

NEW HAMPSHIRE BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
2019 Legislative Session

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BILL NO.	DESCRIPTION	COMMITTEE	STATUS	LSR #	POSITION	AMENDMENTS/CHAPTER LAWS
HB 104	establishes a housing appeals board in the attorney general's office to hear appeals of final decisions of municipal boards, committees, and commissions regarding questions of housing and housing development. Rep. L. Ober of Hudson	H - JUD	ITL, VV, 1/31	2019-0011	ITL	
HB 151	relative to the definition of "agriculture." Rep. O'Connor of Derry	H - E&A	Executive Sess Tues 2/5 at 12:30 pm, LOB 303	2019-0087	MONITOR	
HB 156	establishing a commission to study the establishment of a state department of energy. Rep. Robert Backus of Manchester	H - ST&E	Hearing Tues. 2/5 at 11:00 am, LOB 304	2019-0098	MONITOR	
HB 165	prohibits a public official from entering into a contract with a third party to perform his or her official duties and establishes a criminal penalty for such a delegation of authority. Rep. Marple of Hooksett	H - ED&A	Comm Report: ITL (Vote 18-0; CC)	2019-0112	OPPOSE	
HB 174	relative to alternative treatment center licenses. Rep. Horn of Franklin	H - HHS&EA	Div 1 Subcomm work sess Thurs. 2/7 at 10:00 am, LOB 212; Exec sess Thurs. at 1:00 pm, LOB 205	2019-0123	MONITOR	
HB 183	establishing a committee to study the changes in law necessary to allow for microgrids in electrical supply. Rep. Schmidt of Dover	H - ST&E	Hearing Wed. 1/30 at 10:15 am, LOB 304	2019-0136	MONITOR	
HB 191	relative to the accountability of public officials. Rep. Marple of Hooksett	H - ED&A	ITL, VV, 1/31	2019-1067	ITL	
HB 210	relative to civil actions against public officials in cities or towns. Rep. McLean of Manchester	H - M&CG	Comm vote: 9-9, no recommendation (no report vet)	2019-0237	OPPOSE	
HB 247	updates the definition of the state building code to include the 2015 editions of the component codes, and adds the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code to the definition of the state building code. Rep. Beaudoin of Rochester	H - ED&A	Hearing Wed. 1/16 at 1:00 pm, LOB 306	2019-0304	SUPPORT	
HB 259	requires building code violations for substandard workmanship or non approved materials to include the relevant section of the state or local building code. Rep. Beaudoin of Rochester	H - ED&A	Exec sess Tues. 2/5 at 10:00 am, LOB 306	2019-0368	MONITOR	Similar language to 676:17 -a & b
HB 290	relative to the removal of certain wood stoves upon the sale of a home and notification of such removal to the department of environmental services. Rep. Schmidt of Dover	H - ST&E	Hearing Wed. 1/16 at 2:30 pm, LOB 304	2019-0732	MONITOR	Concerns with who enforcement falls to
HB 303	requires persons appointed as the local enforcement agency for inspections and enforcement of the state building code to have certification or show sufficient knowledge of code compliance requirements. Rep. Beaudoin of Rochester	H - ED&A	Exec sess Tues. 2/5 at 10:00 am, LOB 306	2019-0369	OPPOSE	Concerns with current language. Work with subcommittee to amend
HB 311	allows a municipality to adopt an ordinance regulating the occupancy and safety of dwelling units operating as sober living facilities. Rep. Connors of Manchester	H - HHS&EA	Exec sess Tues. 1/29 at 1:00 pm, LOB 205	2019-0482	OPPOSE	
HB 312	relative to the municipal regulation of tiny houses. Rep. Testerman of Franklin	H - M&CG		2019-0483	MONITOR	
HB 343	provides that a foster family home shall be exempt from local fire regulations and ordinances provided that the home complies with the requirements of the state fire code. Rep. Morrison of Epping	H - ED&A	Exec sess Tues. 2/5 at 10:00 am, LOB 306	2019-0660	MONITOR	
HB 387	clarifying change of use occupancy classifications. Rep. S. Beaudoin of Rochester	H - EDA	Exec sess Tues. 2/5 at 10:00 am, LOB 306	2019-0366	OPPOSE	Should not be in statute but adopted through BCRB

