

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

05/21/25

SENATE FINANCE - 2025 BUDGET RECAP SHEET

Liquor Commission

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1969s, Page 11 Delete section 267-279 from HB 2 relative to renaming the Division of Enforcement and Licensing to Division of Licensing.	Joe Mollica, Chairman / Senator Lang	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.HB 1 Change Request / HB 1 Amendment #2025-1967s, Page 12 Restore funding of enforcement positions and benefits within the Liquor Commission. Delete section 5, IX from HB 1 relative to abolishment of Liquor Commission enforcement positions. (AU 7878, compare page 396)	Joe Mollica, Chairman / Senator Lang	O	\$0	\$3,058,960	\$3,148,518	\$6,207,478
		G-REV	\$0	(\$3,058,960)	(\$3,148,518)	(\$6,207,478)

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Business and Economic Affairs

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 1 Amendment #2025-1836s, Page 13 Delete section 5, XI in HB 1 restoring positions in the Welcome Centers.	Taylor Caswell, Commissioner / Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2. HB 1 Change Request Continue funding position 9T3356, established in FY 2025, as federal award funding is available to support the position in FY 2026 and FY 2027.	Taylor Caswell, Commissioner	FED	\$0	\$84,927	\$87,783	\$172,710
2. HB 2 Amendment Request Extend Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund lapse from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026.	Taylor Caswell, Commissioner	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1894s, Page 14 Technical Fix: Remove appropriation from HB 2 section 254, relative to travel and tourism and section 255, relative to the welcome centers and restore the funds in the budget. (AU 2019, compare page 684 and AU 2175, compare page 669-670)	LBA / Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4a. HB 1 Change Request Request to increase funding to the Small Business Development Center by \$100,000 per year in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to support a Business Advisor position in Coös County.	Senator Rosenwald / Senator Innis	GF	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
4b. HB 1 Change Request Footnote in HB 1 accounting unit 1456. "\$100,000 for FY 2026 and \$100,000 for FY 2027 must be use to fund a Business Advisor in Coös County." (AU 1456, compare page 680)						
5. HB 1 Change Request Restore targeted block grants (AU 2198, compare 685)	Senator Rosenwald / Senator Watters	GF	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000

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Business and Economic Affairs

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
6. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2041s, Page 15 Appropriating \$5,000,000 per a year for FY 2026 and FY 2027 for the Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund.	Senator Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000
7. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1775s, Page 16 Establishing a committee to study the creation of the New Hampshire office of film and creative media.	Senator Innis	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2122s, Page 17 Appropriates \$20,000 to the NH Ireland Trade Council.	Senator Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$20,000		\$20,000
9. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2195s, Page 18 Adds SB 63, relative to funding formula for the division of travel and tourism. (Funding impact in next biennium)	Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 1 Amendment Request Delete section 13, relative to the back of the budget general fund appropriation reduction.	Sarah Stewart, Commissioner	GF	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000
2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2038s, Page 19 -Delete sections 247-250 of HB 2, which repeals the Division of the Arts.	Sarah Stewart, Commissioner / Senator Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$966,369	\$777,642	\$1,744,011
HB 1 Change / Amendment #2025-2055s, Page 20 Delete section 5, XII of HB 1, which abolishes positions within the Division of the Arts and restore the funding. (AU 4100, 4104, 4100, compare page 758-762)		FED	\$0	\$1,012,038	\$1,034,350	\$2,046,388
3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2028s, Page 21 Amending sections 249-250 making the NH Council on the Arts its own entity administratively attached to DNCR and creating a NH Council on the Arts Fund to allow donations, gifts and grants.	Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
4. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2298s, Page 23 Amend section 247-250 by restoring the Division of the Arts and NH Council on the Arts and creating a \$.25 surcharge on all performing art tickets to fund the council with any extra going to the General Fund.	Senator Watters	OTH	\$0	\$966,369	\$777,642	\$1,744,011
		FED	\$0	\$1,012,038	\$1,034,350	\$2,046,388
		OTH-REV	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
		GF-REV	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
5a. HB 1 Change Request Fund scientist position # 16618 within the Division of Historical Resources to maintain continuity of operations. (AU 1445, compare page 764)	Sarah Stewart, Commissioner	FED	\$0	\$114,965	\$117,972	\$232,937

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	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
5b. HB 1 Change Request Unfund scientist position # 44901 within the Division of Historical Resources to offset the cost of the requested position. (AU 1445, compare page 764)	Sarah Stewart, Commissioner	FED	\$0	(\$127,390)	(\$133,120)	(\$260,510)
5c. HB 1 Change Request Fund administrative assist position # 11446 within the Division of Historical Resources to maintain continuity of operations. (AU 1445, compare page 764)	Sarah Stewart, Commissioner	OTH	\$0	\$103,385	\$109,060	\$212,445
6. HB 1 Change Request Technical Fix: Move funds in accounting unit 2104 class 010 to class 059. Net zero impact. (AU 2104, compare page 95)	LBA	FED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Fish and Game Department

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
<p>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2064s, Page 24 Deletes section 1, and amends sections 2 and 4, relative to changes proposed to the Endangered Species Conservation Act (RSA 212-A). No change to HB 1 or F&G fund surplus statement required.</p> <p>Amend sections 367 through 371 to: - Eliminate automatic transfer of certain dedicated account balances to the F&G fund, but rather enable the Executive Director to initiate transfers, if needed. - Do not direct revenue from proposed fee increases to the F&G fund, but rather allow to stay in their respective dedicated accounts.</p> <p>Amend section 445 to exempt all Fish and Game Department dedicated funds from 5% administrative charge.</p>	Stephanie Simek, Executive Director / Senator Watters / Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		F&G-REV	(\$1,350,000)	(\$383,000)	(\$765,000)	(\$2,498,000)
		GF-REV	\$0	(\$192,000)	(\$192,000)	(\$384,000)
<p>2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1809s, Page 28 Move the Conservation Land Stewardship Program from being administratively attached to the Department of Administrative Services, to the Fish and Game Department (AU 1106, compare page 132). Net zero impact.</p>	Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Veterans Home

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
<p>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2018s, Page 29 Provide expanded transfer authority allowing the Veterans Home to transfer between all accounts and classes, including personnel classes, as the commandant deems necessary to address budget deficits, changes in federal law, and other exigencies outlined in the amendment. Fiscal Committee approval would still be required. The Home previously had this authority in FY20/21 and FY22/23.</p>	<p>Kimberly MacKay, Veterans Home Commandant</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>\$0</p>

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Community College System of New Hampshire

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 1 Change Request Fund the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program at the Governor's recommended level (\$3M/year).	Mark Rubinstein, Chancellor	GF	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
2. HB 1 Change Request Provide funds to enable the continuation of a tuition freeze.	Mark Rubinstein	GF	\$0	\$709,092	\$2,309,092	\$3,018,184
3. HB 1 Change Request Fund the Math Learning Communities Program at the Governor's recommended level (\$200K in FY 2026 and \$250K in FY 2027).	Mark Rubinstein	GF	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
4. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2001s, Page 30 Language from SB 59 (currently tabled by the Senate), expanding the law enforcement, firefighter, and EMT recruitment and retention program to include public safety communicators and dispatchers.	Senator Watters	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Lottery Commission

