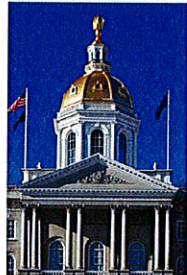




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2016 Half-Time: A Mid-Session Legislative Update

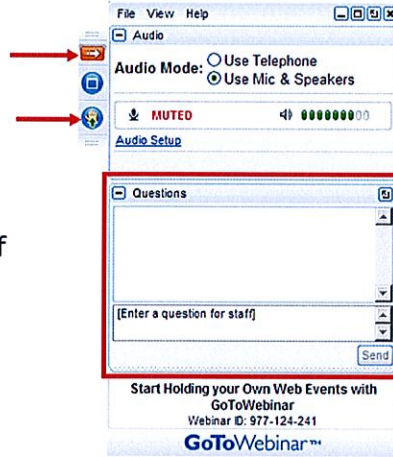
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March 30, 2016

How to Participate Today

- Open and close your Panel
- Submit text questions
- Couple of poll questions for your entertainment today
- Q&A addressed at the end of today's session



Today's Agenda

- **Navigating the General Court Website**
 - **Review of 2016 Legislation at "Crossover"**
 - **2017-2018 NHMA Legislative Policy Process**



Navigating the General Court Website: www.gencourt.state.nh.us

The New Hampshire General Court

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 NH State Senate
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General Court News and Hot Links
 Next House Session: April 6, 2016 at 10 am
 Next Senate Session: March 31, 2016 at 10 am
 Search Statutory/Study Committees
 ADA Compliance Notice
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 Legislative Financial Disclosure
 Joint Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Epidemic

State Legislation Dash Board
 Advanced Bill Search
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 2016 Bill Requests(LSRs)
 Voting Records
 All Links
 Find a 2016 Bill (hb23, sb456)

House of Representatives Dash Board
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 Senate Amended House Bills

State Senate Dash Board
 New Senate Roster
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 NH Senate District Maps

NH State Websites.

HB 1687: Docket View

- ▶ NH General Court
- ▶ New Query
- ▶ FAQs

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

[Previous Bill](#)[Result List](#)[Next Bill](#)

- ▶ Bill Status
- ▶ Bill Text

Docket of HB1687

[Docket Abbreviations](#)

Bill Title: relative to governmental liability for personal injury on playground structures.

Official Docket of HB1687:

Date	Body	Description
2/11/2016	H	Introduced 01/06/2016 and referred to Judiciary HJ 4 P. 23
2/10/2016	H	Public Hearing: 02/17/2016 09:00 AM LOB 208
2/25/2016	H	Executive Session: 03/01/2016 10:00 AM LOB 208
3/3/2016	H	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/09/2016 (Vote 19-1; RC)
3/10/2016	H	Inexpedient to Legislate: MA VV 03/09/2016

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[NH House](#)

[NH Senate](#)

Municipal Liability



[HB 1687](#): provides that municipalities and school districts may be held liable for certain injuries resulting from the use of playground equipment. **KILLED**

[HB 1688](#): provides that municipalities may be held liable for injuries in negligence actions not arising from the ownership, occupation, or use of motor vehicles or premises. **KILLED**

[SB 421](#): Increases the statutory limits on municipal liability in negligence actions.

