

Free Online Sources For New Hampshire Legislative Histories

Introduction

This is a bare-bones guide to compiling a New Hampshire legislative history using free online sources. For more information about legislative histories in general, check the law library's online guide titled [Compiling a New Hampshire Legislative History](#). For more information about the New Hampshire legislative process see the [New Hampshire General Court: Legislative Handbook](#)

The instructions in this guide are divided into four steps: [look at the statutory code](#), [look at the session law](#), [find out what happened in committee](#), and [find out what happened on the floor](#).

Free, online sources are limited: they don't have the same research aids that the print sources have and they don't have the same coverage. For the years 1996 through 2006 it is possible to compile a legislative history using only online sources. For other years, you'll have to use a combination of print and online.

We would welcome any comments or suggestions. Please feel free to email us at lawlibrary@courts.state.nh.us.

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Look at the statutory code

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1. Go to the [Revised Statutes Online](#).

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Full-Text Searching

Search the full text of the Revised Statutes by keyword(s) or phrase

Browse Index

Browse the index of titles for the statutes online.

2. Click on Browse Index.

3. Scroll down the page until you find the Title that includes your chapter and click on the Title link.

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- [TITLE I: THE STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT](#)
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CHAPTER 126-A: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- [Section 126-A:1 Declaration of Purpose.](#)
- [Section 126-A:2 Definitions.](#)
- [Section 126-A:3 General Provisions.](#)
- [Section 126-A:4 Department Established.](#)

5. Skim the Table of Contents to see if there's a "statement of intent," "declaration of purpose", or "declaration of policy" codified in the law.
6. Scroll down the page until you come to your section and click on the link to find the source note.
7. Make a note of the chapter (a.k.a. session) laws cited in the source note at the end of the section. A session law cite looks like: yyyy, chapter: section (see below). Using online sources, there's no way to determine which years apply; you'll have to check them all.

Source. RS 225:1. CS 240:1. GS 242:1. GL 260:1. PS 253:1. PL 367:1. RL 427:1. RSA 601:1. **1992, 284:82**, eff. July 1, 1992.

Look at the session law(s)

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1. Unofficial versions of session laws from 1989 to the present are on the General Court's website. With the session law cites in hand, go to [Advanced Bill Status Search](#).

2. Enter the session year and chapter number (don't include the section number) and click Submit.

New Hampshire General Court
Advanced Bill Status Search

▶ New Hampshire General Court Home

Session Year: 2014 1989-Current Origin Body: Both

Title Search: tax, fish General Status: Codes

LSR Number: hb34,sb450 1,56,235

Hse Committee: Codes Sen Committee: Codes

Hse Comm. Ref: Codes Sen Comm Ref: Codes

House Status: Codes Senate Status: Codes

Hse Fil/Session Day: MM/DD/YYYY Sen Fil/Session Day: MM/DD/YYYY

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All Senate Rereferred All House Retained All Bills With Fiscal Note

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3. On the Search Results page you will see the chaptered law number, the bill number, and the session year.

4. Make a note of the bill number.

5. Under the session year is a list of links. Click on "Text" to read the session law. Look for a preamble or statement of purpose that may not have been included in the statutory code.

6. To view digitized versions of the official session laws, go to the [UNH Digital Collections](#). Session laws from 1872 through 1971 (with some gaps in coverage) are online.

NH General Court - Bill Status System
Search Results

Bills Found : 1
Sorted by Chapter Number

★ Chaptered Law: **0222** ★

HB1442
Session Year 2014

Bill Docket
Bill Status
Text [HTML] [PDF]
Audio Files

Title: relative to mental health courts.
G-Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
Next/Last Comm: SENATE JUDICIARY
Next/Last Hearing: 04/29/2014 at 10:15 AM SH 100

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Find out what happened in committee

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1. If there is a "Bill History" link on the Search Results page, click there to read PDFs of committee files. Files from 1996 through 2008 have been digitized.

Bills Found : 1
Sorted by Chapter Number

★ Chaptered Law: **0003** ★

HB754 -FN
Session Year 2008

Bill Docket
Bill Status
Bill Text
Bill History
Roll Calls

Title: repealing the law relative to the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority.
G-Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
House Status: CONCURRED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Next/Last Comm: SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND INTERSTATE COOPERATION
Next/Last Hearing: 05/02/2007 at 10:35 AM LOB 101

2. If there is an "Audio Files" link, click there to listen to Committee Hearings.

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Find out what happened on the floor

- From the search results page, click on Bill Docket.