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1877s, Page 32 Relative to video lottery terminals (VLTs)	Senator Lang	GF-REV	\$0	\$16,498,143	\$26,397,028	\$42,895,171
		ETF-REV	\$0	\$8,249,071	\$13,198,514	\$21,447,585
		OTH-REV Elderly-Disabled- Blind-Deaf Exemption Reimbursement Fund	\$0	\$8,249,071	\$13,198,514	\$21,447,585
		OTH - Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention	\$0	\$393,516	\$629,625	\$1,023,141
		TOT-REV	\$0	\$33,389,801	\$53,423,681	\$86,813,482
2. Surplus Statement Adjustment Assume higher current law historic horse racing (HHR) revenue (\$245/machine/day) than approved in Ways and Means Committee (\$230/machine/day).	Senator Lang	ETF-REV	\$0	\$4,359,469	\$4,359,469	\$8,718,938
3. HB 1 Change Request Eliminate funding for Council for Responsible Gambling (AU 8054, compare page 1540). See funding for the Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention above. Council is repealed in HB 2 amendment #2025-1928s, which will be taken up as part of DHHS, Division of Behavioral Health.	Senator Lang	OTH - Lottery Fund	\$0	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)	(\$500,000)
4. HB 1 Change Request Establish three (3) new positions, relative to administration of video lottery terminals (VLTs): - Agency Audit Manager (SOC 13-06) - Administrator III (Controller) (SOC 13-09) - Gaming Enforcement Investigator (SOC 33L-06)	Charlie McIntyre, Executive Director / Senator Lang	OTH - Lottery Fund	\$0	\$147,000	\$311,000	\$458,000

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Lottery Commission

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
5. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1918s, Page 39 Add language from SB 60, relative to advanced deposit account wagering.	Senator Lang	ETF-REV	\$0	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$375,000
6. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2037s, Page 41 Delete section 64, relative to 24-hour gaming and liquor sales.	Senator Rosenwald	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2250s, Page 42 Language from HB 591, expanding Keno hours of operation.	Senator Lang	ETF-REV	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$2,600,000	\$3,900,000
8. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2264s, Page 43 Language from HB 737, as passed by the Senate, relative to creating local options for games of chance, authorizing keno throughout the state, and changing charitable gaming license fees.	Senator Lang	ETF-REV	\$0	TBD	TBD	TBD

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 6, 2025
2025-1969s
08/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 267 through 279, relative to the enforcement division of the
- 2 liquor commission.

2025-1969s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

120. Eliminates the enforcement division of the liquor commission.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 6, 2025
2025-1967s
08/09

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 5, paragraph IX, and renumbering the original paragraphs X -
- 2 XIV to read as IX - XIII, respectively.

DETAILED PRELIMINARY

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
April 30, 2025
2025-1836s
07/05

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting paragraph XI as inserted by section 5 of the bill and renumbering the
- 2 original paragraphs XII - XIV to read as XI - XIII, respectively.

DELAWARE LEGISLATURE

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 2, 2025
2025-1894s
07/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 254, relative to travel and tourism fund, and 255, relative to rest
- 2 areas and welcome centers.

2025-1894s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

114. Makes an appropriation to the division of travel and tourism.
115. Makes an appropriation to the department of business and economic affairs for rest areas and welcome centers.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 9, 2025
2025-2041s
06/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Appropriations; Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund. The sum of
2 \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June
3 30, 2027, which shall not lapse until June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the New Hampshire
4 housing champion designation and grant program fund established pursuant to RSA 12-O:74. The
5 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
6 otherwise appropriated.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the creation of the New
2 Hampshire office of film and creative media.
- 3 2 Membership and Compensation.
- 4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:
- 5 (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
6 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
7 of representatives.
- 8 II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
9 attending to the duties of the committee.
- 10 3 Duties. The committee shall:
- 11 I. Review the potential cost and benefits of establishing such an office and tax credit;
12 II. Identify what other states have done;
13 III. Make recommendations on what would be the best model;
14 IV. Solicit testimony, including from the commissioner of business and economic affairs, the
15 commissioner of natural and cultural resources, and any person or organization with relevant
16 information or expertise, regarding establishing such an office and tax credit.
- 17 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
18 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate
19 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this
20 section. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 21 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
22 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
23 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.
- 24 6 Effective Date. Sections 1-5 shall take effect upon their passage.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19
May 13, 2025
2025-2122s
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Appropriation; New Hampshire-Ireland Trade Council. The sum of \$20,000 for the biennium
- 2 ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic for deposit
- 3 into the New Hampshire-Ireland trade council fund, established by RSA 12-O:22-a, VI. The
- 4 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
- 5 otherwise appropriated.

2025-2122s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Appropriates money into the New Hampshire-Ireland trade council fund.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 14, 2025
2025-2195s
11/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Division of Travel and Tourism Budget; Meals
2 and Rooms Tax Revenue. Amend RSA 12-O:11-b to read as follows:
3 12-O:11-b Division of Travel and Tourism Budget; Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue. The budget
4 of the division of travel and tourism, including the travel and tourism development fund established
5 by RSA 12-O:16, shall be funded at an amount no less than 3.15 percent of the net income identified
6 by RSA 78-A:26, I, **plus the income identified under RSA 78-A:26, III**, for the most recently
7 completed fiscal year.
8 2 Effective Date. Section 1 shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2025-2195s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Raises funds for the division of travel and tourism through from the meals and rooms tax.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 9, 2025
2025-2038s
07/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 247 through 250, relative to the division of the arts.

2025-2038s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

111. Repeals the division of the arts in the department of natural and cultural resources.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 9, 2025
2025-2055s
07/09

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 5, paragraph XII, and renumbering the original paragraphs XIII
- 2 and XIV to read as XII and XIII, respectively.

DETAILED PRELIMINARY

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 249 and 250 with the following:

2

3 249 New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs Established. Amend RSA 12-
4 A:14-a, II to read as follows:

5 II. The commission shall consist of 15 members who derive from geographically diverse
6 areas of the state and are representative of the diverse groups, organizations, and individuals
7 knowledgeable about Native American history, culture, and affairs as follows:

8 (a) The director or designee of the division of travel and tourism development,
9 department of business and economic affairs.

10 (b) The director or designee of the Native American Program at Dartmouth College.

11 (c) An archaeologist appointed by the director of the division of historical resources.

12 (d) ~~[The director or]~~ Designee of the state council on the arts.

13 (e) Eleven members from the public at large, who shall be representatives from the
14 Native American community, appointed by the governor from recommendations prepared by the
15 director of the division of historical resources. All interested individuals shall submit a letter to the
16 director of the division of historical resources stating why they wish to be considered and their
17 qualifications accompanied by 3 letters of recommendation.

18 250 Repeal. The following are repealed:

19 I. RSA 21-K:6, relative to the division of the arts.

20 II. RSA 6:12,I(b)(103), relative to the state art fund.

21 III. RSA 12-A:2-k, IV, relative to the administration of the division of the arts.

22 IV. RSA 19-A:1, relative to the council on the arts declaration of policy.

23 V. RSA 19-A:7, relative to the council on the arts reports.

24 VI. RSA 19-A:8, II, relative to defining "commissioner."

25 VII. RSA 19-A:11, relative to the repairs to works of art.

26

27 Amend the bill by inserting after section 249 the following and renumbering the original section 250
28 to read as 255:

29

30 250 Reestablishing the New Hampshire Council on the Arts. RSA 19-A:2 is repealed and
31 reenacted to read as follows:

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- Page 2 -

1 19-A:2 Council Created. There is established the New Hampshire council on the arts, which
2 shall be administratively attached to the department of natural and cultural resources in accordance
3 with RSA 21-G:10. The council shall operate independently and shall not be subject to the direction
4 of the commissioner of the department.

