

## Legislative Subcommittee 2018 Bill List (as of January 25, 2018)

### NHMA Board

1. HB 413 (the bill to reinstate 15% retirement contribution to municipalities)—apparently there will be a motion to reconsider and 2 people have already agreed to switch their votes so the potential is for this to pass....all of our delegation already voted the right way
2. Strong support from NHMA (16-2) for supporting highway toll increases—chance that it will come up again
3. SB450 is the bill that delegates authority to DES as the reviewing agency instead of EPA—comes up on Jan 30 for hearing
4. HB1344...bill that requires collective bargaining to be done in public session (!)
5. HB1323—bill that requires all personnel decisions public govt. CEOs including police/fire chief be done in public session (hiring, discipline, review, firing)
6. SB395—requires municipality to provide all records in whatever format public wants...NHMA trying for a compromise about giving in electronic format if already in electronic format but not going with the rest --11 Senate sponsors including Sen Clark, Watters, Innis
7. All the various water bills—NHMA generally opposing based on unfunded mandates as well as forcing DES to set arbitrary standards

### Water and Environmental

8. Water\_
  - a. HB 1590 –Standards for PFOA in surface water
  - b. HB 1618- Ambient water quality standards
  - c. HB 1727- Monitoring for PFOA's in public water supplies
  - d. HB 1737- MTBE in drinking water
  - e. HB 1101- Groundwater pollution caused by air pollution
  - f. SB 55- Service backflow devices
  - g. SB 240- Monitoring and treatment of contaminated wells
  - h. SB 309- Standards for PFOA in drinking, ambient and surface waters
  - i. SB 322- Access to water utility
  - j. SB 454- Ambient water quality standards
  - k. HB 1592- arsenic
9. HB 1701-Coakley - \_ Subject to RTK
10. HB 1766- Coakley remediation
11. HB 1591- private right of action for toxin exposure and strict liability for release of toxic substances
12. HB 1797- 50% charge to all amounts assessed to persons liable for cost of clean up

### Education

13. HB 1802- Donor towns send excess SWEPT to general fund (Jane Ferrini for Coalition testified, written testimony submitted \*)
14. HB 1821- repeal Keno
15. SB 405- long term resident exemption from SWEPT
16. SB 193- Education Freedom Savings Account

### **Meals and Rooms and Hotel Occupancy**

17. HB 1609- Hotel Occupancy Surcharge (Mayor testified, written testimony submitted \*)
18. HB 1491- Meals and rooms distribution (Mayor testified, written testimony submitted \*)
19. HB 1317- Exempt Occupancies over 30 days from meals and rooms tax

### **Zoning**

20. SB 557- Board of housing development appeals
21. HB 1463 noise ordinance

### **Assessing and tax**

22. HB 1673- Lower interest rate on tax delinquencies (Becky Benvenuti testified and written testimony submitted on behalf of NHTCA and City\*)
23. SB 509- allow municipalizes to require income and expense information of business properties for tax appraisals (City will testify and submit written testimony on January 31, 2018 in support)
24. HB 324- Using DRA utility values for utility property- Study commission created but referred to Ways and Means
25. HB 1381- Determining taxable value of utility property
26. HB 1734- removal of vehicle registration online and mail in (Becky Benvenuti to testify and written testimony will be submitted on behalf of NHTCA)

### **Health**

27. SB 247- Lead Paint bill – (Mayor joined joint letter of support with other Mayors)
28. HB 1669- Food Freedom Act may curtail rights of municipalities to regulate some food production locally

### **Retirement**

29. HB 561- working after retirement- on newly retired, surcharge on employee and employee if exceed prescribed number of hours

### **Right To Know**

30. SB 555- RTK Ombudsman appeal commission
31. SB 395- Public entities send records by email upon request, and to convert records to the requester's preferred format
32. HB 1597- requiring records be kept for certain exempt convenings under RTK
33. HB 1347- minutes under RTK
34. HB 1789- prohibiting costs for inspection of governmental records under RTK
35. HB 1788- Relative to costs charged under RTK
36. HB 1789- Relative to costs of requests under RTK which are in electronic format

## **Gender Discrimination**

HB 1319- prohibits discrimination based on gender identity

## **General Municipal**

37. SB 326- State can't impose criteria for historic preservation stricter than federal guidelines and will provide assistance to those participating in federal historic preservation tax incentive program
38. HB 1749- preempt municipalities from prohibiting use of guns knives city land
39. SB 387- raises limits of liability for municipalities from 275,000 to 325,000 per individual and from 925,000 to 1,000,000 per occurrence
40. HB 1635- permits towns to license and charge a license fee for short term rentals
41. SB 446- net energy metering
42. HB 1561- prohibiting use of recycled tires in playgrounds.
43. HB 559 –rebates electric customers
44. HB 1728- removal ability to lien and levy homestead exemption
45. CACR 19- right of local government to enact laws to protect health safety and welfare

## **General topics**

Update contact information

Update City Council Legislative Principles

Type II Sound barriers

Hampton Branch Rail Trail Acquisition process/NH Seacoast Greenway update

Carbon Free dividend

Citizens responsible for plowing sidewalks

NHMA Policy Conference April, 2018

\*Written testimony posted on City's Legislative Subcommittee's Website

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