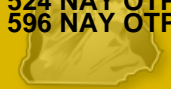




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HB 76, imposing a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm.

Criminal Justice and Public Safety: Without Recommendation

HB 76

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill infringes on the right to bear arms.

**NAY
OTP**

- Waiting periods make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and as a result, encourage criminal activity.
- There is no statistical evidence that a waiting period for handgun purchases reduces violence (www.politifact.com/wisconsin/statements/2015/apr/27/van-wanggaard/no-evidence-waiting-period-handgun-purchases-reduc/).
- The US Constitution is the supreme law of our country and in it the 2nd Amendment clearly states that *"the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."*
- No law interfering with the ability to purchase arms or their components is legal, ethical, or moral.

HB 328, an act legalizing certain controlled substances for persons 21 years of age or older.

HB 328

Criminal Justice and Public Safety: ITL 17-3

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill legalizes the possession and use of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), mescaline, psilocybin, and peyote for persons 21 years of age and older.

NAY ITL

- Some doctors are finding that the use of psychedelics can be a powerful therapy for the treatment of mental health disorders such as depression and PTSD.
- The fundamental right to self-ownership is inviolate.
- No person should, by the state, be forced to take or be prevented from taking any substance they choose.

HB 360, an act legalizing cannabis for persons 21 years of age or older.

HB 360

Criminal Justice and Public Safety: ITL 11-9

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill legalizes the possession and use of cannabis for persons 21 years of age and older.

NAY ITL

- NH remains an island in a sea of cannabis legalization; most Granite Staters live within a 30 minute drive from a cannabis dispensary in another state.
- This will give NH the best cannabis laws in the US, which sets the bar rather low, but the United States is slowly becoming an epicenter of cannabis industry, with NH hopefully leading the forefront after legislation like this.
- This will result in increased prosperity and wealth for Granite Staters who grow or consume cannabis.

HB 444, prohibiting possession of a firearm at a polling place.

HB 444

Criminal Justice and Public Safety: ITL 11-9

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill prohibits possessing a firearm at a polling place.

YEA ITL

- This bill creates an area of targets for easy criminal prey at polling locations.
- Citizens of New Hampshire should not be required to surrender their right to carry an implement of self-defense or otherwise reduce their ability to defend themselves in order to exercise their right to vote.
- This bill is largely unenforceable, as many citizens peacefully and inconspicuously carry a concealed firearm daily throughout the state.
- As with the majority of proposed weapons regulations, this bill does nothing to prevent criminals from carrying out violent acts.
- Granite Staters need to be free from constitutionally illegal restrictions on firearms in order to protect themselves and their families.

HB 596, prohibiting the use of racial profiling in law enforcement activities and in sentencing.

HB 596

Criminal Justice and Public Safety: Without Recommendation

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill dictates the focus for the police and courts should be on racial sensitivity instead of law enforcement and crime prevention.

**NAY
OTP**

- Racial profiling is already illegal under federal law. Section 242 of Title 18 makes it a crime for a person acting under color of any law to willfully deprive a person of a right or privilege protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.
- This law includes a requirement to make available on request a report on statistics of arrests and incarcerations broken out by 'white' and 'non-white'.
- As a consequence of this law, police are encouraged to implement quotas for arrests based on race, sexual orientation, or ethnicity — which is racist and sexist.

HB 399, allowing for a testing exception for graduation from high school.

HB 399

Education: ITL 14-6

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires the Department of Education to design and administer a high school diploma equivalency test, which would except students age 13 or older who pass the test from school attendance requirements. The bill also provides a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the bill.

NAY ITL

- This bill increases the opportunities for high-achieving students to graduate from high-school early and thereby potentially enter advanced training or education earlier.
- This bill is an economic opportunity for New Hampshire, as high-achieving students who graduate early will create less burden over time on the school system, while also encouraging the greatest realization of such high potential in these students.

HB 58, prohibiting payment of subminimum wages.

HB 58

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: Without Recommendation

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill would set the minimum wage for tipped employees to the federal minimum wage for untipped employees.

**NAY
OTP**

- Minimum wage laws decrease the number of entry-level jobs and make it harder for people of low skill to get their start in the workforce.
- Higher wages for everyone are better accomplished through job creation — more jobs means more competition to hire all workers.
- Employers and employees should be free to negotiate the terms of employment without interference.
- The very idea of a minimum wage is patronizing and demeaning as it implies that individuals don't know how much they're worth and are incapable of negotiating with an employer.
- The restaurant industry is already very low margin; this could have the unintended consequence of forcing owners to cut staff, and/or raise prices on their food.

HB 125, relative to youth employment during the school year and at night.

HB 125

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: Without Recommendation

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill seeks to further limit when and how much people aged 16 or 17 can work.

**NAY
OTP**

- A young person aged 16 or 17 is fully capable of negotiating their responsibilities with their parents on how much and when they should work.
- The parents, not the government, should be empowered to appropriately manage a minor child.
- Some children learn more at a brief time at the workplace than they do during their entire academic career.
- Students use employment as a means of generating more income for themselves for future endeavors, which should not be overly burdened by government restrictions on their ability to make money.
- This restricts a person's ability to create more opportunity and wealth for themselves at a young age.

HB 208

**NAY
OTP**

HB 524

**NAY
OTP**

HB 222

YEA ITL

HB 208, establishing greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and establishing a climate action plan.

Science, Technology and Energy: Without Recommendation

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill sets state policy of a goal of achieving net zero CO2 emissions by 2050 with a required expectation of net CO2 emissions 85 percent below the 1990 level.

- Emissions as defined in this bill are not simply for those of the state and its political subdivisions but rather are all CO2 emissions/sequestration/etc by all sources in the state — as such this makes it official state policy to dramatically impact the actions of NH inhabitants without regard to the potential impacts.
- While the bill offers no explicit policy recommendations and does not provide funding for the additional work that it mandates the Department of Environmental Services complete, the outcome of the bill would be additional work that would eventually require additional funding.

HB 524, relative to regional greenhouse gas initiative funds.

Science, Technology and Energy: Without Recommendation

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill raises the threshold price for allowance sales eligible for rebate under the energy efficiency fund.

- This bill would increase yearly ratepayer costs by \$6.7 million in the first year and \$70 million or more over the next ten years.
- Granite Staters are suffering under the burden of drastically-inflated energy rates and do not need their government creating even more unnecessary, self-inflicted pain.

HB 222, to require the use of seat belts during the operation of motor vehicles.

Transportation: ITL 11-9

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill mandates the use of seatbelts.

- This bill is paternalistic in that it forces adults to wear seatbelts when traveling in motor vehicles.
- Since this bill allows for the violation as a primary enforcement, it increases the potential for contact between law enforcement and citizens, increasing the risk of adverse interactions that otherwise would be avoided.