5 251 New Hampshire Council on the Arts Fund. RSA 19-A:9 is repealed and reenacted to read as
6 follows:

7 19-A:9 Arts Fund; Donations Programs.

8 I. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the
9 New Hampshire Council on the Arts Fund which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other
10 funds and shall be continually appropriated to the council. Such fund shall be the depository of all
11 gifts, grants, federal funds, or donations made to the council pursuant to RSA 19-A. Implementation
12 expenses, the expenses of the council, any employees of the council, and operations and initiatives of
13 the council, shall be paid from such fund. Any moneys in such fund shall not lapse into the general
14 fund of the state.

15 II. The council is authorized to institute programs to solicit and receive any gifts, grants,
16 donations, or to received federal matching funds made for the encouragement of the arts and to
17 deposit such gifts, grants, or donations in the New Hampshire council on the arts fund under this
18 section.

19 252 Powers and Duties of the Commissioner. Amend RSA 19-A:10, IV to read as follows:

20 IV. To establish selection committees of interested citizens and experts to assist in the
21 carrying out of the provisions of this chapter. The selection committees may include the project
22 architect, a representative of the agency involved, a professional artist, a local citizen, and either a
23 state senator or a state representative from the district in which the project will be located. The
24 members of the selection committee shall serve without pay, but may be compensated for mileage [by
25 ~~the department of natural and cultural resources~~] **from the New Hampshire council on the arts**
26 **fund.**

27 253 Duties. Amend RSA 19-A:5, VII to read as follows:

28 VII. To administer any federal funds received from the National Endowment of the Arts and
29 the [a#t] **New Hampshire council of the arts** fund established under RSA 19-A:9.

30 254 Appropriations. The sum of \$1 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is hereby
31 appropriated to the New Hampshire council on the arts fund established pursuant to RSA 19-A:9.
32 This appropriation shall be used exclusively to support the activities of the council. The governor is
33 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
34 appropriated.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 247-250 with the following:
2
- 3 247 New Sections; Performance Art Ticket Surcharge; Division of the Arts and State Council on
4 the Arts Funding. Amend RSA 12-A by inserting after section 1-e the following new sections:
5 12-A:1-f Performance Art Ticket Surcharge; Division of the Arts and State Council on the Arts
6 Funding. There is established a surcharge of \$0.25 per performance art ticket to fund the division of
7 the arts and the New Hampshire state council on the arts. The surcharge shall be administered by
8 the department of natural and cultural resources (DNCR) and deposited into a newly created fund
9 dedicated to supporting the administration and functions of the division of the arts and the New
10 Hampshire state council on the arts. Any revenue exceeding the administrative costs of the division
11 of the arts and the New Hampshire state council on the arts shall be deposited into the general fund
12 at the end of each fiscal year.
- 13 12-A:1-g Performance Art Ticket Surcharge Fund. There is hereby established a performance
14 art ticket surcharge fund, which shall be administered by the department of natural and cultural
15 resources. All revenue collected from the \$0.25 surcharge on performance art tickets shall be
16 deposited into this fund and used to support the administration and functions of the division of the
17 arts and the New Hampshire state council on the arts. Any revenue exceeding the administrative
18 costs of the division of the arts and the New Hampshire state council on the arts shall be deposited
19 into the general fund at the end of each fiscal year.
- 20 248 New Subparagraph; Performance Art Ticket Surcharge. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting
21 after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph:
22 (400) Moneys deposited in the performance art ticket surcharge fund established
23 pursuant to RSA 12-A:1-g.

Sen. Watters, Dist 4
Sen. Pearl, Dist 17
May 8, 2025
2025-2064s
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 1.
2
3 Amend RSA 212-A:9, III as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:
4
5 III. All other state departments and agencies, to the extent possible, consistent with their
6 authorities and responsibilities, shall assist and cooperate with the executive director in the
7 furtherance of the purposes of this chapter for the conservation of endangered or threatened species.
8 They shall take such action as is reasonable and prudent to ~~insure~~ **ensure** that actions authorized,
9 funded, or carried out by them do not appreciably jeopardize the continued existence of such species
10 or result in the destruction or modification of habitat of such species which is determined by the
11 executive director to be critical, by requiring that all such action is designed to avoid and, minimize
12 harm to such species and habitat designated as critical. For the purpose of this statute, "appreciably
13 jeopardize the continued existence of such species" shall be defined in rules adopted by the executive
14 director pursuant to RSA 541-A. The provisions of RSA 212-A or any rule promulgated under this
15 chapter shall not be applicable to a state department or agency when that state department or
16 agency, in the process of undertaking an action, is required by federal law or regulation to address
17 the environmental impact on wildlife or wildlife habitat, of that action.

18
19 Amend RSA 212-A:16, III as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:
20

21 **III. The department of environmental services, in consultation of with the executive**
22 **director, shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A regarding when mitigation payments to the**
23 **fund are required for impacts to threatened and endangered species or the habitats of**
24 **threatened and endangered species, pursuant to RSA 206:33-g, II, resulting from the**
25 **issuance of a permit by the department of environmental services, and the calculation of**
26 **those payments.**

27
28 Amend RSA 214:1-g, I-II as inserted by section 367 of the bill by replacing it with the following:
29

30 I. A ~~one-dollar~~ **\$5** fisheries habitat fee shall be required to be paid by all persons 16 years
31 of age or older, in addition to each applicable fishing or combination license required by Title XVIII,

1 in order to take fish in the fresh waters of this state. ***The \$5 fee shall be credited to the fisheries***
2 ***habitat account under RSA 214:1-g, II.*** This paragraph shall not apply to any person who takes
3 fish under a complimentary license, excluding any administrative fee, issued pursuant to RSA 214:3,
4 RSA 214:7-a, RSA 214:13, RSA 214:13-b, or RSA 214:13-c, or a lifetime license issued pursuant to
5 RSA 214:9-c that was purchased in a prior calendar year.

6 II. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and
7 game fund, to be known as the fisheries habitat account, to which shall be credited all fees collected
8 under RSA 214:1-g, I. The state treasurer may accept public and private grants and donations for
9 deposit into the account. ***The executive director may transfer any amount in this account in***
10 ***excess of \$750,000 to the fish and game fund at the end of the fiscal year.***

11
12 Amend RSA 206:34-b, I as inserted by section 368 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

13
14 I. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and
15 game fund, to be known as the game management account. Each month the department shall
16 determine the number of licenses, applications, or permits sold for moose, bear, turkey, and
17 waterfowl and, for each, transfer \$10 to the game management account. The moneys in this account
18 shall be used exclusively for the implementation of a comprehensive population and habitat
19 management program, including research and management, protection, education, and outreach for
20 game as defined in RSA 207:1, IX, fur-bearing animals as defined in RSA 207:1, VIII, and migratory
21 game birds as defined in RSA 209:5 to include waterfowl, snipe, and woodcock. Funds in the game
22 management account are hereby continually appropriated for said purposes. Said funds shall be
23 expended for the purposes of this section as determined by the executive director with approval of
24 the commission. ***The executive director may transfer any amount in this account in excess of***
25 ***\$750,000 at the end of the fiscal year to the fish and game fund.***

