

Bill #	Sponsor	Title/Description	Governor	Notes	Effective Date	RSA
Planning & Zoning						
HB42	Stavis	relative to the operation of certain homeowners' associations: limits the voting power of individuals who own more than half of the properties in a homeowners' association organized under RSA 292. The bill also requires a hearing before the planning board before dissolution of the association.	Signed on 6/30/23		1/1/2024	292:8-m
HB252	Comtois	exempting agricultural operations from certain municipal noise ordinances: exempts farming and agricultural operations from municipal noise ordinances. This exception shall not apply to agritourism as defined in RSA 21:34-a,II(b)(5).	Signed on 6/20/23		8/19/2023	31:39, I(n)
HB296	Walsh	relative to local authority for granting driveway permits: clarifies that local land use boards and not the state fire code regulate driveway width for detached one and two-family dwellings when not governed by RSA 236:13, provided that minimum driveway width shall not be less than 12 feet for driveways over 150 feet in length. Local land use boards shall also give due consideration to any written recommendations of the municipal fire chief regarding fire department access, to include width, vertical clearance, grade, suitability of road surface, bridges, dead-ends, and the ability to pass and turn around once in the driveway.	Signed on 8/4/23	The intent of the legislature was to avoid situations where the planning board approved a plan, construction started, and then an issue arose with the fire code. However, the effect of the bill is not clear since it doesn't effect municipal authority to regulate driveways under RSA 236:13	10/3/2023	153:5, VI
HB347 (HB2)	Lynn	establishing a superior court land use review docket: creates a land use review rocket docket for all superior court appeals under RSA 677 and funds additional associate justice for this docket.	signed on 6/20/23	See HB 2, 2023 Chapter Law 79:371-372 and Judicial Branch FY24 - FY25 budget	7/1/2023	491:7-b
SB78	Innis	relative to subdivision regulations on the completion of improvements: establishes requirements and limits on the security (escrow) required for street work and utility installations, landscaping, final pavement, and fire suppression systems under subdivision regulations regarding completion of improvements prior to final approval. Requires planning board to let improvements begin without posting of bond/security as long as bond is in place prior to sale of any parcel or an application for a building permit for structures.	signed on 8/4/23	Coc Amendment 2214 adopted on 6/29. Conference Amendment requires planning boards to allow road construction and utility improvements to begin without bond in place.	10/3/2023	674:36, III-VI
Housing						
SB145 (HB2)	Perkins Kwoka	relative to New Hampshire housing champion designation for municipalities and making appropriations therefore: provides access to \$5 million for housing champion designated communities. Sets up 1. Housing Planning and Regulation Municipal Grant Program for all communities, 2. Housing Production Municipal Grant Program for housing champion communities, 3. Housing Infrastructure Municipal Grant and Loan Program for housing champion communities	signed on 6/20/23	See HB2, 2023 Chapter Law 79:462-466. BEA has until 7/1/24 to adopt rules.	6/30/2023	12-O:71-76
SB231 (HB2)	Innis	establishing a historic housing tax credit and making appropriations for workforce housing and affordable housing: appropriates \$25 million to NH Housing for Affordable Housing Fund, creates InvestNH in statute and provides \$10 million to BEA for InvestNH, \$10 million to DHHS for shelter services and housing stabilization.	signed on 6/20/23	See HB2, 2023 Chapter Law 79:39-43, 79:564-565	6/30/2023	12-O:69-70
Building Code						
HB564	McGuire	relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code: ratifies amendments to the state building code and fire code approved by the state building code review board and the fire marshal and fire control board through November 4, 2022. Would allow for cross laminated timber. Adds a fire protection engineer to the State Advisory Board of Fire Control.	signed on 5/19/23		5/19/2023	155-A:1, IV; 153:5, 153:2
SB53	Lang	relative to the definition of the state building code: amends the definition of the state building code to include amendments approved by the state building code review board as of May 12, 2023	signed on 8/8/23		10/7/2023	155-A:1, IV
Right-to-Know/Remote Participation						
HB308	Nutter-Upham	relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence: allows for remote-participation by members of state boards as long as there is in person presence of at least 1/3 of members except in emergencies.	Signed on 8/4/23		10/3/2023	91-A:2, IV
