



REGULAR CALENDAR

SB 344 – Relative to employment and retirement benefits of certain non-judicial court employees.

Committee report: Executive Departments & Administration: OTP (14–4) Our recommendation:

NAY on OTP

This bill, which allows certain non-judicial employees of the court system to be paid for accrued, unused sick time upon retirement, is **anti-liberty**:

- If this amendment to the statutes were truly necessary for New Hampshire, it would not be so strictly limited to only “any person retiring in 2010 from full-time, non-judicial employment with the court system,” which, according to the fiscal note, will affect only *one* employee.
- State retirement systems are already overburdened, partially due to schemes like this, where unused sick time is included to increase salaries and therefore correspondingly increase employees’ retirement benefits.
- The lawmaking process should not be taken so lightly as to pass a law to benefit a very small number of people. Doing so is a violation of **Part I, Art. 10** of the N.H. Constitution, which begins: “Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of *any one man, family, or class of men ...*” (emphasis added).

CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 150 – Relative to low-speed utility vehicles and relative to registration fees for certain special number plates for veterans.

Committee report: Transportation: OTP/A (12–2)

Our recommendation:

NAY on OTP/A

This bill, which regulates certain vehicles and waives fees for certain persons, is **anti-liberty**:

- The new definition of “low-speed utility vehicle” includes arbitrary references to load capacity, high-pressure tires, and speed capability, which may not be appropriate for all such agricultural and light industrial vehicles. Such arcane guidelines will be problematic to enforce.
- The questionable restriction on using such a vehicle more than 25 miles from the registrant’s residence prohibits him from towing it to other properties he may own for use thereon or to help friends on their properties if they live a farther distance away.
- Granting special privileges to a class of citizens—by waiving their requirement to pay registration fees like everyone else—violates **Part I, Art. 10** of the N.H. Constitution.

SB 302 – Relative to notice of driver’s license expiration.

Committee report: Transportation: OTP (16–0)

Our recommendation:

YEA on OTP

This bill, which allows the Department of Safety to notify people of license expirations electronically, is **pro-liberty**:

- This could result in a potential cost savings of up to \$250,000 per year.

SB 364 – Recognizing Canadian boating safety education certificates.

Committee report: Transportation: OTP (16–0)

Our recommendation:

YEA on OTP

This bill, which recognizes Canadian boating safety certificates, is **pro-liberty**:

- New Hampshire already recognizes many similar certificates and licenses, e.g., Canadian drivers’ licenses.
- Not having to acquire a second safety education certificate to boat in New Hampshire would lower costs for visitors from Canada and aid New Hampshire’s tourism industry.



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