26
27 Amend RSA 214:1-f, V as inserted by section 369 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

28
29 V. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and
30 game fund, to be known as the wildlife habitat account, to which shall be credited all fees collected
31 under RSA 214:9, XV from the sale of wildlife habitat licenses. The state treasurer may accept
32 public and private grants and donations into the account. ***The executive director may transfer***
33 ***any amount in this account in excess of \$750,000 at the end of the fiscal year to the fish and***
34 ***game fund.***

35
36 Amend the bill by replacing section 370 with the following:

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1 370 Application; Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Licenses. Amend RSA 214:9, XV to read as
2 follows:

3 XV. If the applicant wishes to take wild animals, excluding fish and marine species, or wild
4 birds, a fee set by the executive director pursuant to RSA 206:10, I, and the agent shall thereupon
5 issue a wildlife habitat license as provided in RSA 214:1-f. For any year in which a license is issued,
6 the agent shall be entitled to retain a portion of the fee as set by the executive director pursuant to
7 RSA 206:10, I for each wildlife habitat license sold and all licenses sold at the department
8 headquarters or any subagency thereof shall retain the same portion of the fee which,
9 notwithstanding RSA 214:1-f, V, shall be credited to the general fish and game fund.
10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there shall be no agent fee for a wildlife habitat license
11 issued pursuant to RSA 214:1-f. ***The wildlife habitat fee shall be set no less than \$5.***

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13 Amend the bill by deleting section 371, relative to certain transfers to the fish and game fund..

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15 Amend paragraph II of section 458 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (ss) the following new
16 subparagraphs:

17

18 (tt) RSA 6:12, I(b)(2), moneys received by the fish and game department, which shall be
19 credited to the fish and game fund.

20 (uu) RSA 6:12, I(b)(180) moneys deposited in the pheasant stamp account under RSA
21 206:35-a.

22 (vv) RSA 6:12, I(b)(254), moneys deposited in the game management account established
23 in RSA 206:34-b.

24 (ww) RSA 6:12, I(b)(186) moneys deposited in the wildlife habitat account under RSA
25 214:1-f, V.

26 (xx) RSA 6:12, I(b)(187), moneys deposited in the fisheries habitat account under RSA
27 214:1-g, II.

28 (yy) RSA 6:12, I(b)(182), moneys deposited in the fish food sales revenue account under
29 RSA 206:35-c.

30 (zz) RSA 6:12, I(b)(162), moneys deposited in the nongame species account under RSA
31 212-B:6.

32 (aaa) RSA 6:12, I(b)(42), moneys received under RSA 233-A:13 and RSA 270-E:5, II(d)
33 which shall be credited to the statewide public boat access fund established in RSA 233-A:13.

34 (bbb) RSA 6:12, I(b)(184), moneys deposited in the operation game their account under
35 RSA 20:62.

36 (ccc) RSA 6:12, I(b)(379), moneys credited to the threatened and endangered species
37 compensatory mitigation fund established in RSA 212-A:16.

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- 1 (ddd) RSA 6:12, I(b)(160), moneys deposited in the fish and game search and rescue fund
2 under RSA 206:42.
- 3 (eee) RSA 6:12, I(b)(164), moneys deposited in the publications, specialty items and
4 fundraising revolving fund under RSA 206:22-a.
- 5 (fff) RSA 6:12, I(b)(163), moneys deposited in the prepaid fish and game license fund
6 under RSA 214:9-c, IV and RSA 214:9-cc, IV.
- 7 (ggg) RSA 6:12, I(b)(110), moneys deposited in the OHRV and snowmobile fund under
8 RSA 215-A:3, VII and RSA 215-C:2, VIII.
- 9 (hhh) RSA 6:12, I(b)(3), fines received for violations of RSA 214:12 and any monetary
10 damages recovered pursuant to RSA 211:74, which shall be credited to the fish and game fund.
- 11 (iii) RSA 6:12, I(b)(378), moneys deposited into the derelict fishing gear and coastal
12 cleanup fund established in RSA 211:77.
- 13 (jij) RSA 6:12 I(b)(248), moneys deposited in the fish and gme department wildlife legacy
14 initiative account under RSA 206:33-d.
- 15 (kkk) RSA 6:12, I(b)(231), moneys deposited in the fish and game department gifts and
16 donations account under RSA 206:33-a.
- 17 (lll) RSA 6:12, I(b)(215), moneys deposited in the department of fish and game's permit
18 fund under RSA 214:9-e, IV.
- 19 (mmm) RSA 6:12, I(b)(60), the designated portion of moneys received under RSA 261:97-
20 a, which shall be credited to the conservation number plate fund established in RSA 261:97-b.

Sen. Pearl, Dist 17
April 29, 2025
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1 1 Land Stewardship Program; Administrative Attachment. Amend RSA 12-O:53, II(i) to read as
2 follows:
3 (i) Administer the ~~[following programs: the]~~ statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation
4 plan^[5] **and** the national flood insurance program~~[- and the land conservation investment program].~~
5 The office shall employ necessary personnel to administer these programs.
6 2 New Section; Fish and Game Department; Propagation of Fish and Game; Conservation land
7 Monitoring. Amend RSA 212 by inserting after section 10-b the following new section:
8 212:10-c Conservation Land Monitoring.
9 The executive director of the fish and game department shall monitor property acquired through
10 the former land conservation investment program consistent with RSA 162-C:6 and 8. The executive
11 director may further monitor such other land conservation interests held by the state of New
12 Hampshire as may approved by the council for resources and development pursuant to RSA 162-C:6,
13 II.
14 3 Conservation Land Stewardship Program; Administrative Attachment; Fish and Game
15 Department. Amend RSA 162-C:6, II to read as follows:
16 II. In addition to its other responsibilities, the council shall manage and administer the
17 lands acquired and funds established under the land conservation investment program under the
18 former RSA 221-A, according to the provisions of this subdivision and consistent with agreements
19 entered into with persons with ownership interests in such lands. ***The fish and game department***
20 ***shall monitor property acquired through the former land conservation investment***
21 ***program on behalf of the council and consistent with RSA 162-C:8. The council shall***
22 ***provide funds from the monitoring endowment described in RSA 162-C:8 to the fish and***
23 ***game department sufficient to cover the costs associated with such monitoring. Nothing***
24 ***herein shall preclude the council from providing funds from the monitoring endowment to***
25 ***the department or other entities to cover the costs of monitoring other land conservation***
26 ***interests held by the state of New Hampshire.***

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 8, 2025
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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Hampshire Veterans' Home; Transfer Between and Among Accounts and Classes.
2 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the
3 commandant of the New Hampshire veterans' home is authorized to transfer funds between and
4 among all accounting units and expenditure classes within the home and to create accounting units
5 and expenditure classes as required and as the commandant deems necessary and appropriate to
6 address present or projected budget deficits, or to respond to changes in federal law, regulations, or
7 programs, and otherwise as necessary for the efficient management of the home, including funding
8 unfunded positions, provided that if a transfer does not include new accounting units or expenditure
9 classes, only such transfers of \$100,000 or more shall require prior approval of the fiscal committee
10 of the general court and the governor and council. The New Hampshire veterans' home shall be
11 exempt from RSA 9:17-a, I and RSA 9:17-c, subject to approval by the fiscal committee of the general
12 court of any transfer of appropriations from permanent personal services or employee benefits to any
13 other use or purpose.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Authorizes the commandant of the New Hampshire veterans' home to transfer funds between and among all accounting units and expenditure classes within the home and to create accounting units and expenditure classes.

