

# Bill as Introduced

HB 531 - AS INTRODUCED

2015 SESSION

15-0822  
05/01

HOUSE BILL

**531**

AN ACT

establishing a committee to study short-term rentals by homeowners and owners of residential properties.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Butler, Carr 7; Rep. Chandler, Carr 1; Rep. Almy, Graf 13; Rep. Lovejoy, Rock 36

COMMITTEE:

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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24          Approved: July 6, 2015

25          Effective Date: July 6, 2015

# Amendments



Commerce  
April 7, 2015  
2015-1266s  
05/10



Amendment to HB 531

1 Amend paragraph I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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# Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE  
COMMERCE**

Senator Russell Prescott Chairman  
 Senator Jeb Bradley V Chairman  
 Senator Sam Cataldo  
 Senator Donna Soucy  
 Senator David Pierce

For Use by Senate Clerk's Office ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Status
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Date: March 26, 2015

**HEARINGS**

**Wednesday 4/1/2015**

COMMERCE	SH 100	2:00 PM
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

2:00 PM	HB531	establishing a committee to study short-term rentals by homeowners and owners of residential properties.
2:15 PM	HB353	relative to the governance of condominium unit owners' associations.
2:30 PM	HB308	relative to the supervision of a real estate office and the duties of a facilitator under the real estate practice act.

**Sponsors:**

<b>HB531</b>	Rep. Edward Butler	Rep. Gene Chandler	Rep. Susan Almy	Rep. Patricia Lovejoy
<b>HB353</b>	Rep. Kermit Williams	Rep. Susan Almy	Rep. Donald LeBrun	Sen. Sam Cataldo
<b>HB308</b>	Rep. Benjamin Baroody	Rep. Linda DiSilvestro		

# SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

*Patrick Murphy, Legislative Aide*

## **HB 531 Establishing a committee to study short-term rentals by homeowners and owners of residential properties.**

**Hearing Date:** April 1, 2015

**Time Opened:** 2:03 p.m.

**Time Closed:** 2:12 p.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senator Bradley, Senator Cataldo, Senator Soucy, Senator Pierce

**Members of the Committee Absent:** Senator Prescott

**Bill Analysis:** This bill establishes a committee to study short-term rentals by homeowners and owners of residential properties.

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**Sponsors:** Rep. Butler, Carr 7; Rep. Chandler, Carr 1; Rep. Almy, Graf 13; Rep. Lovejoy, Rock 36

**Who supports the bill:** Rep. Butler, Carr 7; Mike Somers, NH Lodging & Restaurant Association

**Who opposes the bill:** None

### **Summary of testimony presented in support:**

Rep. Butler, Carr 7

- This bill is designed to study the lodging aspect of peer to peer lodging sites. There are about 640 airbnb locations in NH. We should look into how the rooms and meals tax should apply to these situations and does the playing field need leveling.
- Senator Bradley suggested an amendment changing the membership to 1 Senator and 4 Representatives.

Mike Somers, NH Lodging & Restaurant Association

- We need to look at potentially leveling the playing field between peer to peer lodging and traditional lodging.
- Senator Pierce raised the option of combining this study with a Senate Bill that plans to study the issue of peer to peer transportation sites.
- The witness said that would be fine but it would create a large study and this is an important issue for the lodging industry and he wouldn't want to see either study losing focus.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None

**Fiscal Note:** None

**Future Action:** Pending

# Speakers



# Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Date: April 8, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred House Bill 531

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study short-term rentals by  
homeowners and owners of residential properties.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

**OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

BY A VOTE OF:    5-0

AMENDMENT # 1266s

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 5-0

Senator Sam Cataldo  
For the Committee

This bill establishes a committee to study short-term rentals by homeowners and owners of residential properties. The Committee will evaluate the effect this type of rental has on the traditional lodging market and will solicit information and testimony from individuals and organizations with experience or expertise deemed relevant. The Committee amendment reduced the number of senators to one and increased the number of representatives to four.

Patrick Murphy 271-8631



## New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

**Docket of HB531**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** establishing a committee to study short-term rentals by homeowners and owners of residential properties.

*Official Docket of HB531:*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/8/2015	H	<b>Introduced</b> and Referred to Commerce and Consumer Affairs; <b>HJ 12</b> , PG. 226
2/10/2015	H	Public Hearing: 2/19/2015 11:00 AM LOB 302
2/18/2015	H	Subcommittee Work Session: 3/3/2015 10:00 AM LOB 302
2/20/2015	H	Executive Session: 3/3/2015 1:00 PM LOB 302
3/5/2015	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass for Mar 11 (Vote 13-3; CC); <b>HC19</b> , PG. 394
3/11/2015	H	<b>Ought to Pass:</b> MA VV; <b>HJ 24</b> , PG. 773
3/19/2015	S	Introduced and Referred to Commerce; <b>SJ 10</b>
3/26/2015	S	Hearing: 4/1/15, Room 100, SH, 2:00 p.m.; <b>SC15</b>
4/13/2015	S	=== CANCELLED SESSION === Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment 1266s, 4/23/15; Vote 5-0; CC; <b>SC18</b>
4/17/2015	S	=== RESCHEDULED === Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2015-1266s</b> , 4/30/15; Vote 5-0; CC; <b>SC19</b>
4/30/2015	S	Committee Amendment 1266s, AA, VV
4/30/2015	S	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment</b> 1266s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; <b>SJ 12</b>
6/11/2015	H	House Concurs with Senate Amendment #1266s (Rep Hunt): MA VV; <b>HJ 46</b> , PG. 1988
6/24/2015	S	Enrolled (In recess 6/24/2015); <b>SJ 19</b>
6/24/2015	H	Enrolled
7/7/2015	H	Signed by the Governor on 7/6/2015; Chapter 197; Effective 7/6/2015

NH House

NH Senate

# Other Referrals

# COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

HB 531 ORIGINAL REFERRAL \_\_\_\_\_ RE-REFERRAL

1. THIS INVENTORY IS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMMITTEE AIDE AND PLACED INSIDE THE FOLDER AS THE FIRST ITEM IN THE COMMITTEE FILE.
2. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE FOLDER FOLLOWING THE INVENTORY IN THE ORDER LISTED.
3. THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE AN "X" BESIDE THEM ARE CONFIRMED AS BEING IN THE FOLDER.
4. THE COMPLETED FILE IS THEN DELIVERED TO THE CALENDAR CLERK.

- DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)
- COMMITTEE REPORT
- CALENDAR NOTICE
- HEARING REPORT
- HANDOUTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING
- PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS
- SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

- AMENDMENT # 1266s      \_\_\_\_\_ - AMENDMENT # \_\_\_\_\_  
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ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

AS INTRODUCED      \_\_\_\_\_ AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE  
 FINAL VERSION       AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK 8-21-15

  
BY COMMITTEE AIDE