

GSNH LEGISLATIVE TRACKING 2015 BILLS

These are the 2015 Bills as of December 10, 2015 that may be of interest to members. Next status report: March 2016

HB626	title:	<p>This bill authorizes the site evaluation committee to approve proposals for energy infrastructure development and designates energy infrastructure corridors. The bill also establishes a commission to study the designation of energy infrastructure corridors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7/8/2015 H Minority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2015-2326h</p>
Sponsors:		(Prime) Suzanne Smith
HB227	title:	<p>This bill requires the approval of the appropriate legislative body before acquisition of land acquired with public funds or land donated to a public entity</p> <p><i>House Status:</i> PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT</p> <p><i>Senate Status:</i> IN COMMITTEE</p> <p><i>Next/Last Comm:</i> SENATE PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS</p> <p><i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 04/08/2015 at 10:00 AM LOB 102 – Inexpedient to Legislate</p>
Sponsors:		(Prime) James Belanger
HB572	title:	<p>Relative to taking land by eminent domain for high pressure gas pipelines and requiring payment of the land use change tax when land is taken by eminent domain to build energy infrastructure;</p> <p>I. Requires rules to be adopted governing the siting of high pressure gas pipelines and provides guidelines for such rules.</p> <p>II. Requires the site evaluation committee to consider intervention in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings involving siting of high pressure gas pipelines.</p> <p>III. Allows terms and conditions contained to a certificate of site and facility to include the authority to require bonding.</p> <p><i>G-Status:</i> SENATE</p> <p><i>House Status:</i> PASSED / ADOPTED</p> <p><i>Senate</i> Enrolled</p>

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		<p><i>Status:</i> 7/21/2015</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed by the Governor on 7/20/2015; Chapter 264; Effective Date 7/20/2015</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime)James Belanger
HB 233	title:	<p>This bill clarifies the scope of local approval requirements for mining activity. This bill also modifies requirements for pre-application meetings.</p> <p><i>G-Status:</i> SENATE <i>House Status:</i> PASSED / ADOPTED <i>Senate Status:</i> PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT</p> <p>Signed by the Governor on 6/26/2015; Chapter 162; Effective Date 8/25/2015</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime)John Hunt
HB 113	title:	<p>designating the mastodon as the official state fossil.</p> <p><i>G-Status:</i> HOUSE <i>House Status:</i> INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE <i>Senate Status:</i></p> <p><i>Next/Last Comm:</i> HOUSE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION <i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 02/17/2015 at 02:00 PM LOB 306</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime)David Borden
HB 216	title:	<p>This bill provides for a procedure for the recovery of an occupational board or commission's investigatory costs from persons subject to disciplinary orders. This bill also requires that the general administration provisions of RSA 332-G</p>

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		<p>be applicable to the mechanical licensing board.</p> <p><i>G-Status:</i> SENATE</p> <p><i>House Status:</i> PASSED / ADOPTED</p> <p><i>Senate Status:</i> REREFERRED -</p> <p>5/28/2015 S Sen. Bradley moved to Rerefer to Committee, RC 14Y-7N, MA; SJ 16</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime)Carol McGuire
HB 431	title:	<p>relative to the placement of all new elective electric transmission lines in New Hampshire.</p> <p><i>G-Status:</i> HOUSE</p> <p><i>House Status:</i> INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</p> <p><i>Senate Status:</i></p> <p><i>Next/Last Comm:</i> HOUSE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY</p> <p><i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 02/19/2015 at 11:00 AM LOB 304</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime)Laurence Rappaport
HB 244	title:	<p>relative to the permissible level of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in drinking water</p> <p><i>G-Status:</i> HOUSE</p> <p><i>House Status:</i> INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</p> <p><i>Senate Status:</i></p> <p><i>Next/Last Comm:</i> HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE</p> <p><i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 02/10/2015 at 10:30 AM LOB 303</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime)Jim McConnell

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HB 248	title:	<p>directing the university system of New Hampshire to conduct a study of prolonged human consumption of and exposure to methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE).</p> <p><i>G-Status:</i> HOUSE</p> <p><i>House Status:</i> INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</p> <p><i>Senate Status:</i></p> <p><i>Next/Last Comm:</i> HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE</p> <p><i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 02/10/2015 at 01:00 PM LOB 303</p>
	Sponsors:	<p>(Prime)Jim McConnell</p>
HB 208	title:	<p>This bill changes the allocation of proceeds received from allowance sales under the New Hampshire regional greenhouse gas initiative program.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SENATE -</p> <p><i>G-Status:</i> 6/18/2015 S Conference Committee Report; Not Signed Off; SJ 19</p>
	Sponsors:	<p>(Prime)Richard Barry</p>
HB 451	title:	<p>Mining activities exempt from departmental permitting by RSA 12-E:1, IX(a) shall be subject to local ordinances, including site plan review under RSA 674.</p> <p>Signed by the Governor on 7/6/2015; Chapter 193; Effective 9/4/2015</p>
	Sponsors:	<p>(Prime)Franklin Sterling</p>
HB 462	title:	<p>repealing an increase in the fuel oil discharge cleanup fund fee.</p> <p><i>G-Status:</i> HOUSE</p> <p><i>House Status:</i> INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</p> <p><i>Senate Status:</i></p> <p><i>Next/Last Comm:</i> HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS</p> <p><i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> Time not specified LOB 202</p>