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1 1 Community College System of New Hampshire; Law Enforcement Officers, Professional
2 Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention
3 Program. Amend RSA 188-F:70 to read as follows:

4 188-F:70 Program Established.

5 I. There is hereby established in the community college system of New Hampshire the New
6 Hampshire law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, **public safety telecommunicators**
7 **and dispatchers**, and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and
8 retention program. To the extent of available funds, New Hampshire law enforcement officers,
9 professional firefighters, **public safety telecommunicators and dispatchers**, and emergency
10 medical technicians may receive reimbursement, upon successful completion, for the cost of one
11 [~~course~~] **or more courses** per semester, including required fees, in a degree program at an
12 institution in the community college system as approved for that individual upon recommendation of
13 the person's supervisor and the committee. Such courses may be in any field leading to a degree in
14 an area of study approved by the commission. **Eligible individuals may receive reimbursement**
15 **for non-credit or degree courses, upon successful completion, as approved for that**
16 **individual upon recommendation of the person's supervisor and the committee.**

17 II. Upon employment by a New Hampshire fire [service] **or law enforcement department**,
18 a graduate of the New Hampshire fire **or police** academy, or the entity that paid for the cost, with
19 the recommendation of the employee's supervisor and the approval of the committee, shall receive
20 full reimbursement for the cost of the academy not covered by other funding sources.

21 2 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians
22 Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program Committee. Amend the section heading
23 and RSA 188-F:71, I to read as follows:

24 188-F:71 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, **Public Safety**
25 **Telecommunicators and Dispatchers**, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development,
26 Recruitment, and Retention Program Committee Established.

27 I. There is hereby established the law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, **public**
28 **safety telecommunicators and dispatchers**, and emergency medical technicians career
29 development, recruitment, and retention program committee. The members of the committee shall
30 be as follows:

31 (a) The commissioner of the New Hampshire department of safety, or designee. The
32 commissioner, or designee, shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

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- 1 (b) The chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire, or designee.
2 (c) The director of the New Hampshire police standards and training council, or
3 designee.
4 (d) The director of the New Hampshire Fire Academy, or designee.
5 (e) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, or designee.
6 (f) The president of the New Hampshire Police Association, or designee.
7 (g) The president of the New Hampshire state police union, or designee.
8 (h) The president of the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire, or designee.
9 (i) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Emergency Medical Technicians,
10 or designee.
11 (j) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs, or designee.
12 (k) ***The president of the New Hampshire Emergency Dispatchers Association, or***
13 ***designee.***
14 (l) Three educators from the community college system of New Hampshire, appointed by
15 the chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire.
16 3 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians
17 Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Fund. Amend RSA 188-F:72 to read as follows:
18 188-F:72 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, ***Public Safety***
19 ***Telecommunicators and Dispatchers***, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development,
20 Recruitment, and Retention Fund Established. There is hereby established in the state treasury a
21 fund to be known as the law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, ***public safety***
22 ***telecommunicators and dispatchers***, and emergency medical technicians career development,
23 recruitment, and retention fund. The fund shall be administered by the community college system of
24 New Hampshire. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the community
25 college system to support the program established in this subdivision. The community college
26 system shall establish procedures for receiving and disbursing funds, and it shall report to the
27 committee established in RSA 188-F:71 on the operation of the fund. The fund may accept state or
28 federal appropriations or grants, or gifts, grants, or donations from any other source.

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- 1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 60-68 with the following:
2
- 3 60 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after
4 subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph:
5 (400) Moneys deposited in the elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf exemption
6 reimbursement fund as established in RSA 72:42-a.
7 61 New Section; Elderly-Disabled-Blind-Deaf Exemption Reimbursement Fund Established.
8 Amend RSA 72 by inserting after section 42 the following new section:
9 72:42-a Elderly, Disabled, Blind, and Deaf Exemption Reimbursement Fund established
10 I. There is hereby established an elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf exemption
11 reimbursement fund ("fund"). The purpose of the fund shall be to reimburse municipalities for
12 revenue not realized due to tax exemptions utilized in their communities under RSAs 72:37, 72:37-b,
13 72:38-b, 72:39-a, and 72:39-b. The fund shall be funded by fees collected pursuant to RSA 287-J:6,
14 II(b)(2).
15 II.(a) Not later than May 1 of every year, the department of revenue administration shall
16 provide to the department of treasury a report of the exemptions under RSAs 72:37, 72:37-b, 72:38-b,
17 72:39-a, and 72:39-b, as reported by municipalities on their summary inventory of valuation (MS-1)
18 for the preceding tax year.
19 (b) Not later than July 31 of every year, the department of revenue administration shall
20 pay to each municipality out of the fund the amount reported pursuant to subparagraph (a), as
21 reimbursement.
22 (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (b), if the fund does not have sufficient funds to fully
23 pay municipalities as set forth in subparagraph (b), the department of revenue administration shall
24 pay to each municipality a pro-rated amount of its reported exemptions, by applying the ratio of
25 available funds to total claimed exemptions to each municipality's reported exemptions.
26 (d) Not later than October 1 of every year, department of revenue administration shall
27 issue a report of the amounts paid to municipalities under either subparagraph (b) or (c), for use by
28 the department in municipal rate setting. Such report shall be submitted to the president of the
29 senate, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the house and senate ways and means
30 committees.
31 III. The department of revenue administration is authorized to create rules under RSA 541-
32 a to implement this chapter.

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1 62 New Section; Voluntary Statewide Self-Exclusion. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section
2 6-c the following new section:

3 284:6-d Voluntary Statewide Self-Exclusion.

4 I. To reduce and mitigate the effects of problem gambling, the commission shall establish a
5 centralized voluntary statewide self-exclusion database for all forms of legal gaming throughout New
6 Hampshire, through an agent selected through a competitive bid process and approved by the
7 governor and executive council. The commission shall ensure that an agent demonstrates financial
8 stability, responsibility, good character, honesty, and integrity. In selecting an agent, the
9 commission shall consider, at a minimum, the experience and background of the agent and the
10 ability of the agent to securely and anonymously collect and transmit relevant data among the
11 operators and systems of all forms of regulated gaming in New Hampshire. The commission shall
12 select a group of bidders who best meet the criteria set forth in this paragraph and select from that
13 group the agent whose bid is best suited to accomplish the stated objectives. All agents shall be
14 subject to criminal and financial background checks as prescribed by the commission.

15 II. The commission may adopt rules requiring vendors, agents, and entities licensed or
16 registered under chapter 284, chapter 287-D, chapter 287-H, chapter 287-I, and chapter 287-J to
17 participate in any program established in section II, above.

18 III. Notwithstanding RSA 91-A, records and information obtained or developed by the
19 commission or its agent as part of establishing and administering the list of persons who voluntarily
20 request exclusion under paragraph I, above, shall be confidential and shall not be subject to
21 disclosure or to public inspection except that information may be released only with the written
22 consent of the person requesting voluntary exclusion. Statistical data and general information that
23 do not allow for a person on the voluntary exclusion list to be personally identified are not
24 confidential.