Land Use Bills

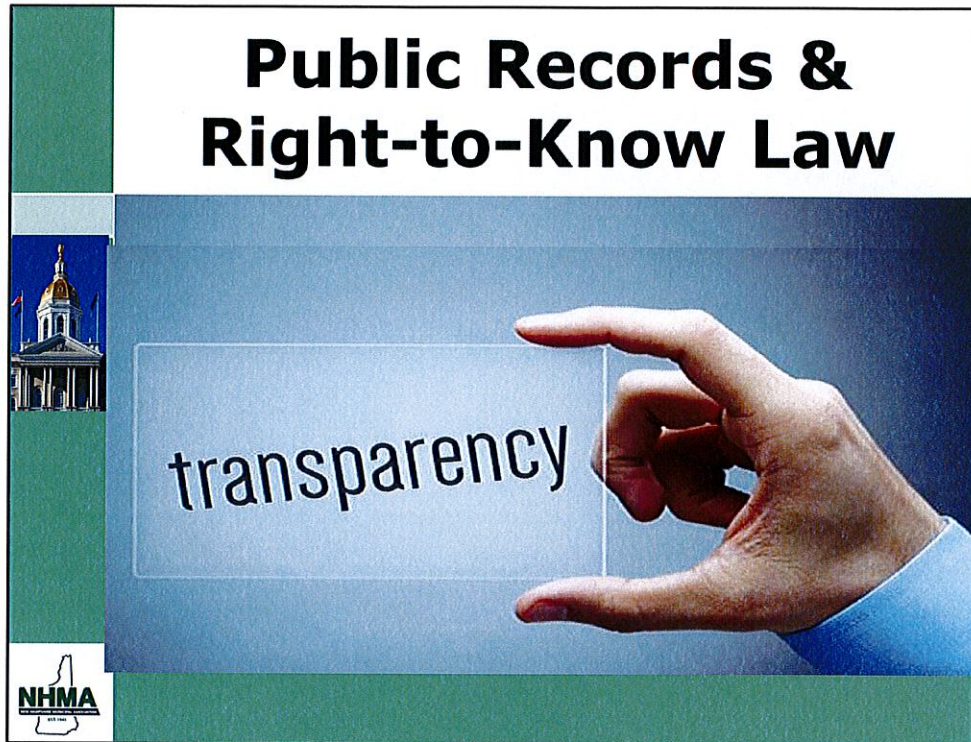


[HB 1203](#): requires a zoning board of adjustment to vote separately on each of the criteria for granting a variance.

[HB 1141](#): relative to agritourism.

[SB 345](#): relative to agritourism.

[SB 146](#): relative to accessory dwelling units.

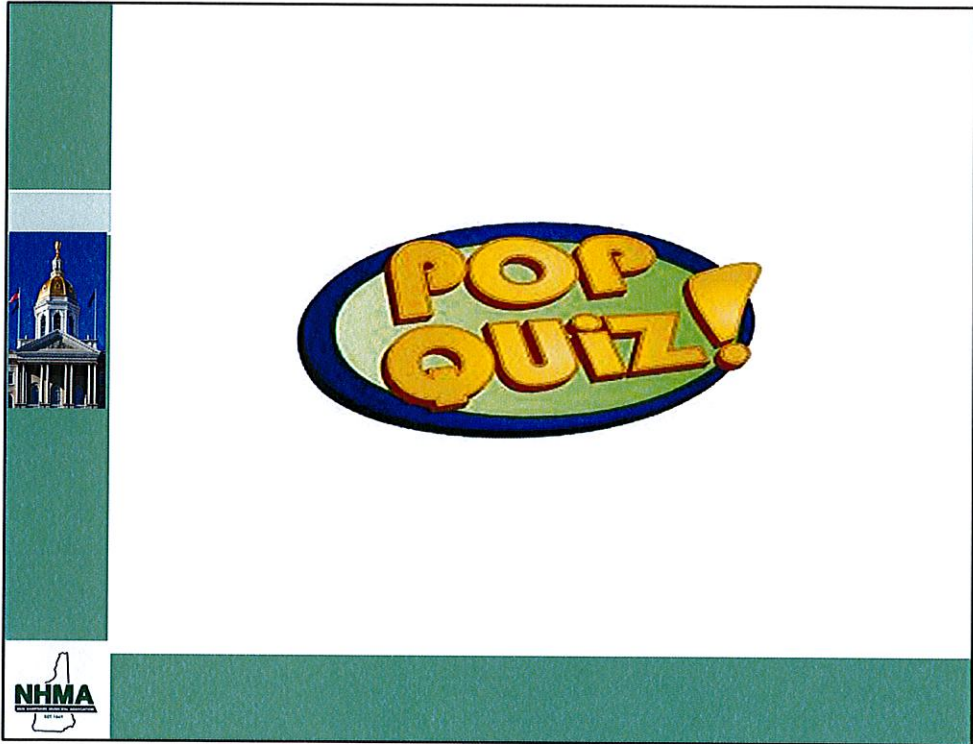


[HB 1395](#): allows municipal records that are required to be retained for more than ten years to be transferred to a portable document file, as an alternative to paper or microfilm. **NHMA POLICY**

