

2016 Session Laws, Final Report

| | Bill # | Title | Chapter # / Effective Date |
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| | House Bills | | |
| 1 | HB499 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: permitting New Hampshire farmers to sell certain farm raised animals directly to the public. | Ch. 36 Eff. 7/2/2016 |
| 2 | HB500 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: repealing the prohibition on the use of silencing devices for taking wildlife. | Ch. 234 ED 6/10/16 |
| 3 | HB1267 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to the family hike safe card for fish and game search and recovery expenses. This bill adds individuals under a family guardianship to the definition of family for the voluntary hike safe card issued by the fish and game department for search and recovery response expenses. | Ch. 165 ED 6/3/16 |
| 4 | HB1268 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to liability for payment of expenses of search and rescue recovery by the fish and game department. This bill clarifies the liability of persons requiring search and rescue response from the fish and game department for certain negligent, criminal, or reckless actions. | Ch. 166 ED 6/3/16 |
| 5 | HB1286 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to days when fishing without a license is permitted. This bill allows the fish and game department to establish 2 days per year for fishing without a license but requires persons in fishing tournaments to have a license on those days. | Ch. 135 ED 7/26/16 |
| 6 | HB1298 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to damage to private property. This bill creates a cause of action for a landowner whose land is damaged by pollution. This bill also creates a cause of action for a landowner whose land is damaged by OHRV use. | Ch. 278 ED 1/1/17 |
| 7 | HB1388 -FN <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: expanding crossbow use into muzzleloader season. This bill allows a person who has purchased a muzzleloader license to hunt deer with a crossbow. | Ch. 27 ED 6/24/16 |
| 8 | HB1396 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to OHRV operation on certain highways in Grafton County. This bill allows the operation of off highway recreational vehicles (OHRVs) on certain highways in Grafton county that have been designated open for such use. | Ch. 318 ED 6/24/16 |

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| 9 | HB1589 -FN <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: prohibiting the transportation of exotic aquatic weeds. This bill prohibits the transport of exotic aquatic weeds. | Ch. 227 ED 1/1/17 |
| | SENATE Bills | | |
| 10 | SB319 -FN <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to survivor benefits for families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. This bill adds definitions of "adult child" and "child" for purposes of determining survivor benefits for families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. | Ch. 298 ED 6/21/16 |
| 11 | SB356 -FN <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to agricultural plates for vehicles of commercial fishing operations. This bill authorizes agricultural plates for qualifying vehicles of commercial fishing operations. | Ch. 97 ED 1/1/17 |
| 12 | SB363 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to the registration of an OHRV in the name of a trust. This bill allows for the registration of an OHRV to be in the name of a trust. | Ch. 241 ED 6/10/16 |
| 13 | SB375 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: establishing the coastal marine natural resources and environment commission. This bill establishes the coastal marine natural resources and environment commission. | Ch. 156 ED 7/26/16 |
| 14 | SB376 -FN <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to wildlife corridors. This bill requires the fish and game department to identify existing and needed wildlife corridors connecting wildlife habitats in the state and to make recommendations to the legislature for changes to laws. | Ch. 243 ED 8/9/16 |
| 15 | SB384 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to the feeding of wild deer. This bill prohibits the feeding of wild deer at certain times and locations determined by the fish and game department and requires the labeling of wild animal feed. The bill requires the fish and game department to distribute informational materials. | Ch. 384 ED 8/20/16 |
| 16 | SB452 -FN <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: requiring certain state agencies to conduct an audit of laws governing coastal regions to enable authorities to take appropriate actions. This bill requires certain state agencies to conduct an audit of laws governing coastal regions to enable authorities to take appropriate actions. | Ch. 195 ED 6/6/16 |

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| 17 | SB475 -FN <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: requiring law enforcement agencies to file crime reports with the department of safety. This bill requires all law enforcement agencies operating within New Hampshire to file crime reports with the division of state police, department of safety, based on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. | Ch. 103 ED 7/18/2016 |
| 18 | SB521 -FN <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Title: relative to an OHRV registration fee for persons who are members of an OHRV club. (Daniels) This bill establishes an OHRV registration fee for persons who are members of OHRV which is reduced \$30 from the increased fee paid by other registrants. The fee provisions take effect upon certification by the executive director of fish and game of the implementation of certain requirements. | Ch. 233 ED 6/9/16 |
| Other Bills of Interest | | | |
| 19 | HB1418 -L <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Relative to the minutes of nonpublic sessions | Ch. 29 ED 1/1/2017 |
| 20 | HB1419 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Relative to voting records in nonpublic sessions of public bodies | Ch. 30 ED 1/1/2017 |
| 21 | SB400 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Relative to Executive branch ethics. This bill extends ethical duties and extends the restrictions in the law to the activities of classified employees. | Ch. 57 ED 7/4/2016 |
| 22 | HB1624 -FN <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Relative to electioneering by public employees. This bill is similar to the federal Hatch Act, http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/Ethics/ucm071602.htm , which restricts the activities of federal employees during elections. This is a state law counterpart, and prohibits advocacy not only as to candidates, but also as to any issue which is placed before the voters at any level of government in the state. | Ch. 176 ED 1/1/2017 |
| 23 | SB374 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | These two bills connect with SB 452 as part of the effort to deal with sea rise as a result of climate change in the coastal region. SB 374 requires DES to update coastal flooding trends, while SB 375 establishes the coastal marine natural resources and environment commission. SB375 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Ch. 121 and Ch. 156 |
| 24 | HB606 -FN-L <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Relative to costs for public records filed electronically | Ch. 283 ED 6/21/16 |
| 25 | HB285 <i>Session Year 2016</i> Bill Text[HTML] [PDF] | Relative to non-public sessions under the right to know law, discussions with legal counsel (review of correspondence) | Ch. 285 ED 6/21/16 |