25 63 State Lottery and Gaming Commission. Amend RSA 284:21-a to read as follows:

26 284:21-a State Lottery **and Gaming** Commission. There shall be and hereby is created a state
27 lottery **and gaming** commission consisting of 3 members who shall be appointed and may be
28 removed for cause by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. One member shall be
29 appointed for one year, one for 2 years and one for 3 years, and upon the expiration of their terms of
30 office their successors shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. Any vacancy shall be filled by
31 appointment for the unexpired term. No member of the commission shall have any pecuniary or
32 other interest in any supplier or agent to the commission or in any licensee licensed under the
33 provisions of this chapter. ***The commission shall be properly addressed as the “New
34 Hampshire lottery and gaming commission” but all statutory and regulatory references to
35 “lottery commission” shall remain valid and shall be used synonymously.***

36 64 Definitions. Amend RSA 287-D:1, XII to read as follows:

1 XII. *"High-Stakes tournament" means a tournament of a game of chance in which*
2 *the required buy-in for participation in the tournament is \$2,500 or greater.*

3 XIII. *"Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of*
4 *bill, coins or vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive*
5 *cash, vouchers, or electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options*
6 *available to the patron, are randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning*
7 *reels or video displays or both. This definition does not include any device that sells lottery*
8 *tickets, pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device which is operated through, utilizes, or is played*
9 *on or with assistance from the Internet.*

10 XIV. "Wager" means a monetary agreement between 2 or more persons that a sum of money
11 or other valuable thing shall be paid to one of them on the happening or not happening of an
12 uncertain event. Wager may be used synonymously with the term "bet."

13 XV. *"Wide-area progressive link" means a networked gaming system that connects*
14 *electronic gaming devices located at multiple licensed gaming establishments to a common*
15 *progressive jackpot pool, allowing for contributions from each linked machine, regardless*
16 *of location, to incrementally increase a shared jackpot prize, which can be won by any*
17 *eligible player participating on any of the linked devices.*

18 65 Rulemaking. Amend RSA 287-D:3, XVII to read as follows:

19 XVII. *The licensing and enforcement of VLT licensees, terminals, and compliance*
20 *requirements under RSA 287-J.*

21 XVIII. Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.

22 66 New Section; Games of Chance; High-Stakes Tournaments. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting
23 after section 3 the following new section:

24 287-D:3-a High-Stakes Tournaments. A licensed game operator employer may conduct a high-
25 stakes game of Chance Tournament provided that:

26 I. The tournament is held at a facility licensed to conduct games of chance under RSA 287-
27 D.

28 II. The tournament is conducted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by
29 the lottery commission.

30 III. The game operator submits the tournament structure, entry fees, rake structure, and
31 prize payout distribution to the lottery commission at least 30 days prior to the tournament start
32 date for approval.

33 IV. The tournament is conducted using approved dealers and equipment.

34 67 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Prizes. Amend RSA 287-
35 D:20 to read as follows:

36 287-D:20 Prizes.

1 I. In games where chips have no monetary value, **except for high-stakes tournaments, as**
2 **defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a**, 3 percent of all funds collected from players, less moneys used by
3 the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the
4 state treasurer to be deposited into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments
5 shall be made once per month not later than the [5th] 15th day of the month for the funds collected
6 in the previous month.

7 **I-a. In high-stakes tournaments, as defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a, 5 percent of house**
8 **winnings, after prizes paid, less moneys used by the lottery commission to fund authorized**
9 **personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer to be deposited**
10 **into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments shall be made once per**
11 **month not later than the 15th day of the month for the funds collected in the previous**
12 **month.**

13 II. In games where chips have monetary value, 10 percent of the rake or house winnings and
14 other moneys collected by the game operator that are not paid out as prizes to players, less moneys
15 used by the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be
16 paid to the state treasurer for deposit into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such
17 payments shall be made once per month not later than the [5th] 15th day of the month for the funds
18 collected in the previous month.

19 **III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cash value of free bets and**
20 **promotional credits of all table games, historic horse racing (HHR), and VLTs shall be**
21 **exempted from revenues subject to charity allocation and payments to the state, so long as**
22 **the cash value of such promotions for each type of game, whether it be table games, HHR,**
23 **or VLTs, does not exceed 15 percent of the total revenue from that type of game for a given**
24 **month.**

25 68 New Chapter: Video Lottery Terminals. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 287-I the
26 following new chapter:

27 CHAPTER 287-J

28 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS

29 287-J:1 Definitions.

30 For the purposes of this chapter these words shall have the following meaning:

- 31 I. "Applicant" means an individual or entity applying for a license under this chapter.
32 II. "Commission" means the lottery and gaming commission.
33 III. "Gross video lottery revenue" means the total of all sums actually received by a VLT
34 licensee from operation of video lottery terminals, minus the total of all sums actually paid out as
35 winnings to patrons, less any free play paid to patrons. The maximum amount of free play that any
36 one licensee can deduct from gross video lottery revenue shall be 12.5 percent in any calendar year.

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- 1 IV. "Facility" means a facility licensed under RSA 287-D for the conduct of charitable
2 gaming.
- 3 V. "Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of bills, coins or
4 vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive cash, vouchers, or
5 electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options available to the patron, are
6 randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning reels or video displays or both. This
7 definition does not include any device that sells lottery tickets, pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device
8 which is operated through, utilizes, or is played on or with assistance from the Internet.
- 9 VI. "VLT license" means a license issued in accordance with this section, to offer video
10 lottery terminals to the public.
- 11 VII. "VLT licensee" means a game operator employer licensee that has been granted a VLT
12 license under this section.
- 13 VIII. "Voucher" means a printed wagering instrument, issued by a video lottery terminal at
14 a facility, that has a fixed dollar wagering value which can only be used to acquire an equivalent
15 value of cashable credits or cash.
- 16 287-J:2 Enforcement. The commission, with the assistance of the attorney general and the chief
17 of police of any city or town where licensed facilities are located, shall administer and enforce the
18 provisions of this chapter. To enforce the requirements of this chapter, the commission may exercise
19 all rights of enforcement, including but not limited to its subpoena power, investigation authority,
20 and authority to issue administrative orders and fines, granted to the commission by RSA 287-D.
- 21 287-J:3 Rulemaking. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:
- 22 I. The application procedure for VLT licenses for game operators.
- 23 II. Information to be required on VLT license applications for VLT licenses for game
24 operators.
- 25 III. The conducting and operation of video lottery terminals.
- 26 IV. Accountability controls to ensure game integrity, including, but not limited to, cash,
27 prizes, income, expense and financial reporting, and recordkeeping to be implemented by VLT
28 licensees in addition to requirements set forth in RSA 287-D:22.
- 29 V. Investigation and enforcement to ensure compliance with this chapter.
- 30 VI. Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.
- 31 287-J:4 Eligible Operators.
- 32 I. To be eligible for a VLT license, the applicant shall have been licensed or eligible for
33 licensure to sell pari-mutuel pools on historic horse races under RSA 287-D and under RSA 284:22-b
34 as of the effective date of this chapter. A license shall not be permitted to be transferred or sold.
- 35 II. Applicants eligible to obtain a VLT license pursuant to paragraph I of this section shall
36 submit to background, financial, and suitability checks pursuant to RSA 287-D:11 and RSA 287-
37 D:12, to ensure the applicant's ability to conduct video lottery terminals in accordance with the

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1 provisions of RSA 287-D and this chapter. An entity found suitable for gaming by the commission as
2 of the effective date of this chapter shall satisfy paragraph I and RSA 284:22-b. The applicant for a
3 VLT license shall submit to the commission a criminal history records release form, as provided by
4 the division of state police, which authorizes the division of state police to conduct a criminal history
5 records check through its state records and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to
6 release a report of the applicant's criminal history and record information, including confidential
7 criminal history record information, to the commission.

