## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES



## Bill as Introduced

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## SB 98 - AS INTRODUCED

### 2019 SESSION

19-0909 08/01

SENATE BILL 98

AN ACT clarifying the New Hampshire trust code.

SPONSORS: Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3

COMMITTEE: Commerce

## ANALYSIS

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Explanation:

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

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1 Purpose. The general court finds:

2 I. The fiduciary services sector is an important and growing part of this state's economy. 3 The sector provides well-paying jobs for trust, investment, legal, accounting, and other 4 professionals.

5 II. Through the development of thoughtful, innovative laws, New Hampshire has become 6 one of the best legal environments for trusts, trust companies, and fiduciary services. This legal 7 environment attracts individuals and families to this state for the purposes of creating new trusts or 8 administering existing trusts, thereby supporting and encouraging the growth of this state's 9 fiduciary services sector.

10 III. Continuing New Hampshire's firm commitment to being one of the best legal 11 environments for trusts, trust companies, and fiduciary services, this act further reinforces this state's tradition of protecting settlor intent, and it further facilitates the efficient administration of 1213

2 New Section; New Hampshire Trust Code; Precatory Language. Amend RSA 564-B by 14 15 inserting after section 1-112 the following new section:

16 564-B:1-113 Precatory Language.

## (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Letter of wishes" means a record that:

- 19 (A) Is not a trust instrument;
  - (B) Is created by a settlor; and
    - (C) Contains precatory language.

## (2) "Precatory language" means language that:

- (A) Is not binding on any trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector;
- 24 (B) Expresses the settlor's wishes regarding the exercise of any discretionary  $\mathbf{25}$ power by a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector; and
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(C) Is not inconsistent with the terms of the trust.

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(b) In exercising a discretionary power, a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector may 28 consider precatory language contained in the trust instrument or a letter of wishes.

29 (c) Precatory language does not impose any duty on any trustee, trust advisor, or trust 30 protector, and the fact that a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector does not exercise a 31 discretionary power in accordance with precatory language shall not create an inference that the

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1 trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector improperly exercised the power.

2 (d) In determining whether a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector exercised a 3 discretionary power in a manner that is consistent with the settlor's intent, a court may consider 4 precatorý language contained in the trust instrument or a letter of wishes. A court may consider 5 precatory language contained in a letter of wishes regardless of whether the trust instrument is 6 ambiguous.

7 (e) Except as provided under the terms of the trust or by court order, a trustee, trust 8 advisor, or trust protector shall not have any duty to provide any beneficiary a copy of a letter of 9 wishes.

3 New Hampshire Trust Code; Creditor's Claim Against a Beneficiary of a Discretionary Trust.
 Amend RSA 564-B:5-504(e)(3)(B) to read as follows:

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564-B:5-511 Limitation on Personal Liability of Settlors.

(a) A settlor of an irrevocable trust is not personally liable on a contract into which a
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unless the settlor expressly agrees to be personally liable on that contract.

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32 arising from the ownership or control of trust property by a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector,
33 unless the settlor is personally at fault. Claims arising from the ownership or control of trust
34 property include liability for any violation of environmental law.

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(d) This section does not limit or otherwise affect:

36 (1) A settlor's obligations under an agreement with a trustee, trust advisor, or trust
 37 protector;

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(2) The rights of a settlor's creditor under this chapter; or

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- 1 (3) The application of RSA 564-B:4-406(f), RSA 564-B:8-812, RSA 564-B:8-817(d), or
- 2 any other provision of this chapter.
- 3 6 Effective Date.

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- I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
- II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

## SB 98 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SENATE BILL	<i>98</i>
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COMMITTEE:	Commerce

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11	4 New Section; New Hampshire Trust Code; Limitation on Personal Liability of Settlors.
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I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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II. Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 12, 2019

Effective Date:

I. Section 2 shall take effect July 12, 2019.

II. Sections 1,3, and 4 shall take effect September 10, 2019.

III. Remainder shall take effect July 12, 2019.

## Committee Minutes

## SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE Commerce

Sen Kevin Cavanaugh, Chair Sen Jon Morgan, Vice Chair Sen Donna Soucy, Member Sen Chuck Morse, Member Sen Harold French, Member

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Date: February 20, 2019

## HEARINGS

	Tuesday	03/05/2019		
(Day)		(Date)		
Commerce		SH 100 1:00 p.m.		
(Name of C	ommittee)	(Place) (Time)		
1:00 p.m.	SB 10	establishing the state minimum hourly rate based on whether a employer offers paid sick days to an employee.		
1:30 p.m.	SB 42	declaring Old Hampshire Applejack the state spirit of New Hampshire.		
1:45 p.m.	SB 100	relative to discrimination in employment based on criminal background checks.		
2:00 p.m.	SB 145	relative to the organization of alternative treatment centers.		
2:15 p.m.	SB 98	clarifying the New Hampshire trust code.		
2:30 p.m.	SB 64	relative to antifraud plans maintained by insurance companies.		

