



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

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SB 194, allowing students under age 21 to taste wine in educational settings.

Commerce: ITL 3-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows students under age 21 to taste wine for instructional purposes at accredited educational institutions.

- This bill allows students studying enology or brewing, who may be under 21, to fully participate in the class.
- This bill increases access to education by creating a small and reasonable exception to the alcohol age limit.

SB 194

NAY ITL

SB 442, relative to student eligibility for education freedom accounts.

Education: OTP/A

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill expands the definition of "eligible student" for the Education Freedom Accounts program to include students whose enrollment transfer request was denied.

- This bill improves liberty by including transfer students who were denied participation in the Education Freedom Accounts program because their parents tried to improve their child's educational outcome within the public school system but had these attempts rejected by the public education administration.
- This bill expands access to Education Freedom Accounts, a popular and successful program that saves taxpayer money.

SB 442

**YEA
OTP/A**

SB 323, relative to the definition of salon.

Executive Departments and Administration: ITL 3-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill amends the definition of "salon" to provide an exception.

- This bill improves liberty for barbers and stylists by eliminating their personal homes from the definition of salons.
- This will improve access to the barber and cosmetology professions by allowing New Hampshire citizens to use space in their home to practice without the administrative burden of labeling their home a salon.

SB 323

NAY ITL

HB 135, (New Title) relative to requisites for a criminal search warrant.

HB 135

Judiciary: OTP/A 4-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill raises the bar for the execution of no-knock warrants.

- "No-knock" warrants allow law enforcement to use force to gain entry into a residence without giving any prior notice or announcing their entry. This is dangerous both for the police and the potentially-innocent occupants of the household, as the resulting confusion dramatically increases the probability of inadvertent injury or death.
- Originally conceived as a means to prevent the destruction of evidence, no-knock raids have been misused by law enforcement, executed at incorrect addresses, and resulted in fatalities, both to law enforcement personnel and to civilians. Between 2010 and 2016, 81 civilians and 13 officers have died during no-knock raids (www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/03/18/us/forced-entry-warrant-drug-raid.html).
- Per the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Manual (www.doj.nh.gov/criminal/documents/law-enforcement-manual.pdf) the purpose of 'knock and announce' is to protect people's rights to privacy in their homes and to prevent unnecessary violence that could result from unannounced entries.
- While rare, there are instances across the country of no-knock warrants being executed at the wrong address due to typographical or other errors that have at times lead to disastrous consequences. As such, a complete prohibition on the ability to execute a no-knock warrant would be preferable. However, this bill is a small step in the right direction.
- When individuals are not aware of who is trying to break down their door, they can, will, and should use deadly force to defend their property. This bill is a small step to reduce the risks to the public and police of no-knock raids.

YEA OTP/A

SB 513, relative to permitting charity auctions by non-profit corporations.

SB 513

Ways and Means: OTP/A 5-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill permits non-profit corporations to conduct charity auctions using auctioneers.

- This bill enhances liberty by allowing non-profit organizations to conduct charity auctions with contracted auctioneers, whereas previously this was prohibited.
- With the passing of this bill, non-profits will have an opportunity to freely choose an additional tool to garner support for their respective causes.

YEA OTP/A

Tabled Bills

SB 63, enabling municipalities to adopt a tax credit for qualified private community property owners.

SB 63

Election Law and Municipal Affairs: ITL 3-1

PRO-LIBERTY: Amendment 2023-2430s limits the powers of municipalities to adopt public health ordinances to be only for conditions that are unique to the town.

- If SB 63 is removed from table to adopt the amendment relative to the adoption of public health ordinances by municipalities, the motion and amendment should be supported.
- This would limit the ability of towns to create public health restrictions on the public for conditions that are not unique to the town. Such restrictions only serve to limit the liberty of those in the town and can result in a confusing patchwork of restrictions that have both unintended consequences and negative impacts to liberty.

YEA OTP/A