8 III. Applicants seeking a VLT license shall apply utilizing forms supplied by the lottery
9 commission. The VLT license fee shall be \$2,000 per three-year license period.

10 IV. Applicants seeking a VLT license must also obtain a game operator employer license in
11 accordance with RSA 287-D prior to commencing VLT operations.

12 287-J:5 Operation of Video Lottery Terminals.

13 I. Prior to use all VLTs must have been tested by an independent testing laboratory and
14 approved by the commission to ensure integrity and proper working order.

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

16 III. No VLT shall be operated except within the facility of an eligible VLT licensee during
17 the facility's approved hours of play of charitable games.

18 IV. VLTs shall operate to ensure a minimum average daily aggregate payback of 88 percent
19 computed for all VLTs operated at each facility on a quarterly basis.

20 V. VLTs shall operate to ensure a minimum average daily aggregate payback of 88 percent
21 computed for all VLTs operated at each facility on a quarterly basis, except for machines that are
22 tied to a wide-area progressive link, which shall have minimum average daily aggregate payback of
23 80 percent. For historic horse racing pools authorized by RSA 284:22-b tied to a wide-area
24 progressive link, the commission on such pools shall be set at a rate no greater than 20 percent.

25 287-J:6 Revenue Share.

26 I. Each VLT licensee shall collect a sum equal to 32.5 percent of gross video lottery revenue.

27 II. Each VLT licensee shall distribute 0.25 percent of gross video lottery revenue collected to
28 the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention.

29 III. Each VLT licensee shall distribute 32.25 percent of gross video lottery revenue shall be
30 distributed pursuant to subparagraphs (a) and (b).

31 (a) Each licensee shall distribute 35 percent of the amount collected under paragraph III
32 to charitable organizations with whom the licensee contracts on each licensed game date. Each VLT
33 licensee must contract with 2 licensed charitable organizations for each game date.

34 (b) The remainder collected under paragraph III shall be paid to the commission and
35 distributed as follows:

36 (1) 25 percent to the special fund established under RSA 284:21-j for use as provided
37 in that section;

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- 1 (2) 25 percent to the elderly-disabled-blind-deaf exemption reimbursement fund
2 established under RSA 72:42-a; and
3 (3) 50 percent to the general fund.
4 287-J:7 Unclaimed Vouchers.
5 I. Vouchers shall remain valid for 180 days from the date printed, after which the obligation
6 of the VLT licensee to pay the patron any value remaining on a voucher expires.
7 II. Before the end of each calendar month, the VLT licensee shall report and remit the total
8 value of vouchers that expired during the preceding calendar month in a format prescribed by the
9 commission.
10 III. Such moneys shall become a part of the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j.

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- 1 1 New Section; Pari-Mutuel Pools, and Distribution of Tax Theron; Advanced Deposit Account
2 Wagering. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section 22-b the following new section:
- 3 284:22-c Advanced Deposit Account Wagering.
- 4 I. Advance deposit wagering is authorized for pari-mutuel betting on horse racing under this
5 chapter if conducted in compliance with this section and the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978,
6 United States Code, Title 15, section 3001 et seq.
- 7 II. It is unlawful for any person or entity to accept an advance deposit wager from a New
8 Hampshire resident unless the person or entity is a licensed advance deposit wagering provider in
9 the state of New Hampshire.
- 10 III. Before accepting an advance deposit wager from a New Hampshire resident, a licensed
11 advance deposit wagering provider shall demonstrate evidence of financial responsibility in a format
12 prescribed by the commission through a surety bond executed and issued by an insurer authorized to
13 issue surety bonds in this state, an irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial guarantee in
14 an amount to be determined by the commission. The commission may also accept, as evidence of
15 financial responsibility, a surety bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial
16 guarantee in accordance with this subdivision filed with one or more states where the applicant is
17 licensed as an advance deposit wagering provider. The commission may ask for additional evidence
18 of financial responsibility at any time the commission deems necessary. Any surety bond, an
19 irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial guarantee issued under this subdivision shall
20 be in favor of this state and shall specifically authorize recovery by the commission for the payment
21 of all revenues required by this chapter.
- 22 IV. The commission shall not license or authorize a person or entity to conduct advance
23 deposit wagering under this section unless the person or entity has submitted, and the commission
24 approved, a plan of operation for advance deposit wagering. At a minimum, the plan of operation
25 shall provide for:
- 26 (a) Methods of resolving disputes with account holders;
 - 27 (b) Procedures to protect the security of account holders' accounts and information;
 - 28 (c) Methods to verify the identity of account holders and ensure that all account holders
29 are natural persons who are at least 18 years of age;
 - 30 (d) Procedures to ensure that wagers are only accepted from account holders who have
31 sufficient funds on deposit and that no credit is extended by the person to an account holder;
 - 32 (e) Procedures for keeping accurate records of all contests, wagers, and payouts;

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1 (f) Annually contracting with an independent third-party to conduct a financial audit
2 and submit the results of the audit to the commission. If the licensed advanced deposit wagering
3 provider is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a publicly traded company, submission of audited financial
4 statements of the publicly-traded parent company contained in a public filing with the United States
5 Securities and Exchange Commission shall satisfy this requirement;

6 (g) Annually contracting with an independent third-party cyber security audit and
7 submit the results of the audit to the commission; and

8 (h) Other requirements established by the commission in rule.

9 V. The plan of operation may only be amended with the approval of the commission. The
10 commission may withdraw approval of a plan of operation for cause.

11 VI. Advanced deposit wagers from New Hampshire residents shall be subject to a revenue
12 sharing plan. Licensees shall provide the commission payment in the amount of 1.25 percent of all
13 wagers accepted from New Hampshire residents in a manner prescribed by the commission. The
14 revenues received from the commission pursuant to this section, less the administrative costs of the
15 commission, shall be deposited in the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39.

16 VII. Persons or entities that offered advanced deposit wagering services to New Hampshire
17 residents as of July 1, 2022 may request permission from the commission to continue offering these
18 services during the pendency of the licensing process. Any such person or entity shall make the
19 request to continue offering services in writing detailing how the person or entity will meet the
20 protections set forth in this section during the interim period before licensure. The commission may
21 grant such request for unlicensed operation for a period not to exceed six months where the
22 requestor has adequately documented acceptable financial responsibility and patron protection
23 standards. In no event shall this permission extend past January 1, 2026.

24 2 Rulemaking. Amend RSA 284:12, IV to read as follows:

25 IV. The sale of pari-mutuel pools as authorized under RSA 284:22, RSA 284:22-a, ~~and~~ RSA
26 284:22-b, **and RSA 284:22-c.**

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 9, 2025
2025-2037s
06/05

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- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 64, relative to municipals authorizing 24-hour gaming.

2025-2037s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Amend paragraph 21 to read as follows:

21. Prevents a maximum wager limit for certain games of chance.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 19, 2025
2025-2250s
11/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Operation of Keno Games. Amend RSA 284:47, I to read as follows:
- 2 I. A licensee may operate keno games at its business *during the business' hours of*
- 3 *operation* [~~between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 a.m.~~].