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors: SB 10 Sen. Soucy Sen. Rosenwald Sen. Chandley Sen. Sherman Sen. Hennessey Sen. Levesque **SB 42** Sen. Bradley Rep. Marsh **SB 100** Sen. Feltes Sen. Cavanaugh Sen. Hennessey Rep. Welch Rep. Janvrin Rep. Rodd Rep. Butler SB 145 Sen. Kahn Sen. Cavanaugh Sen. Dietsch Sen. Hennessey Sen. Watters Rep. Edwards **SB 98** Sen. D'Allesandro Sen. Bradley **SB 64** Sen. Morgan -Sen. Soucy

Laura Bryant 271-1403

<u>Kevin Cavanaugh</u> Chairman

## Senate Commerce Committee Laura Bryant 271-1403

SB 98, clarifying the New Hampshire trust code.

Hearing Date: March 5, 2019

Time Opened:3:51 p.m.Time Closed:4:00 p.m.

**Members of the Committee Present**: Senators Cavanaugh, Morgan, Soucy, Morse and French

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill makes certain changes to the New Hampshire trust code.

Sponsors: Sen. D'Allesandro

Sen. Bradley

Who supports the bill: Senator Lou D'Allesandro, Glenn Perlow

Who opposes the bill: Scott Baker

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented:

## Senator Lou D'Allesandro, District 20:

- Senator D'Allesandro stated that for several years the New Hampshire Senate has worked to make the state the best place to locate family trusts.
- He mentioned that he met with the Secretary of Labor of South Dakota and the Secretary said New Hampshire is too to too with them when it comes to being the best place for family trusts.
- He said this bill keeps the state up to date and competitive.
- Senator D'Allesandro said the changes in the bill are a few small details, but they are very important.
- He stated that these updates in the law allow people to be flexible in managing their affairs, which is paramount.

Glenn Perlow, President of the NH Trust Council:

• Perlow addressed the potential concern of why the body seems to change the law every year with the explanation that once a state commits to trust modernization they make a promise that they will maintain modernized trust laws.

- He said that these yearly changes are not because the body isn't getting it right, but it's because other states or countries have innovative ideas and New Hampshire wants to echo them.
- Perlow finished with how this is not a major piece of legislation and it just continues New Hampshire's tradition to allow people flexibility with how they deal with their property.

## Scott Baker, former President of the NH Trust Council:

- Baker said that there should be a pause in respect to trust statutes so that the State can assess where they've been and where they will go regarding trusts.
- He said by doing so New Hampshire can work to prevent the unintended consequences of the trust laws that have been passed over the last 16 years.
- Baker mentioned that by pausing and assessing what New Hampshire has enacted the state can prevent attracting bad actors to this state.
- Baker finished with how the trust business has changed drastically and he is concerned there maybe things that come up unexpectedly.

LHB Date Hearing Report completed: March 6, 2019

## Speakers

## Senate Commerce Committee SIGN-IN SHEET, Public Hearing SB 98

**Date:** 3/05/19

Time: 2:15 p.m

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Testimony

## NEW HAMPSHIRE TRUST COUNCIL

## Written Testimony in Support of SB 98

## **New Hampshire Senate Commerce Committee**

Prepared by New Hampshire Trust Council March 5, 2019

Chairman Cavanaugh and Honorable Members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

Please accept this written testimony from the New Hampshire Trust Council in support of SB 98. The legislature has consistently and continuously improved the climate for trusts and trust services in New Hampshire by adopting trust modernization legislation since the early 2000s, in an ongoing effort to attract this business to the Granite State by ensuring we remain a premier jurisdiction for these activities. The statutory changes reflected in this bill will further this goal.

The New Hampshire Trust Council supports SB 98 for the following reasons:

It will allow the courts greater flexibility to consider so-called "precatory language" in a letter of wishes when determining whether a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector acted in accordance with the settlor's intent. A letter of wishes is a separate, nonbinding expression by the settlor of a trust regarding how the settlor would like for a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector to exercise a discretionary power, such as a discretionary distribution power. Under current law, a court cannot consider a letter of wishes unless the trust instrument is deemed ambiguous. The proposed new statute allows a court to consider the precatory language regardless of whether the trust is ambiguous. Further, it provides that a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector may consider precatory language, whether found in the trust instrument or a letter of wishes, when exercising a discretionary power.