[HB 1611](#): allows public bodies and agencies to charge for the costs of retrieval of public records under the Right-to-Know Law under certain circumstances. **NHMA POLICY. KILLED**

[HB 1418](#): clarifies that the legal requirement for the contents of minutes apply to non-public minutes as well.

[HB 1419](#): requires non-public minutes to be kept in such a way that the vote of all members can be ascertained.



According to a recent post in *The Edge*, a new feature in NHMA's ***Legislative Bulletin***, how many fiscal notes did NHMA respond to in a two-month period last fall?

- A. Less than 25
- B. About 50
- C. About 100
- D. More than 125



Elections



[SB 346](#): requires that polling places be open at least from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all state elections. **TABLED**

[SB 349](#): requires a city council or board of aldermen to elect someone other than the city clerk to serve as chief elections officer if the clerk is not a registered voter in the city. **KILLED**

[SB 509](#): requires Secretary of State to work with clerks/supervisors of checklist after an election to determine which names on the list of those who voted by signing affidavit rather than showing ID "belong to legal voters."

Increasing Cap on Net Energy Metering



[HB 1116](#): relative to net metering.

[SB 333](#): relative to net energy metering.



[HB 1119](#): maximum optional fee for transportation improvements charged by municipalities when collecting motor vehicle registration fees. **KILLED**

[HB 1602](#): establishing a road usage fee. **INTERIM STUDY**

[HB 1214](#): allowing cities and towns to authorize an additional surcharge on hotel occupancy under the meals and rooms tax. **KILLED**

[SB 497](#): relative to disposition of meals and rooms tax revenue to municipalities. **INTERIM STUDY**

Note FY17 funding of additional \$5 million in December 2016.

Grants for Water and Wastewater Projects



[HB 1428](#): appropriation for purpose of funding eligible and completed drinking water and wastewater projects under the state aid grant program.

[SB 367](#): including state water pollution control and public water system grants in the capital budget. **KILLED**

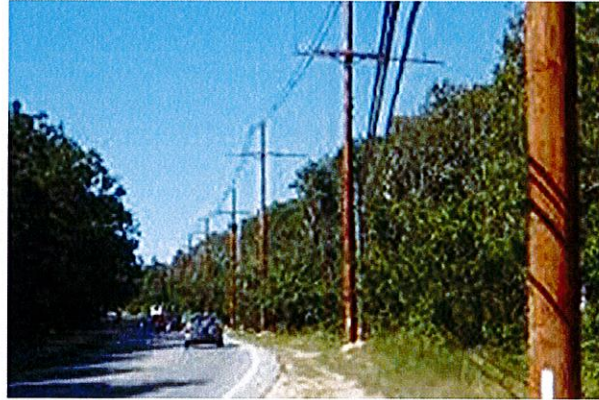
[SB 380](#): establishing the drinking water and groundwater trust fund and establishing the New Hampshire drinking water and groundwater advisory commission. **PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE**

Bridge Aid



HB 2016: relative to the 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Valuation Formula For Telephone Poles & Conduits

