

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 10, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred HB 134,

AN ACT repealing certain inactive dedicated funds.

Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Alan Bershtein

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Ways and Means
Bill Number:	HB 134
Title:	repealing certain inactive dedicated funds.
Date:	February 10, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill repeals various inactive dedicated funds and adds new dedicated funds to comply with recent statutory changes. This bill was requested by the Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds, which was established to review the finances and purpose of all dedicated funds on a rotating basis every five years and recommend continuance, amendment, or repeal of relevant provisions. This housekeeping bill is the result of two years of work by the committee, as last year's bill was never enacted due to legislative challenges presented by the COVID pandemic. This bill involved significant input from affected agencies. The high degree of attention to detail required to craft a bill such as this is acknowledged and appreciated and has earned the unanimous support of the Ways and Means Committee.

Vote 23-0.

Rep. Alan Bershtein
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ways and Means

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB 134

BILL TITLE: AN ACT repealing certain inactive dedicated funds.

DATE: February 10, 2021

LOB ROOM: Remote via Zoom

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # (if offered)
 Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Bershtein Seconded by Rep. Almy Vote 23-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP OTP/A ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # (if offered)
 Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP OTP/A ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # (if offered)
 Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES _____ NO

Minority Report? _____ Yes No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Alan Bershtein

Respectfully submitted:

Rep Alan Bershtein, Clerk



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK
2021 Session - Ways and Means**

Roll Call Committee Registers Report

AN ACT repealing certain inactive dedicated funds.

Bill #	HB 134
Motion	OTP
Amendment #	
Exec Session Date	2/10/21
Consent Calendar?	Yes

Member	Motion / Seconded	Yea	Nay	NV
Major, Norman L. [Chairman]		X		
Abrami, Patrick F. [Vice Chairman]		X		
Griffin, Mary E.				X
Ulery, Jordan G.		X		
Ober, Russell T.		X		
Bershtein, Alan [Clerk]	Motion	X		
Doucette, Fred G.		X		
Elliott, Robert J.		X		
Janigian, John C.		X		
Nunez, Hershel		X		
Baxter, Tim		X		
Spilsbury, Walter		X		
Tudor, Paul D.		X		
Almy, Susan W.	Second	X		
Ames, Richard		X		
Southworth, Thomas L.		X		
Malloy, Dennis J.		X		
Schamberg, Thomas C.		X		
Tucker, Edith M.		X		
Gomarlo, Jennie R.		X		
Loughman, Tom J.		X		
Gourgue, Amanda L.		X		
Hakken-Phillips, Mary A.		X		
Murphy, James Michael		X		
Total Vote		23		1

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Bershtein, Clerk

Public Hearing

House Committee on Ways and Means
Public Hearing on: HB 134

Bill Title: AN ACT repealing certain inactive dedicated funds.

Date: February 4, 2021
LOB Room: 206 + remote
Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 11:09 AM
Time Public Hearing Adjourned: 11:34

Committee Members: Reps. Major, Abrami, Bershtein, M. Griffin, Ulery, R. Ober, Doucette, Elliott, Janigian, Nunez, Baxter, Spilsbury, Tudor, Almy, Ames, Southworth, Malloy, Schamberg, Tucker, Gomarlo, Loughman, Gourgue, Hakken-Phillips and Murphy

SPONSORS: Rep. Major, Rock. 14; Rep. Almy, Graf. 13; Rep. Weber, Ches. 1; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2

TESTIMONY

Rep. Major, Rock. 14

- Introduced bill
- Each year the Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds reviews dedicated funds that have no activity and might not be needed.
- The Joint Committee works with the agencies to determine if dormant dedicated funds can be removed and deleted.
- This bill is a result of the Committee's work for the past two years. COVID issues precluded this legislation from being passed last year.
- Most of this bill is simply cleaning up the RSAs.

