



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

# GOLD STANDARD

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**HB 1258, relative to the advanced manufacturing education advisory council.**

**HB 1258**

**Education: OTP 4-0**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill promotes spending of taxpayer money and creates a new avenue for public funds to be diverted to politically-friendly businesses.**

**NAY  
OTP**

- This bill creates new solicitation and spending of taxpayer money that has no expiration. While no state funds are allocated this year, it is regularly the case that funds like this are established in one year and funded in a following year to obfuscate growth in state spending.
- This bill creates a new pathway for corrupt bureaucrats to direct taxpayer money to politically-favored businesses.
- The state should not be attempting to determine the training that businesses will require.

**HB 1676-FN, repealing the licensing requirement for open-air shows and repealing the laws related to the keeping of billiard tables.**

**HB 1676**

**Executive Departments and Administration: ITL 4-0**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill makes small positive improvements to New Hampshire's burdensome licenses.**

**NAY ITL**

- This bill repeals the license requirements for showmen, ventriloquists, puppeteers, and other similar performers.
- In addition, this bill repeals license requirements for pool tables and bowling alleys.
- A penalty of felony ventriloquism has no place in a free society.

**HB 1685-FN, establishing a statutory commission for oversight over occupational regulation.**

**HB 1685**

**Executive Departments and Administration: ITL 4-0**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill establishes an occupational regulation review commission to determine if regulatory boards utilize the least-restrictive regulation required to protect consumers from significant and substantiated harm.**

**NAY ITL**

- By raising barriers to entry, overly-expansive occupational licensing raises costs and decreases the quality of available services ([https://www.ij.org/images/pdf\\_folder/economic\\_liberty/occupational\\_licensing/licensetowork.pdf](https://www.ij.org/images/pdf_folder/economic_liberty/occupational_licensing/licensetowork.pdf)).
- Occupational licensing of lower-income trades in particular discourages entrepreneurship, and unjustly eliminates opportunities to those who are most vulnerable and who do not have paid lobbyists speaking up for their rights and interests.
- There are clear opportunities to improve NH licensing laws in order to allow more freedom of opportunity and choice, and without impacting public safety. For example, it takes 1500 hours of training to become a cosmetologist in NH — far more than to become an EMT. Studying how these restrictions impact NH residents, and which of them could most benefit from reform, would provide valuable perspective to the legislature.

**YEA  
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## **HB 1273, suspending state licensure laws for physicians and physician assistants employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.**

**Health and Human Services: OTP 4-0**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill suspends New Hampshire state licensure laws for physicians and physician assistants employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs who possess a current medical license in good standing in their respective state or country of licensure allowing them to practice at other local facilities or hospitals.**

- Occupational licensing increases costs and denies consumers choices in the marketplace. This bill effectively enables medical license reciprocity for physicians who offer services to patients who are veterans and limits the reciprocity to doctors employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- While not covered by this bill, New Hampshire should look to extend this courtesy to doctors treating private patients to help mitigate the shortage of doctors across the state.

## **HB 1227, relative to an unattended idling vehicle on private property.**

**Transportation: OTP 4-0**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill limits the existing restriction on idling an unattended vehicle so that it does not apply when the vehicle is on the owner's property.**

- Existing law bans idling of unattended vehicles unless they are started via a remote car starter. This bill removes that restriction when the vehicle is on the property of the vehicle operator.
- Property owners should be able to determine how they would like to utilize their property.