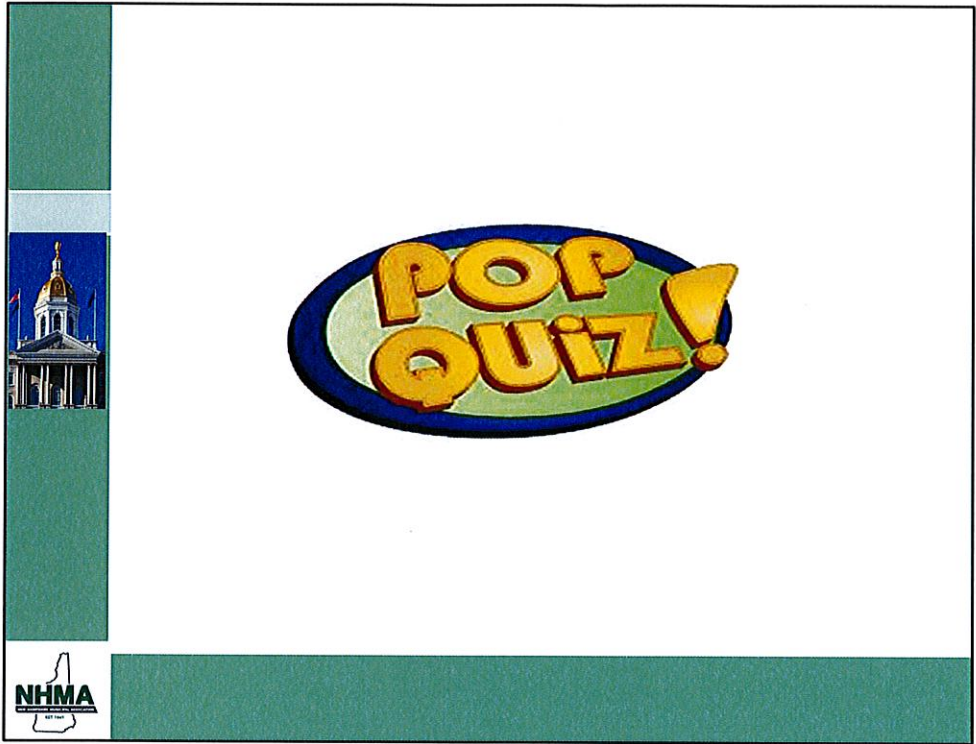


[HB 1198](#): establishes a valuation formula for telephone poles and conduits.

Medicaid Expansion



[HB 1690](#): extends the New Hampshire health protection program (expanded Medicaid).



According to another post in ***The Edge***, when did the legislature authorize a bifurcated town meeting?

- A. 1973
- B. 1969
- C. 1965
- D. 1971



Temporary Traffic Control Measures



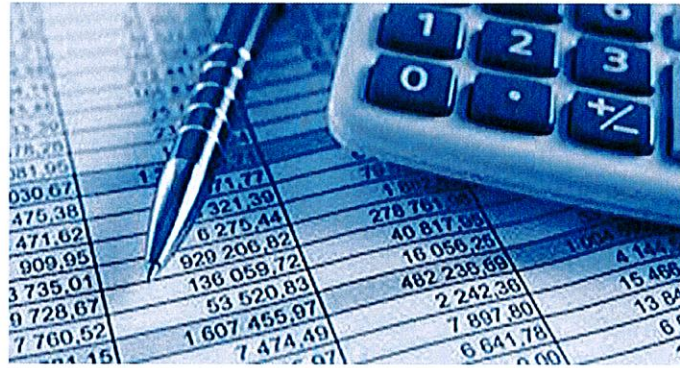
[SB 365](#): authorizes cities and towns to adopt ordinances relative to the use of police officers and non-police flaggers for temporary traffic control, subject to limitations.

Police Standards and Training



[SB 527](#): appropriation to police standards and training council.

