



# NH FOOD ALLIANCE

## 2019 Legislative Session Policy Tracker Last Updated: June 10th, 2019

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Bill No.	Title	Description	Sponsors	Status	Next Update
<a href="#">NH HB476</a> (Complete Docket)	Replacing the milk producers emergency relief fund with the dairy premium fund.	This bill creates a new dairy premium fund, providing a premium to NH milk producers shipping milk within NH, regardless of destination	John O'Connor (R) Howard Pearl (R) Jay Kahn (D)	- Passed the House (2/28/19)  - Passed the Senate (5/18/19)	- To be Enrolled (5/23/19)
NH HB560 (Complete Docket)	Relative to required reporting on waste reduction	This bill requires towns to report certain information to the department of environmental services relative to solid waste reduction.	Judith Spang [D] Chris Balch [D] David Luneau [I] Mel Myler [D] David Watters [D] Martha Fuller Clark [D]	- Passed the House (3/19/19)  - Passed the Senate (5/16/19)	- Passed Senate with Amendment (5/16/19)  - Due back in House to review amendments

<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)  - Passed the Senate (5/23/19)</p>	<p>-House did not concur with Senate amendments - conference requested (6/10/19)  -Speaker appointed Reps. Bixby, Pearl, Cushing, and Gourgue (6/10/19)</p>
<p>NH HB481 (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)  - In Senate Judiciary Committee (4/18/19)</p>	<p>- Re-referred to Judiciary committee (5/30/19)</p>
<p>NH HB598 (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 the Senate (5/2/19)</p>	<p>-Enrolled (5/15/19)</p>

<p>NH SB74 (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>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 and to review the LCHIP surcharge.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Martha Fuller Clark (D) Kevin Cavanaugh (D) Edith Tucker (D) Jay Kahn (D)</p>	<p>-Passed the Senate (3/28/19)  -Passed the House (6/6/19)</p>	<p>- Passed the House with Amendment (6/6/19)  - Due back in Senate to review amendments</p>
<p>NH SB82 (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)  -Passed the House (6/5/19)</p>	<p>- Passed the House with Amendments (6/5/19)  - Due back in Senate to review amendments</p>
<p>NH HB663 (Complete Docket)</p>	<p>Relative to the definition of agriculture and existing agricultural uses.</p>	<p>This bill makes changes to the definitions of agriculture and existing agricultural activities and uses in zoning and planning ordinances and rules.</p>	<p>Howard Pearl (R) Timothy Lang (R)</p>	<p>-Passed the House (3/19/19)  - Passed the Senate (4/25/19)</p>	<p>- Enrolled (5/31/19)</p>
<p>NH HB634 (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>- Signed by Governor Sununu on 5/15/19  - In effect on 11/01/19</p>

NH HB394	Relative to crop theft	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.	John O'Connor (R) Barbara Comtois (R) Alan Turcotte (D) Judy Aron (R)	- Passed the House (3/19/19)  - In Senate Judiciary Committee (3/28/19)	-Passed the Senate (5/30/19)  -To be Enrolled (5/30/19)
NH HB596	Relative to eligibility for agricultural plates	This bill adds certain agricultural/industrial utility vehicles to the list of vehicles that may qualify for agricultural registration rates and number plates.	Walter Stapleton (R) Judy Aron (R) John Cloutier (D) William Marsh (R) Gary Merchant (D) David Watters (D)	- Retained in House Transportation Committee (3/14/19)	N/A
NH HB722	Relative to the retail sale and taxation of marijuana.	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.	John Hunt (R)	- Retained in House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee	N/A
NH HB646	Relative to labeling, signage, and restrictions on the sales and use of bee-toxic pesticides.	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.	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)	- Retained in House Environment & Agriculture Committee (2/19/19)	N/A

NH HB151  
(Complete Docket)

Relative to the  
definition of  
"agriculture."

This bill allows a  
farm to raise  
livestock with no  
intent to sell such  
livestock and still  
be considered  
within the  
definition of  
agriculture.

John O' Connor (R)

- Retained in  
House  
Environment  
& Agriculture  
Committee  
(2/06/19)

N/A