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HB 631, (New Title) permitting residential building in commercial zoning.

Commerce: OTP 5-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires local governments to allow multi-family residential development on commercially-zoned land.

- This bill is pro-liberty because it expands the allowable uses for private property.
- Local governments can still require retail or similar uses on the entire first floor of a development, making projects vertical mixed-use versus all-residential.
- Appropriate development guardrails are in place. Adequate infrastructure, including roads, water, and sewage systems must be in place to allow for the expanded use.

HB 685, permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the construction of manufactured housing.

Commerce: OTP 5-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill prevents local governments from restricting the placement of manufactured homes in certain types of zoning.

- This bill is pro-liberty because it expands the allowable uses for private property.
- A property owner, not the local or state government, should determine if a manufactured home is suitable for their property.

HB 190, relative to the rapeutic cannabis possession limits.

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill increases the amount of therapeutic cannabis that may be in a person's possession from 2 ounces to 4 ounces.

- The private, personal use of cannabis should be legal for all adults.
- By increasing the amount of cannabis a person may possess for therapeutic purposes this bill further decriminalizes cannabis in the state.

HB 207, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors.

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows adults to possess and sell blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles.

- These types of weapons are also covered by the protections of Article 2-a of the NH Constitution and the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- · Adults should have the freedom to access tools like these for self-defense, if they so choose.

HB 380, relative to penalties for criminal violations of the therapeutic use of cannabis.

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill removes the enhancement in the law for those who illegally sell therapeutic cannabis.

- The private, personal use of cannabis should be legal for all adults.
- This bill fixes a problem in the law, whereby a user of therapeutic cannabis who sells their
 cannabis to another person who is not a qualifying patient or caregiver is subject to additional
 penalties beyond the illegal sale of cannabis. All people who illegally sell cannabis should be
 subject to the same penalties, whether or not they sell black-market cannabis or regulated
 therapeutic cannabis.

HB 631

YEA OTP

HB 685

YEA OTP

HB 190

NAY ITL

HB 207

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HB 380

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HB 381, exempting firearms and firearm accessories manufactured for in-state use only from the National Firearm Act.

HB 381

Judiciary: OTP/A 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill, in its original form, allows for guns completely manufactured and used within the state to avoid national firearms laws. The amendment waters down the bill, removing the original bill's language and making the intent to protect firearm manufacturers from tort claims.

- NHLA is opposed to the amended form of this bill and recommends that the Senate oppose the OTP/A recommendation and pass the original bill by an OTP vote.
- A vote to pass the amendment is a vote to kill the original bill and will be considered anti-liberty.
- Prior to being amended, the original bill is carefully written to prevent the commerce clause in the United States Constitution from giving the federal government the authority to regulate firearms.
- The amendment removes this language completely, and replaces it with a bill to protect firearm manufacturers from tort lawsuits.

HB 551, repealing the license to sell pistols and revolvers.

Judiciary: OTP 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill removes the requirement to have a license to sell a pistol or revolver.

- A license should not be required to sell your own property in the United States of America.
- This bill removes an infringement on a person's gun ownership rights, which are protected under Article 2-a of the NH Constitution and the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

YEA OTP

HB 551

YEA OTP