It will expand the list of specific trustee powers to allow a trustee to guarantee a loan or secure other obligations, and the power to pledge trust property to guarantee a loan or secure any other obligation. Under current law, a trustee only has the power to pledge trust property to guarantee loans made by a third party to a beneficiary. The proposed new statute provides that the trustee can exercise these powers on terms and conditions that the trustee considers to be fair and reasonable under the circumstances. A loan includes a loan by a third party to a beneficiary.

It will clarify that a settlor of an irrevocable trust, just as is the case for a beneficiary, is not personally liable on a contract into which a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector properly enters in the course of administering the trust, unless the settlor expressly agrees to be personally liable on that contract. Likewise, a settlor of an irrevocable trust is not personally liable for torts committed by a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector in the course of administering the trust, and is not personally liable for claims or obligations arising from the ownership or control of trust property by a trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector (including liability for any violation of environmental law), unless the settlor is personally at fault. It will not affect the personal liability of a settlor of a revocable trust with respect to liabilities arising from the administration of the revocable trust. It also will not affect the rights of a settlor's creditors.

Finally, the bill will correct a typographic error, replacing "settlor" with "beneficiary," in RSA 564-B:5-504(e)(3)(B). We very much appreciate your consideration of SB 98 and will be happy to provide any further information you may find helpfy.

Glenn A. Perlow President

## Voting Sheets

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## Senate Commerce Committee EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD 2019-2020 Session

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# Committee Report

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## SENATE

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred SB 98

AN ACT

clarifying the New Hampshire trust code.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Kevin Cavanaugh For the Committee

Laura Bryant 271-1403

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<u>COMMERCE</u> SB 98, clarifying the New Hampshire trust code. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Kevin Cavanaugh for the committee.

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## General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

## **Docket of SB98**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** (New Title) clarifying the New Hampshire trust code and establishing a committee to study the effects of past trust code legislation.

## Official Docket of SB98.:

Date	Body	Description
1/18/2019	S	Introduced 01/03/2019 and Referred to Commerce; SJ 4
2/20/2019	S	Hearing: 03/05/2019, Room 100, SH, 02:15 pm; SC 12
3/12/2019	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/21/2019; SC 14
3/21/2019	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 03/21/2019; SJ 9
3/28/2019	Н	Introduced 03/20/2019 and referred to Commerce and Consumer Affairs HJ 11 P. 72
4/9/2019	н	Public Hearing: 04/16/2019 01:30 pm LOB 302
4/10/2019	Н	Full Committee Work Session: 04/17/2019 10:00 am LOB 302
5/8/2019	Н	Full Committee Work Session: 05/16/2019 09:30 am LOB 302
5/8/2019	н	Executive Session: 05/21/2019 11:00 am LOB 302
5/29/2019	н	Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2019-</b> 2059h (NT) for 06/05/2019 (Vote 12-8; RC) HC 27 P. 10
5/29/2019	Н	Minority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2019-</b> 1538h
6/5/2019	Н	Amendment <b>#2019-2059h</b> (NT): AA VV 06/05/2019 <b>HJ 17</b> P. 23
6/5/2019	н	Amendment <b>#2019-1538h</b> : AF VV 06/05/2019 HJ 17 P. 23
6/5/2019	Н	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment</b> 2019-2059h (NT): MA VV 06/05/2019 HJ 17 P. 23
6/13/2019	S	Sen. Cavanaugh Moved to Concur with the House Amendment, MA, VV; 06/13/2019; <b>SJ 20</b>
6/28/2019	Н	Enrolled 06/27/2019 HJ 20 P. 53
6/28/2019	S	Enrolled (In recess 06/27/2019); SJ 21
7/16/2019 、	S	Signed by the Governor on 07/12/2019; Chapter 230
7/16/2019	S	I. Section 2 Effective 07/12/2019
7/16/2019	S	II. Sections 1, 3, 4 Effective 09/10/2019
7/16/2019	S	III. Remainder Effective 07/12/2019

NH House

NH Senate

http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill Status/bill docket.aspx?lsr=0909&sy=2019&txtsessionye... 11/26/2019

## Other Referrals

## Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: <u>SB98</u>

Senate Committee: Commerce

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## **Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}**

- $\underline{\mathcal{X}}$  Bill version as it came to the committee
- $\underline{\prec}$  Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)
- $\underline{\times}$  Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

## <u>Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}</u>

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

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## Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

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## Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

- \_\_\_\_ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):
- \_\_\_\_ Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)
- \_\_\_\_ Governor's Veto Message

## All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

- \_\_\_\_ as amended by the senate \_\_\_\_\_ as amended by the house
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