



# GOLD STANDARD

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## SB 318, amending the prohibitions on youth employment.

Commerce: OTP/A 4-0

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill relaxes state interference in youth employment, leaving more decisions to individuals and families.

- This bill repeals certain provisions of the youth employment law governing the employment of youths 16 and 17 years of age — including but not limited to a repeal of RSA 276-A:5 - relative to youth employment certificates, RSA 276-A:13 - relative to youth night work, and RSA 276-A:22 - relative to evidence of violations of youth employment in certain jobs. This allows families and employers to better align work schedules and durations with the unique needs of teens.

### SB 318

### YEA OTP/A

## SB 463-FN, establishing an architectural paint can recycling program.

Executive Departments and Administration: ITL 3-1

**ANTI-LIBERTY:** This bill establishes a paint recycling program that requires producers of paint sold at retail in New Hampshire to create a program for collecting, transporting, recycling, processing, and disposing of post-consumer paint.

- The Dept. of Environmental Services does not have the resources to manage and review the audits the proposed program requires.
- This bill will not only increase paint prices in NH, it will also increase taxes to cover the costs of managing the program.
- Smaller paint companies will not be able to afford the cost of this program, and will be forced out of NH, leaving customers fewer options for paint.
- Consumers would be charged a fee during purchase, forcing users who use all of their paint to subsidize inefficient users of paint.

### SB 463

### YEA ITL

## SB 540-FN, relative to funding full day kindergarten.

Finance: OTP/A 6-0

**ANTI-LIBERTY:** This bill expands state spending to fund full-day kindergarten.

- Communities that choose to offer half-day kindergarten should not be forced to subsidize those that choose to offer full-day kindergarten. Both the decision, and the funding, should be local.

### SB 540

### NAY OTP/A

## SB 475, relative to testing for Lyme disease.

Health and Human Services: OTP/A 4-1

**ANTI-LIBERTY:** This bill compels health care providers to provide medical advice that is deemed appropriate by the state.

- The state should not be in the position of mandating specific medical advice and compelling speech.

### SB 475

### NAY OTP/A

## SB 388, relative to satellite dispensaries for therapeutic cannabis.

Judiciary: OTP/A 5-0

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill modestly improves patient access to medicine.

- This bill authorizes the Dept. of Health and Human Services to establish a second dispensary location for therapeutic cannabis in the geographic area that includes Carroll, Coos, and Grafton counties. Under current law NH residents in many areas of the state have to travel great distances, in some cases as long as 3-4 hours round trip, to pick up legal medication.

### SB 388

### YEA OTP/A

## SB 499, relative to the applicability of certain DWI prohibitions.

Judiciary: OTP/A 4-1

# SB 499

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill clarifies the definition of "drive or attempt to drive" in DWI prohibitions.

- As amended, this bill would exclude safe activity such as sleeping/resting or sheltering in place in a legal parking zone from being considered an attempt to drive. This common sense definition reduces the risk of facing a DWI charge for activity that poses no threat to the public.
- Arresting people who do the right thing by not driving while intoxicated does not make the roads any safer. This bill clarifies that sleeping in a vehicle or being outside of a vehicle is not considered driving and should not be arrestable under the driving while intoxicated statute.

# YEA OTP/A

## HB 287, establishing a committee to study decriminalizing sex work.

Judiciary: ITL 4-1

# HB 287

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill establishes a committee to study issues related to changing prostitution laws in New Hampshire.

- This bill establishes a committee that will study the potential costs and benefits of partial or full decriminalization of prostitution.
- As is generally the case, prohibition drives these activities underground, where dangers are higher for participants. Sex workers who report crimes to law enforcement face arrest, violence, and assault. While this bill will not change these facts directly, it may contribute to legislation that reduces the harm of our current laws.
- Many recent studies have concluded that decriminalization is necessary to reduce the harms associated with sex work. Major organizations, including the World Health Organization, The Lancet medical journal, Amnesty International, the UN Commission on on HIV and the Law, and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, now support decriminalization (<http://goo.gl/7yPoH0>, <https://goo.gl/4sMQTN>, <https://goo.gl/DNVry2>, <https://goo.gl/2FHw8V>, <https://goo.gl/DEZzB1>, <https://goo.gl/Qq2Wmv>).

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