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	Sponsors:	(Prime) James Spillane
HB 272	title:	(New Title) designating the Ham Branch River watershed in Easton as a protected river, and exempting portions of the Ham Branch River watershed from the shoreland water quality protection act. <i>G-Status:</i> SENATE <i>House Status:</i> PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT <i>Senate Status:</i> INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE <i>Next/Last Comm:</i> SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES <i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 04/15/2015 at 09:45 AM SH 100
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Susan Ford
HB 368	title:	relative to the selection of engineers used as part of the planning board review process. <i>G-Status:</i> HOUSE <i>House Status:</i> INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE <i>Senate Status:</i> <i>Next/Last Comm:</i> HOUSE MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT <i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 02/05/2015 at 10:00 AM LOB 301
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Edward Butler
SB196	title:	Appropriating funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding eligible water supply land protection costs under the state aid grant program. Prime sponsor: Martha Fuller Clark. Introduced and Referred to Senate Energy and Natural Resources. Ought to Pass: MA, VV; Sen. Bradley Moved Laid On Table, MA, VV
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Martha Fuller Clark , Judith Spang , Thomas Bucu , Suzanne Smith
	title:	Establishing a commission to develop a land conservation plan.

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SB38		Signed by the Governor on 7/6/2015; Chapter 193; Effective 9/4/2015
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Martha Fuller Clark , Jeanie Forrester , Gerald Little , Dan Feltes , Judith Spang , Suzanne Smith
HB 376	title:	Appropriating funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding eligible and completed drinking water, wastewater, and landfill closure projects under the state aid grant program. 11/12/2015 H Committee report: Inexpedient to Legislate (Vote 15-10; RC)
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Thomas Bucu , Suzanne Gottling , Peter Leishman , Laura Pantelakos , Jeb Bradley , Martha Fuller Clark , Karen Umberger , Richard Ames , Karen Ebel , David Danielson
HB278	title:	relative to town clerk fees for fill and dredge permit applications. <i>G-Status:</i> HOUSE <i>House Status:</i> INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE <i>Senate Status:</i> <i>Next/Last Comm:</i> HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS <i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 01/28/2015 at 10:30 AM LOB 202
	Sponsors:	(Prime) David Danielson
SB168	title:	Relative to the duties of the commissioner of the department of environmental services. <i>G-Status:</i> SIGNED BY GOVERNOR <i>House Status:</i> PASSED / ADOPTED <i>Senate Status:</i> PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT <i>Next/Last Comm:</i> HOUSE RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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		<p><i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 04/07/2015 at 11:00 AM LOB 305</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime) David Watters , Martha Fuller Clark , Russell Prescott , Judith Spang , Adam Schroadter , Peter Bixby , Carol Bush
HB377	title:	<p>Establishing a commission to study the establishment of a state geographic information system office and the position of state geographic information officer.</p> <p>11/12/2015 H Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2015-2506h (NT) (Vote 11-0; CC)</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Alfred Baldasaro , Edith Hogan , Robert Theberge , Daniel Itse , Daniel Tamburello , Timothy Twombly , Jeanine Notter , Leon Rideout
HB281	title:	<p>This bill defines exotic aquatic species of wildlife and adds to the duties of the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee.</p> <p>Signed by the Governor on 6/26/2015; Chapter 164; Effective Date 8/25/2015</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Suzanne Gottling , Judith Spang , Chris Christensen , Martha Fuller Clark , Jeb Bradley , Gerald Little , James Grenier , Suzanne Smith
HB 498	title:	<p>This bill revises the radon notice required prior to the sale of real property and establishes a similar notice requirement regarding arsenic.</p> <p>Signed by the Governor on 6/26/2015; Chapter 171; Effective Date 1/1/2016</p>
	Sponsors:	(Prime) John Hunt , Sam Cataldo
HB349	title:	<p>This bill requires the department of environmental services to consider impacts to wetland buffers before granting permits for filling and dredging in wetlands.</p> <p>3/12/2015 H Lay on Table (Rep C. Christensen): MA VV; HJ 26,</p>

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	Sponsors:	(Prime) Judith Spang , Suzanne Gottling , Jane Beaulieu , Martha Fuller Clark , David Watters , Lee Oxenham
HB 609	title:	Relative to hydraulic fracturing. <i>G-Status:</i> HOUSE <i>House Status:</i> INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE <i>Senate Status:</i> <i>Next/Last Comm:</i> HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE <i>Next/Last Hearing:</i> 02/17/2015 at 02:30 PM LOB 303
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Timothy Horrigan , Gladys Johnsen
HB 664	title:	Consolidating existing oil pollution funds. Signed by the Governor on 6/12/2015; Chapter 142; Sections 3, 5, 8, & 16 Effective 12:01 AM 7/1/2025, Remaining Effective Date 7/1/2015
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Chris Christensen , Adam Schroadter , Karen Ebel
HB306	title:	Relative to membership of the wetlands council and the water council. Signed by the Governor on 6/2/2015; Chapter 67; Effective Date 8/1/2015
	Sponsors:	(Prime) Suzanne Gottling , Judith Spang
SB 97	Prime sponsor: Regina Birdsell.	Authorizing municipalities to adopt ordinances to regulate stormwater to comply with federal permit requirements. This bill authorizes municipalities to regulate stormwater in order to comply with federal and state laws and regulations. This bill also authorizes planning boards to advise governing bodies as to whether proposed ordinances and bylaws regarding the maintenance and operation of stormwater systems comply with the master plan. Signed by the Governor on 07/13/2015; Chapter 0247; Effective

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