Default Budgets

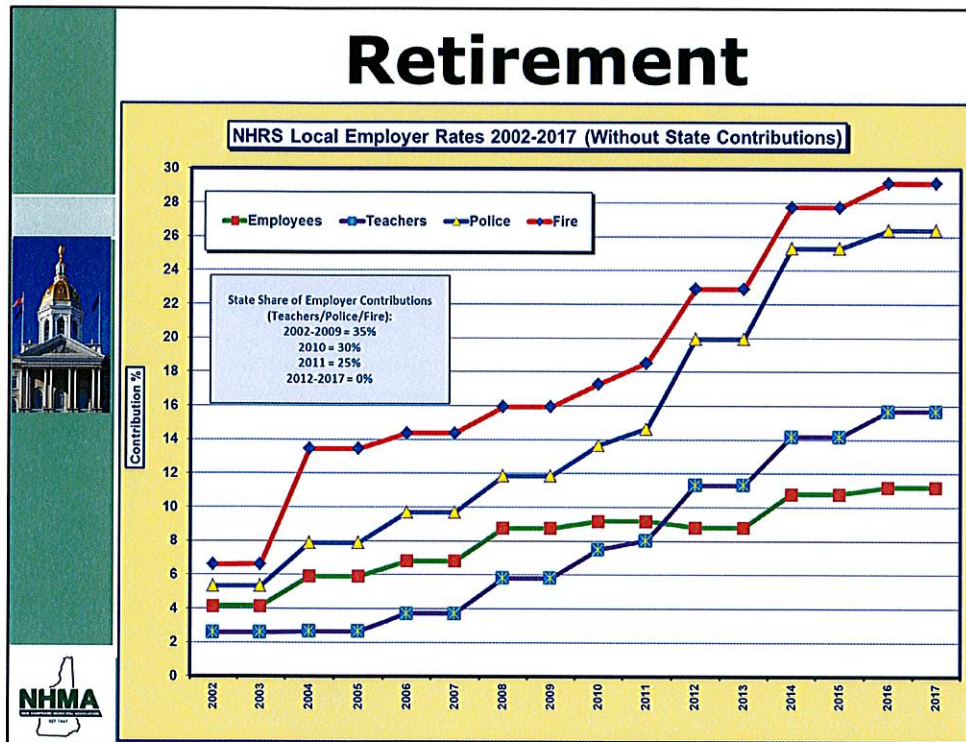


[HB 1221](#): excluding certain one-time expenditures from the default budget in official ballot municipalities. **KILLED**

[HB 1500](#): regarding default budgets for the purpose of setting tax rates. **KILLED**

[HB 1375](#): relative to charter commissions for budgets in official ballot jurisdictions.

Retirement



[HB 1673](#): establishing cash balance plans. **TABLED**

[HB 1449](#): additional temporary supplemental allowance for retirees. **INTERIM STUDY**

[NHRS](#): Draft of 5-year experience study, impact on rates 7/1/17 – 6/30/19.

Tax Exemptions, Credits, Abatements & Assessing



[HB 430](#): extending veterans' property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans.

[SB 348](#): local option credit up to \$12,000 for disabled veterans.

[HB 1359](#): tax credit for service-connected disability.
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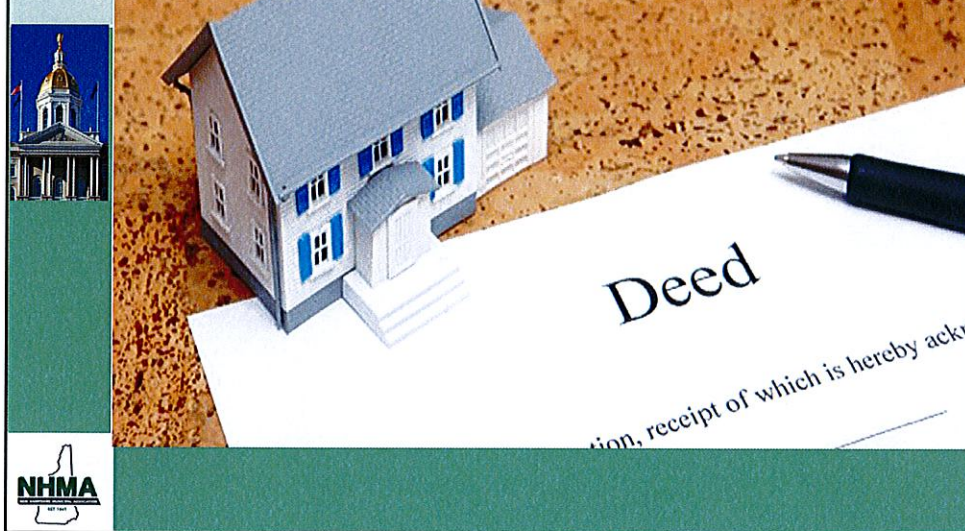
[HB 1123](#): property tax exemption for certain stand-by generators. **KILLED**

