



GOLD STANDARD



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SB 396, relative to compatibility of electrical devices with the National Electric Code and the state building code.

SB 396

Executive Departments and Administration Recommendation: OTP 4-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill would ban sales of devices that are not compatible with either the National Electric Code or New Hampshire building code.

- This bill would make it a crime for NH retailers to sell equipment that is not compatible with NH code, but is compatible with electrical codes in other countries, forcing NH residents to purchase equipment for use on travel from online retailers or out of state.
- Many NH businesses sell commercial or industrial equipment intended for use in other jurisdictions, with different electrical specifications.
- Private safety certification agencies like Underwriters Laboratories are a great alternative to state mandates
- RSA 358:A:2 is explicitly for the purpose of banning "any unfair method of competition or any unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of any trade or commerce". Selling devices that do not meet NH code is neither unfair nor deceptive, unless the goods are sold with a label indicating compatibility with certain standards, while not actually being compatible. Misrepresentation of certification is already covered by 358:a:2 II and IV.

NAY OTP

SB 496-FN, relative to personal care attendant services.

SB 496

Health and Human Services Committee Recommendation: OTP 4-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases health care costs for PCA services in NH.

- This bill requires personal care attendants provide "access to the community" and "non-medical transportation" — services for which they may not be equipped.
- "Access to the community" is vague and could open personal care attendants up to frivolous lawsuits.

NAY OTP

SB 494-FN-A, repealing the exemption from the road toll for federal military fuel purchases.

SB 494

Ways and Means Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 4-1

PRO-LIBERTY: NH drivers should not be forced to subsidize federal government travel.

- The federal government should help pay for the upkeep of the roads they are using
- A government vehicle wears on the roads just as much, and in some cases more, than a private vehicle.
- This bill is a step in the right direction, and will increase revenue for NH roads without further taxing NH drivers.

YEA OTP/A