2025-2250s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Expands permitted keno hours of operation.

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- 1 1 New Section; Local Option; Games of Chance. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after section
2 287-D:31 the following new section:
- 3 287-D:32 Local Option; Games of Chance.
- 4 I. The lottery commission shall not grant a game operator employer license to operate games
5 of chance in a municipality if that municipality has voted to prohibit games of chance to be held
6 within its boundaries, or if there is a pending question on the municipality's warrant or official ballot
7 for the next regular municipal election. Such vote shall be held in the following manner:
- 8 (a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting
9 under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot. In a city, the legislative
10 body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the
11 alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon
12 submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.
- 13 (b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question
14 at least 15 days, but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the
15 hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality, on the website of the
16 municipality, and by publication in a newspaper of general circulation at least 14 days before the
17 hearing.
- 18 (c) In municipalities where games of chance are not currently in operation, the wording
19 of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we prohibit the operation of games of chance
20 within the town or city?"
- 21 (d) In municipalities where games of chance are currently operating, the wording of the
22 question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we prohibit additional games of chance operations
23 with a physical facility within the town or city?"
- 24 II. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," new games of chance may not be
25 operated within the town or city.
- 26 III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the
27 provisions of paragraph I as early as the next annual town meeting or regular municipal election.
- 28 IV. A city or town may rescind its disapproval for operation of games of chance under RSA
29 287-D by following procedures in paragraph I in this section.
- 30 V. An unincorporated place may disallow the operation of games of chance by majority vote
31 of the county delegation, after a public hearing is held, and may be rescinded in a similar fashion.

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1 VI. The lottery commission shall maintain a list of municipalities where games of chance
2 have been prohibited pursuant to this section.

3 VII. If the town, city, or unincorporated place has voted within this section to prohibit games
4 of chance, that municipality may pass an ordinance allowing only a specified number of charitable
5 gaming events per year, or certain number of dates per year to be determined by the town, hosted by
6 local charitable organizations pursuant to RSA 287-D:4, and specifying how the municipality shall
7 determine how charitable organizations register for a gaming event.

8 VIII. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including paragraphs I and II, any vote by
9 a municipality to prohibit games of chance within its boundaries shall not apply to any games of
10 chance operator licensed by the lottery commission, or any applicant who has applied for a games of
11 chance operator license prior to the date of the petition in subparagraph I(a) or the notice date in
12 subparagraph I(b), except that any operator who ceases operation for a period exceeding 4 years, or
13 an applicant who fails to commence operation within 6 years of application approval, shall be subject
14 to any intervening vote by the municipality.

15 2 Keno; Administration and Enforcement. Amend RSA 284:42 to read as follows:
16 284:42 Administration and Enforcement. The lottery commission shall administer and enforce
17 this subdivision [~~in any town or city that has voted to allow such gaming~~].

18 3 Keno; License Applications. Amend RSA 284:45, VI(a)(10) and (b) to read as follows:
19 (10) A lottery retailer licensed pursuant to RSA 284:21-h, if the city, town or
20 unincorporated place where the retailer is located has **not** voted pursuant to RSA 284:51, to [~~allow~~]
21 **prohibit** the sale of keno. Lottery retailers licensed to sell keno under this subparagraph shall not
22 display keno on an active screen at the retailer.

23 (b) Document that the keno games will only be operated in towns and cities that have
24 **not** voted to [~~allow~~] **prohibit** the operation of keno games pursuant to RSA 284:51.

25 4 Keno; Local Option. RSA 284:51 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

26 I. Any town or city may prohibit the operation of keno games according to the provisions of
27 this subdivision, in the following manner:

28 (a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting
29 under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot. In a city, the legislative
30 body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the
31 alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon
32 submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.

33 (b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question
34 at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the
35 hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published in a newspaper
36 of general circulation at least 7 days before the hearing.

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- 1 (c) The wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we prohibit the
2 operation of keno games within the town or city?"
- 3 II. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," keno games shall not be operated
4 within the town or city.
- 5 III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the
6 provisions of paragraph II at the next annual town meeting or regular municipal election.
- 7 IV. A municipality that has voted to prohibit the operation of keno games may consider
8 rescinding its action in the manner described in paragraph II of this section.
- 9 V. An unincorporated place may prohibit the operation of keno games by majority vote of the
10 county delegation, after a public hearing is held.
- 11 VI. The lottery commission shall maintain a list of municipalities where keno is prohibited.
- 12 5 New Section; Operation Permitted. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section 51 the following
13 new section:
- 14 284:51-a Operation Permitted. A licensee shall be permitted to operate keno games at its
15 business pursuant to this subdivision, provided that no license shall be issued to an entity operating
16 within a municipality which has voted to prohibit keno pursuant to RSA 284:51.
- 17 6 Facilities License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:7, III to read as
18 follows:
- 19 III. Licenses shall expire 3 years after being issued ~~[- provided that the licensee shall~~
20 ~~annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in~~
21 ~~the license application no later than December 31 of each year].~~ The licensee shall immediately
22 notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction of any criminal
23 offense.
- 24 7 Game Operator Employer License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:8,
25 VI to read as follows:
- 26 VI. Licenses shall expire 3 years after being issued ~~[- provided that the licensee shall~~
27 ~~annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in~~
28 ~~the license application no later than December 31 of each year].~~ The licensee shall immediately
29 notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction of any criminal
30 offense.
- 31 8 Primary Game Operator License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:9, VI
32 to read as follows:
- 33 VI. The primary game operator license shall expire ~~[on the last day of the month of the~~
34 ~~licensee's birthday]~~ 3 years after it is issued ~~[- provided that the licensee shall annually file with the~~
35 ~~commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in paragraph I with the~~
36 ~~commission no later than the last day of the month of licensee's birthday].~~ The licensee shall

1 immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction of any
2 criminal offense.

3 9 Secondary Game Operator License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:10,
4 III to read as follows:

5 III. A secondary game operator license shall expire ~~[on the last day of the month of the~~
6 ~~licensee's birthday]~~ 3 years after it is issued ~~[, provided that the licensee shall annually file with the~~
7 ~~commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in paragraph II with the~~
8 ~~commission no later than the last day of the month of the licensee's birthday].~~ The licensee shall
9 immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction for any
10 criminal offense.

11 10 License Fees. Amend RSA 287-D:13, II-V to read as follows:

12 II. A facility license shall be ~~[\$250 per year]~~ ***\$750 per 3-year license period.***

13 III. A game operator employer license shall be ~~[\$750 per year]~~ ***\$2,250 per 3-year license***
14 ***period.***

15 IV. A primary game operator license shall be ~~[\$100 per year, to be paid with the application~~
16 ~~the first year and paid in the subsequent 2 years with the filing of the annual notice of changes form~~
17 ~~required under RSA 287-D:9, VI]~~ ***\$300 per 3-year license period.***

18 V. A secondary game operator license shall be ~~[\$30 per year, to be paid with the application~~
19 ~~the first year and paid in the subsequent 2 years with the filing of the annual notice of changes form~~
20 ~~required under RSA 287-D:10, III]~~ ***\$90 per 3-year license period.***

21 11 Effective Date. Sections 2, 3, and 5 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.