



GOLD STANDARD

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HB 603, relative to student exemptions from the statewide assessment.

HB 603

NHLA Recommendation: **OVERRIDE Governor Hassan's Veto**

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill respects a parent's right to refuse state assessments for their child.

OVERRIDE VETO

- This is a bipartisan issue with significant impact on all NH families. Both Nashua and Manchester high schools experienced a refusal rate of over 50%.
- Parent's rights should not be compromised in order to obtain federal funds.
- No state or school district has lost federal funding due to lower participation rates.
- This bill is necessary to refute the Commissioner's Technical Advisories which school districts are inappropriately using to trample parents' rights.
- This bill makes it clear that there is no penalty for students exempted by parents from statewide assessments.

SB 32, relative to state agency budgetary reporting requirements.

SB 32

NHLA Recommendation: **YEA on Adopting the Committee of Conference Report.**

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill increases government transparency.

YEA ADOPT

- Fiscal responsibility requires representatives to have accurate knowledge about spending by government entities.
- Taxpayers have a right to know how their money is being spent.
- Reporting requirements are reasonable, and not arduous.

SB 135-FN, relative to lead poisoning in children.

SB 135

NHLA Recommendation: **NAY on Adopting the Committee of Conference Report.**

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill adds new regulations on property owners & state agencies that are redundant with existing state and federal laws.

NAY ADOPT

- This bill lowers the threshold for notification of blood lead levels without scientific certainty as to what levels are actually dangerous, creating many new requirements for health providers and agencies.
- It is bad public policy to link NH statute to a specific federal program (in this case the Renovation, Repair and Painting Program). The details of the federal program can be modified at the whim of Congress and regulators, regardless of applicability to New Hampshire. The federal program could even be eliminated altogether, and still NH statute would remain linked to it.
- Section 3 of the bill is particularly troubling: it sets an arbitrary goal of 85% of children ages 1 and 2 to receive blood lead level tests. Further, it targets only poor children who are receiving Medicaid or WIC benefits, while ignoring wealthier classes of people.
- There are already numerous lead paint programs and regulations in place. These new requirements are redundant with existing state and federal laws.
- This bill places new reporting requirements & regulatory burdens on agencies & property owners, reducing private property rights.

SB 169, HB 219-FN, relative to the use of electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards.

SB 169

NHLA Recommendation: **YEA on Adopting the Committee of Conference Report.**

HB 219

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill prohibits gross misuse of taxpayer funds.

YEA ADOPT

- It is wrong to force taxpayers to fund purchases of non-essential goods like tobacco, tattoos, or piercings.
- These bills are common sense. The recipients of taxpayer money, which is intended to help purchase basic necessities, should be prohibited from spending that money on non-essential goods and services.
- While it is not currently, nor will it ever be possible to detect all types of fraud, it is still important for the legislature to clarify that these clear abuses of taxpayer money are unlawful.

HB 407, establishing a committee to study the classifications of military vehicles and equipment that may be purchased by the state...

HB 407

NHLA Recommendation: YEA on Adopting the Committee of Conference Report.

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill is an important first step towards halting the militarization of police forces in New Hampshire.

- Under the USDLA 1033 program, NH counties, cities, and towns have received over six million dollars worth of military grade rifles, armored trucks and personnel carriers, a grenade launcher, and more. In many cases, these acquisitions have been made over the objections of local voters.
- The use of military forces domestically is prohibited, however, since 2001 the line separating the military from the police has become increasingly blurred. The spirit of Posse Comitatus is undermined when police (many of whom are veterans with recent combat experience overseas) are provided with many of the same types of weapons and vehicles at home that were used in the invasion and occupation of Iraq or Afghanistan.
- Police should be peace officers, primarily tasked with de-escalating situations, and protecting life. Militarization can create a dangerous change in police mentality, which can come to view citizens as enemies to confront with overwhelming force.

YEA ADOPT

HB 468-FN, requiring a warrant to obtain electronic device location information...

HB 468

NHLA Recommendation: YEA on Adopting the Committee of Conference Report.

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill will prohibit government agencies from tracking the location of citizens without a warrant

- HB468 comports with part one article 19 of the NH Constitution and the fourth amendment to the US Constitution.
- HB468 defends the privacy rights of NH residents, and clarifies that government agencies shall not track their movements without a warrant from a judge based on probable cause.
- Technology has enabled some agencies in the U.S. to intercept cell phone signals and track citizens secretly, without oversight. This bill would prevent that from happening in NH.

YEA ADOPT

HB 681-FN-A, establishing a fine for persons convicted of domestic violence and increasing the marriage license fee.

HB 681

NHLA Recommendation: NAY on Adopting the Committee of Conference Report.

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill would make getting permission to be married more expensive.

- Section 2 unfairly penalizes peaceful people, who choose to marry, for the violent actions of others.
- Taking money from domestic violence abusers is one thing, but this bill also takes money from completely innocent couples.
- This is not a user-fee. Should car registration fees pay for road-rage therapy or a beer tax pay for Alcoholics Anonymous?

NAY ADOPT

Representatives and Senators,

You are invited to attend the 2015 Liberty Dinner, hosted by the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance. It will be held at Bektash Shriners Center in Concord on Sunday, July 19 from 6:30-8:30 PM. There will be a cocktail reception at 5:30.

During the dinner, enjoy a full buffet, cash bar, and the words of keynote speaker Dr. Mary Ruwart, author of the international best-selling book *Healing Our World*. Dr. Ruwart, who holds a PhD in biophysics and has 19 years experience as a pharmaceutical research scientist, will be speaking on topics related to healthcare, the FDA, and drug industry.

Dr. Ruwart is a passionate free market advocate, arguing that heavy-handed government regulations exacerbate, if not cause, poverty, illness, and unhappiness in our country. She advocates against policies such as the minimum wage, business licensing, and even the FDA - arguing that these government tactics largely harm the people they were intended to help. Dr. Ruwart's deep theory of liberty offers an overarching perspective: if I want the freedom to make choices for my own life, I must respect the choices of others.

We will name the Legislator of the Year (determined based on voting records) and Activist of the Year award recipients. We will also unveil the 2015 Liberty Rating, NHLA's report card for all NH representatives.

All legislators receive free admission to our Cocktail Reception at 5:30, and may purchase dinner tickets at a discounted rate of only \$45. For more details, visit libertydinner.com

Sincerely,
Paul Best
Chair, NHLA