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**2019 Legislative Session Policy Tracker
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Bill No.	Title	Description	Sponsors	Status	Next Update
NH SB74 (Complete Docket)	Relative to register of deeds fees used to support the land and community heritage investment program (LCHIP), and establishing a committee to study the economic impact of land conservation.	This bill increases the fee assessed in addition to register of deeds recording fees used to support the land and community heritage investment program. The bill also establishes a committee to study the economic impact of land conservation.	Martha Fuller Clark (D) Kevin Cavanaugh (D) Edith Tucker (D) Jay Kahn (D)	-Passed the Senate (3/28/19) -In House Resources, Recreation, & Development Committee	Work Session on 4/16/19, 10:00AM, LOB 305 Executive Session on 4/16/19, 11:00AM, LOB 305
NH HB663 (Complete Docket)	Relative to the definition of agriculture and existing agricultural uses.	This bill makes changes to the definitions of agriculture and existing agricultural activities and uses in zoning and planning ordinances and rules.	Howard Pearl (R) Timothy Lang (R)	-Passed the House (3/19/19) - "Ought to Pass" report by Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee (4/11/19)	Senate Floor Date on 4/18/19

<p><u>NH SB82</u> (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Relative to school food and nutrition programs.</p>	<p>This bill requires schools to make at least one free or reduced cost meal available to children who meet federal eligibility guidelines. The DOE is to request funds sufficient to provide a free breakfast to students eligible for reduced cost meals.</p>	<p>Martha Fuller Clark (D) Jay Kahn (D) Mary Jane Wallner (D) Martha Hennessey (D) Kevin Cavanaugh (D) Kenneth Weyler (R) Melanie Levesque (D) Kate Murray (D)</p>	<p>-Passed the Senate (3/7/19) -In House Education Committee (3/20/19)</p>	<p>Executive Session 4/18/19, 10:00AM, LOB 207</p>
<p><u>NH HB598</u> (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Establishing a commission to study beer, wine, and liquor tourism.</p>	<p>Establishes a commission to study beer, wine, and liquor tourism. The commission will develop a plan to enhance tourism and marketing of NH beer, wine, and liquor.</p>	<p>Kermit Williams (D)</p>	<p>- Passed the House (3/19/19) - Passed Senate Commerce Committee (4/1/19)</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p><u>NH HB481</u> (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.</p>	<p>This bill establishes procedures for the legalization, regulation, and taxation of cannabis; the licensing and regulation of cannabis establishments; and for the regulation of hemp and hemp products.</p>	<p>Robert Cushing [D] John O'Connor [R] Skip Cleaver [D] Edward Butler [D] Carol McGuire [R] James Webb [R] Linda Tanner [D] Scott Wallace [R] Jerry Knirk [D] Casey Conley [D] John Reagan [R] Martha Hennessey [D]</p>	<p>- Passed the House (4/4/19)</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p><u>NH HB394</u> (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Relative to crop theft</p>	<p>This bill changes the intent for crop theft, expands the definition of crop theft, and increases the amount of compensation to be paid to the victim.</p>	<p>John O'Connor (R) Barbara Comtois (R) Alan Turcotte (D) Judy Aron (R)</p>	<p>- Passed the House (3/19/19) - In Senate Judiciary Committee (3/28/19)</p>	<p>Hearing on April 9, 9:00AM in SH Room 100</p>

<p><u>NH HB634</u> (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Establishing a commission to study the licensure of individuals who forage for wild mushrooms for sale to others.</p>	<p>This will establish a commission to determine how to develop licensing for wild mushroom foragers who sell commercially to restaurants, markets and suppliers</p>	<p>Jerry Knirk [D] Peter Bixby [D] John O'Connor [R] Alan Turcotte [D] William Marsh [R]</p>	<p>- Passed the House (2/28/19) -Passed the Senate (4/11/19)</p>	<p>Enrolled (4/11/19)</p>
<p><u>NH HB476</u> (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Replacing the milk producers emergency relief fund with the dairy premium fund.</p>	<p>This bill would establish the dairy premium fund, providing money to milk producers shipping milk in NH regardless of its destination.</p>	<p>John O'Connor (R) Howard Pearl (D) Jay Kahn (D)</p>	<p>- Passed the House (2/28/19) - In Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee (3/21/19)</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p><u>NH HB596</u> (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Relative to eligibility for agricultural plates</p>	<p>This bill adds certain agricultural/industrial utility vehicles to the list of vehicles that may qualify for agricultural registration rates and number plates.</p>	<p>Walter Stapleton (R) Judy Aron (R) John Cloutier (D) William Marsh (R) Gary Merchant (D) David Watters (D)</p>	<p>- Retained in House Transportation Committee (3/14/19)</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p><u>NH HB722</u> (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Relative to the retail sale and taxation of marijuana.</p>	<p>This bill permits the purchase or sale of marijuana from marijuana retail establishments. It would also allow for the growing and harvesting of marijuana for retail sale.</p>	<p>John Hunt (R)</p>	<p>- Retained in House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p><u>NH HB646</u> (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Relative to labeling, signage, and restrictions on the sales and use of bee-toxic pesticides.</p>	<p>This bill defines “bee-toxic pesticide” and restricts the use of bee-toxic pesticides that affect all species of pollinators. It also requires certain state agencies to create and publish a list of best practices to transition away from the use of bee-toxic pesticides.</p>	<p>Catherine Sofikitis (D) Katherine Rogers (D) Chuck Grassie (D) Peter Schmidt (D) Mark King (D) Linda Massimilla (D) David Huot (D) Edith DesMarais (D) Timothy Horrigan (D) Gerri Cannon (D)</p>	<p>- Retained in House Environment & Agriculture Committee (2/19/19)</p>	<p>TBA</p>

<p>NH HB151 (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Relative to the definition of "agriculture."</p>	<p>This bill allows a farm to raise livestock with no intent to sell such livestock and still be considered within the definition of agriculture.</p>	<p>John O' Connor (R)</p>	<p>- Retained in House Environment & Agriculture Committee (2/06/19)</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p>NH HB459 (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Defining industrial hemp, relative to its growth in New Hampshire, its use in food, and establishing a committee to study the federal guidelines on growing industrial hemp.</p>	<p>This bill will define "industrial hemp", allow for the growth of industrial hemp in New Hampshire, allow for the use of industrial hemp in food, and establishes a committee to study federal guidelines on growing industrial hemp including labeling and enforcement</p>	<p>Peter Bixby [D] Larry Gagne [R] Howard Pearl [R] Jerry Knirk [D] John O'Connor [R] Robert Cushing [D] Bob Giuda [R] John Reagan [R] Martha Fuller Clark [D]</p>	<p>-Passed the House (3/19/19) - In Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee (4/1/19)</p>	<p>TBA</p>