HB 388	requiring code compliance inspection for building permits. Rep. S. Beaudoin of Rochester	H-MCG	Hearing Tues 2/5 at 10:30 am, LOB 301	2019-0370		
HB 413	relative to the memership of the energy efficiaency and sustainable energy board. Rep. Mann of Alstead	H-STE	Hearing Tues. 2/5 at 2:00 pm, LOB 304	2019-0539	SUPPORT	
HB 439	relative to unauthorized occupation of land or structures. Rep. Horn of Franklin	H-CJPS	ITL, VV, 1/31	2019-0711	ITL	
HB 456	relative to persons required to register as a lobbyist. Rep. M. Smith of Durham	H-LA	Hearing Wed. 2/6 at 10:00 am, LOB 303	2019-0193	OPPOSE	
HB 520	requires certain places of public accomodation to install and maintain at least one diaper changing station that is accessible to all genders when the facility is open to the public. Rep. Fenton of Keene	H-COM		2019-0255	OPPOSE	Should not be in statute but adopted through BCRB
HB 524	exempts a home child day care agency from sprinkler system requirements under the state and local fire code if the agency has at least 2 accessible means of egress. Rep. McWilliams of Concord	H-ED&A	Exec sess Tues. 2/5 at 10:00 am, LOB 306	2019-0284	MONITOR	
HB 527	recognizes the allodial land rights of inhabitants of the state of new Hampshire and provides that a public servant who seeks to diminish such rights may be found in violation of his or her oath of office. Rep. Marple of Hooksett	H-JUD	Hearing Thurs. 1/24 at 2:00 pm, LOB 208	2019-0294	MONITOR	
HB 561	grants authority to local legislative bodies to regulate formula businesses. Rep. Vann of Peterborough	H-COM	Hearing Thurs. 2/7 at 1:15 pm, LOB 302	2019-0465	MONITOR	
HB 562	updates the definition of the state building code to include the 2015 editions of the International Building Code, the International Existing Building Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, and the International Residential Code. Rep. McWilliams of Concord	H-ED&A	Hearing Tues. 1/29 at 10:30 am, LOB 306	2019-0467	SUPPORT	
HB 581	prohibits the use of taxpayer funds to pay membership dues to any "professional association or organization". Rep. Verville of Deerfield	H-M&CG	Continued Exec sess Wed. 2/6 at 1:00 pm, LOB 301	2019-0591	OPPOSE	
HB 628	relative to universal changing stations in certain places of public accommodation. Rep. Le of North Hampton	H-CCA		2019-0502	OPPOSE	Should not be in statute but adopted through BCRB
HB 655	regulating disorderly houses. Rep. Butler of Hart's Location	H-MCC		2019-0798	MONITOR	
HB 663	relative to the definition of agriculture and existing agricultural uses. Rep. Pearl of Loudon	H-E&A	Full Comm work sess Thurs. 2/7 at 11:00 am, LOB 301-303	2019-0827		
HB 667	relative to testing wells before issuing a certificate of occupancy. Rep. Stack of Merrimack	H-EDA		2019-0722	MONITOR	
HB 710	revises the procedure for amendment to the state building code, requires the state building code review board to maintain a publicly accessible list of applicable building codes and amendments, and exempts amendments to the state fire code that are adopted as emergency rules from rulemaking requirements under RSA 541-A. The bill is a request of the committee to study procedures for adoption of national codes, established in 2018, 294 (HB 1254). Rep. McGuire of Epsom	H-EDA	Hearing Tues. 1/29 at 1:00 pm, LOB 306	2019-0269	MONITOR	Needs updated language to prevent waivers of code requirements
SB 49	relative to the state fire code. Sen. Carson of Londonderry	S-EDA		2019-0935	SUPPORT	
SB 69	defines and enables towns to license and regulate short-term rentals. NHMA Policy. Sen. Fuller Clark of Portsmouth	S-EL&MA	Hearing Wed. 1/30 at 10:15 am, LOB 102	2019-1027		
SB 109	authorizes the state fire marshal to detail personnel for public or private events for the purpose of law enforcement, code enforcement, hazardous materials safety, and public education services. Sen. Carson of Londonderry	S-ED&A	Hearing Wed. 1/30 at 9:30 am, LOB 101	2019-0937		
SB 113	requires the building code review board to review and approve local amendments to the state building code, requires the fire marshal to review and approve local fire safety codes and ordinances, and prohibits municipalities from imposing a fee to appeal the decision of a code compliance official. Sen. Carson of Londonderry	S-ED&A		2019-1040		

SB 152	requires that planning boards that mandate third party inspection during construction processes develop a scope for the inspection and solicit inspection proposals from multiple bidders before selecting an inspector. Sen. Kahn of Keene	S EL&MA		2019-0634		
SB 158	clarifies authorization to pay for town or city membership in a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of cities and towns, and prohibits the recipient of a grant or appropriation of county or municipal funds from using such funds to engage in lobbying activities. Sen. Giuda of Warren	S - EL&MA		2019-1048		
SB 256-FN	requires that senior housing receiving any state, county, or federal funding be equipped with emergency power generator service in a common area. Sen. Morgan of Brentwood.	S-ED&A	Hearing Wed. 2/6 at 9:45 am, LOB 101	2019-0922		
SB 306-FN	establishes a housing appeals board to hear appeals of decisions of municipal boards, committees, and commissions regarding questions of housing and housing development. Sen. Guida of Warren.	S-EL&MA	Hearing Wed. 2/6 at 10:15 am, LOB 102	2019-1047		