HB321	Yokela	relative to minutes from nonpublic sessions under the right to know law: requires public bodies to review meeting minutes withheld from public disclosure at least every 10 years to determine whether they should continue to be withheld. Minutes not reviewed after 10 years shall be made public.	Signed on 8/4/23		10/3/2023	91-A:3, IV
SB183	Ricciardi	exempting certain phone calls from the right to know law: provides that although records compiled under RSA 106-H, relative to the enhanced 911 system, are not public records under RSA 91-A, the division may release records to the caller or the subject of the call for the purpose of a legal investigation or civil proceeding.	Signed on 7/28/23		9/26/2023	106-H:14, II
Council on Resources and Development (CORD)/Off Highway Recreational Vehicles (OHRVs)						
SB160	Pearl	relative to the use of OHRVs on designated trails: prohibits the operation of OHRVs for recreational purposes on designated trails that are not registered under RSA 261:41-a.	Signed on 8/4/23		10/3/2023	215-A:6, XII, 215-A:21, XI
SB256	Ward	establishing a safety program for off-highway recreational vehicles: requires all OHRV recreational users to take OHRV temporary safety training program and certificate, which is good for one year or lifetime course	Vetoed by Governor on 8/1/23		n/a	n/a
Miscellaneous						
HB174	Harvey-Bolia	relative to the filing of notice of intent to cut timber: enables a land owner to cut timber in certain cases where they have not received a response to the notice of intent to cut timber from assessing officials within 15 days provided they submit intent to cut to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). Makes it a violation for assessing officials to fail to forward a notice to cut to the DRA within 5 business days.	Signed on 6/30/23		8/29/2023	79:10,I, 227-J:5
HB221	Bixby	relative to the acquisition of agricultural land development rights: requires that agricultural land development rights purchased by the department of agriculture, markets and food, based on the advice of the Agricultural Lands Preservation Committee be held in the name of the state of New Hampshire or the deed shall stipulate that the state has the right to enforce the terms of the deed; adds voting member from the NH Land Trust Coalition to the Agricultural Lands Preservation Committee	Signed on 8/8/23		10/7/2023	432:19,II; 432:22, II - IV, 432:24, 432:25, II

Bill #	Sponsor	Title/Description	Governor	Notes	Effective Date	RSA
HB247	McConkey	relative to protective well radii: removes encroachment waivers, requires the use of a setback reduction form when don't have 75 feet protective well radii, and removes certain requirements for amended septic system plans	signed on 6/30/23		8/29/2023	485-A:30-b, I; 485-A:33, IV(a)(4), 485-A:41, IV. Repeals 485-A:2, III-a, RSA 485-A:30-a
SB52	Lang	relative to the regulation and operation of electric vehicle charging stations: updates definitions of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, modernizes the electric vehicle charging station statutes for electric vehicle infrastructure construction projects. Establishes a Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Study Committee, which shall issue a final report by November 1, 2024.	signed on 6/7/23		8/6/2023	236:132, 236:133
SB56	Watters	relative to payments for restoration of jurisdictional losses: establishes a method for the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to determine the compensatory payments for upland resource losses and deposits them into the Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) fund; expands fees to apply to impacts to undeveloped tidal buffer zones, the undeveloped portion of 100-foot buffers of designated prime wetlands, and sand dunes.	signed on 6/30/23		6/30/2023	482-A:29, I-II, 482-A:30-b
SB125 (HB2)	Gendreau	relative to annual grants to regional development corporations: makes an annual \$200,000 appropriation to the Business Finance Authority (BFA) to provide equal grants to regional economic development corporations for a 10-year period through June 30, 2033	signed on 6/20/23	See HB2, 2023 Chapter Law 79:592	6/30/2023	162-A:7-b
SB159	Fenton	establishing a committee to study unlimited service area permits for landfills and out of state waste coming into New Hampshire. Final report is due November 1, 2023.	signed on 6/20/23		6/20/2023	n/a
SB222	Bradley	relative to the definition of broadband infrastructure as a revenue-producing facility eligible for municipal revenue bonds: allows for municipal bonding for broadband in any area of a community that is underserved that is located within a communications district formed under RSA 53-G; defines broadband as having rates of transmission at minimum of 100 mb/second download and 20 mb/second upload.	signed on 7/28/23		9/26/2023	33-B:1, VI; 38:38, I(c)