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Sorted by Chapter Number

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- The Bill Docket links to the daily versions of the House and Senate Journals and the calendars. Follow the links to read committee reports, committee amendments, and floor amendments. To find references to your bill, search the journals and calendars using Ctrl F and the bill number.
- To hear floor debates, go to the House and Senate [Streaming Media](#).
- To read digitized versions of the permanent, official Journals follow these links:
[Journals of the House](#) (1949-2006. Early years are combined with Senate Journals)
[Journals of the Senate](#) (1881-2006)
- Use the numerical index in the back of the digitized Journals to find references to your bill. The first page of the index defines the abbreviations used in the index entries. If there is no numerical index, use the subject index.

Docket of HB754

Official Docket of HB754

Date	Body	Description
1/21/2007	H	Introduced and referred to Public Works and Highways: HJ 14, pg.228
2/22/2007	H	Public Hearing: 3/6/2007 11:15 AM LOB 201
2/22/2007	H	Executive Session: 3/15/2007 11:30 AM LOB 201
3/19/2007	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment (07268) for March 27 (Date 12-11-RCJ) HJ 23, pg.499
3/19/2007	H	Proposed Committee Amendment: #07268; HJ 32, pg.591
3/28/2007	H	Special Order to April 4: Regular Place on Calendar: Without Objection: HJ 35, pg.1156
4/4/2007	H	Rules Suspension: Dealing on Action for Bills Not in 2nd Comm: MA VV Necessary (2/3) HJ 34, pg.1323
4/4/2007	H	Special Order to April 5: Without Objection
4/9/2007	H	Amendment (07268) Adopted, V/V: HJ 35, pg.1236
4/9/2007	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment #07268: MA VV: Necessary 2/3: HJ 35, pg.1236
4/12/2007	S	Introduced and Referred to Transportation and Interstate Cooperation: SJ 18, pg.364
4/18/2007	S	Hearing: May 2, 2007, Room 101, LOB, 10:35 a.m.: SJC17
5/17/2007	S	Committee Report: Referred to Committee (08/24/07): SJC31
8/24/2007	S	Referred to Committee RC 12/11/07, MA, 08/18, pg.438-439
1/3/2008	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (01/17/08): SJC1
1/17/2008	S	Sen. Burlington Amendment(0101) RC 14/1-10N, AAJ 83.3, Pg.64-65
1/17/2008	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment(0101) RC 14/1-10N, MAJ: 073rdp: 83.3, Pg.65
1/17/2008	S	Passed by Third Reading Resolution: SJC 2, Pg.66
1/28/2008	H	Consent (For Resolution): MA VV: HJ 14, pg.228
2/6/2008	H	Enrolled Bill Amendment #0322 Adopted: HJ 16, PG.823
2/6/2008	S	Enrolled Bill Amendment(0322) Adopted: 01/31/08: 83.4, Pg.96
2/13/2008	H	Enrolled: HJ 36, PG.1070
2/14/2008	S	Enrolled: SJC 6, Pg.141
3/4/2008	H	Signed by the Governor 02/22/2008: Effective 02/22/2008: Chapter 0069

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SENATE JOURNAL
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This index, arranged by bill and resolution number, gives page numbers for all action in the Senate on each numbered bill and resolution. They are listed in the following order:

SB Senate Bills
SHR Senate Joint Resolutions
SCR Senate Concurrent Resolutions
SR Senate Resolutions
HB House Bills
HCR House Concurrent Resolutions
CACR Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolutions

To find a bill by its subject see the Subject Index immediately preceding this Numerical Index. All matters not relating to bills and resolutions will be found in the Subject Index.

The abbreviations listed below are used in the Numerical Index.

adap adopted
am amended, amendment
conc concurred
conf conference committee
enr enrolled
Finance referred to Finance committee
H House
Intro introduced, introduction
IP indefinitely postponed
K killed (inexpedient to legislate)
LT laid on table
nonconc non-concurred
psd passed
RC roll call
rcmt recommitted
recon reconsideration, reconsidered
rej rejected
rep report
req request, requested
SOJ special order
study referred to informal study committee
withd withdrawn, withdrawn