[HB 1407](#): property tax credit (\$750.00) for persons providing certain home health care services for a family member. **KILLED**

[HB 1559](#): regarding property taxes and leased school property. **KILLED**

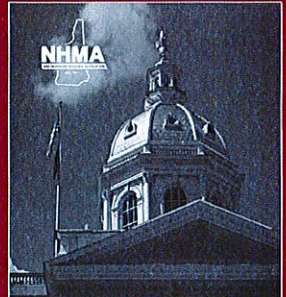
[HB 1222](#): assessing procedures. **KILLED**

Tax Deeding



[HB 1219](#): repeals the 15% penalty charged when a former owner repurchases a tax deeded principal residence from the town and reduces the penalty to 10% in all other cases.

NHMA's 2017-2018 Legislative Policy Process



2015-2016
Legislative
Policy Positions



NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	
FINANCE AND REVENUE	
ACTION POLICES	
1. Tax Rate Setting	10. Separate Public Schools for Bond Votes
NHMA supports the current tax rate structure for all municipalities. Any change in the tax rate should be based on a study of the impact on the state's economy and the ability of municipalities to provide services to their residents.	NHMA supports the current structure of public schools and the ability of municipalities to provide services to their residents.
2. Use of FRM and Other Funds	11. Expanding 10% Limitation
NHMA supports the current use of FRM and other funds for municipalities. Any change in the use of these funds should be based on a study of the impact on the state's economy and the ability of municipalities to provide services to their residents.	NHMA supports the current 10% limitation on the use of FRM and other funds for municipalities. Any change in this limitation should be based on a study of the impact on the state's economy and the ability of municipalities to provide services to their residents.
3. Real Estate Income and Expense Statement Approval	12. Add Public Real Estate Taxes to State Revenue
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PROPERTY POLICES	
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Three Policy Committees:

- Finance & Revenue
- General Administration & Governance
- Infrastructure, Development & Land Use

Policy Proposals due by April 22nd.

PRIVACY
POLICY





75 NHMA 2016 Local Officials Workshops

Workshops for seasoned and new municipal officials and employees of New Hampshire Municipal Association member towns.

Dates and Locations

Saturday, April 9
Jaffrey Civic Center
40 Main Street, Jaffrey

Wednesday, April 13
Granitham Town Hall
300 Route 10 South, Grantham
Sponsored by Primes

Wednesday, April 27
Hudson Community Center
12 Lions Ave., Hudson

Thursday, May 19
Madrye Building, Audubon
10 Highland Street, Whitefield

Wednesday, May 25
Carroll County Complex,
Delegation/Commissioner Conference Rm
95 Water Village Rd., Ossipee
Sponsored by Primes

Saturday, June 4
25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord

Agenda

9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Overview

Presented by NHMA's Legal Services attorneys, the workshops provide newly elected and appointed municipal officials with tools and information to effectively serve their communities. Topics will include the Right-to-Know Law, ethics and conflicts, town governance, public employment, liability and more. Interactive discussions will offer an opportunity to test scenarios, discuss concerns, ask questions and share ideas.

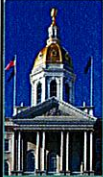
Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of NHMA's 2016 edition of publication, *Knowing the Territory*.

No Fee, On-line Registration Required!

To register online, please visit www.nhmunipal.org and click on the Calendar of Events. Space is limited!

Cancellation must be received 48 hours in advance. If cancellation is not received 48 hours in advance, NHMA will invoice you for \$20 to cover workshop costs, including meals.

Questions? Please call 800.852.3358, ext. 3350 or email NHMAregistrations@nhmunipal.org.



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