interim Study 9/15/16 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS, Room 202, LOB 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on interim study HB 369-FN-A-L
<u>HB 427</u>	180	Rick Ladd	Relative to the definition of the New Hampshire fire code.	Updates the statutory definition of the New Hampshire fire code by adopting the 2015 edition of the Life Safety Code and the Uniform Fire Code NFPA1. This bill is a request of the state fire marshal.	Support	Senate Executive Departments & Administration	6/21/16 Signed by Governor Hassan; Chapter 282; I. Sec. 1 eff. 6/30/16; II. Rem. eff. 6/21/16 8/17/16 Organizational meeting held 8/31/16 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE 2015 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE NFPA 1 (HB 427, Chapter 282:2, Laws of 2016) 1:00 p.m. Room 306, LOB Regular Meeting
<u>HB 533</u>	864	Warren Groen	Relative to arc-fault circuit-breaker protection in residential construction.	Provides that arc-fault circuit-interrupter protection shall not be required in new residential construction.	Oppose	Executive Department & Administration	6/9/16 Vetoed by Governor Hassan 6/16/16 Veto Sustained, Lacking Necessary Two-Thirds Vote
<u>HB 535</u>	300	Frank Byron	Relative to signs advising motorists approaching highway emergencies.	Requires the department of transportation to post signs on certain highways advising motorists to give one lane of clearance to emergency vehicles in the breakdown lane.	Support	Transportation	5/5/16 Signed by Governor Hassan; Chapter 58; Eff. 7/4/16

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<u>SB 129</u>	942	Sam Cataldo	Allowing retired members of the retirement system to change an optional allowance election in certain circumstances.	Allows a retired member of the retirement system to change an optional allowance after the 120-day grace period and redesignate the nonelection or election of an optional allowance where the executive director finds that circumstances require the change.	Watch	Executive Departments & Administration	6/21/16 Signed by Governor Hassan; Chapter 0292; Effective 8/20/16