House Remote Testify

Ways and Means Committee Testify List for Bill HB134 on 2021-02-04

Support: 2 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 1 Total to Testify: 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
major, Norman	norman.major@leg.state.nh.us	603.382.5429	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (8m)	2/3/2021 8:09 AM
Rathbun, Eric	ericsrathbun@gmail.com	860.912.3751	A Member of the Public	Myself	Neutral	No	2/3/2021 11:22 PM
Giuda, Bob	bob.giuda@leg.state.nh.us	603.271.3042	An Elected Official	NH Senate District 2	Support	No	1/27/2021 3:22 PM

Testimony

Bill as
Introduced

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2021 SESSION

21-0103
05/04

HOUSE BILL **134**

AN ACT repealing certain inactive dedicated funds.

SPONSORS: Rep. Major, Rock. 14; Rep. Almy, Graf. 13; Rep. Weber, Ches. 1; Sen. Giuda, Dist
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COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill deletes certain inactive dedicated funds and adds others to the list of dedicated funds in RSA 6:12. The bill also changes the reporting year for the office of professional licensure and certification.

The bill is a request of the joint committee on dedicated funds established pursuant to RSA 6:12-i.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT repealing certain inactive dedicated funds.

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

1 1 Repeal; Inactive Dedicated Funds. The following are repealed:

2 I. RSA 6:12, I(b)(229), relative to moneys received by the postsecondary education
3 commission for storage and retrieval of closed school transcripts under RSA 292:8-kk, II.

4 II. RSA 6:12, I(b)(230), relative to the public interest payphone fund under RSA 374:22-q.

5 III. RSA 6:12, I(b)(305), relative to the meat inspection program fund under RSA 427:32-b.

6 IV. RSA 6:12, I(b)(327), relative to the John G. Winant memorial special account under RSA
7 4:9-1.

8 2 New Subparagraphs; Dedicated Funds Added. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after
9 subparagraph (364) the following new subparagraphs:

10 (365) Moneys deposited in the forest improvement fund under RSA 227-G:5, II.

11 (366) Moneys deposited in the forest protection personnel training fund under RSA
12 227-G:5, III.

13 3 Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(72) to read as follows:

14 (72) Moneys deposited in the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund
15 established in RSA 176-A:1, ***as administered by the governor's commission on alcohol and***
16 ***drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery in accordance with RSA 12-J:1.***

17 4 Repeal; Public Interest Payphones. The following are repealed:

18 I. RSA 374:22-q, relative to the public interest payphone fund.

19 II. RSA 471-C:8, IV, relative to public interest payphone deposits.

20 5 Public Interest Payphones Abandoned Property; Filing of Claim. Amend RSA 471-C:26, I(b) to
21 read as follows:

22 (b) A person claiming an abandoned utility deposit or any other abandoned property
23 under the provisions of RSA 471-C:8 that was not deposited with the administrator pursuant to RSA
24 471-C:8, II or IV, may file a claim on a form prescribed by the administrator and verified by the
25 claimant. Any claim paid by the administrator under this paragraph, shall be reimbursable by the
26 utility company which originally reported the property as abandoned [~~or the public interest~~
27 ~~payphone fund established under RSA 374:22-q. The utility company or the public interest~~
28 ~~payphone fund shall remit such payment upon notification of the claim by the administrator].~~

29 6 Balance of Public Interest Payphone Fund; Lapse to Public Utilities Commission. On the
30 effective date of this section, the balance of the public interest payphone fund, established in RSA
31 374:22-q, shall lapse to the public utilities commission.

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1 7 Repeal; Meat Inspection Fund. The following are repealed:

2 I. RSA 427:3, II, relative to the meat inspection fund.

3 II. RSA 427:32-a, relative to the acceptance of gifts, grants, and donations for the inspection
4 of meat.

5 III. RSA 427:32-b, establishing the meat inspection fund.

6 8 Meat Inspectors; Certification and Duties; Reference to Fund Removed. Amend RSA 427:14,
7 II to read as follows:

8 II. Fees, fines, and administrative charges established for the certification program and the
9 auditing program shall be deposited in the [~~meat inspection fund established pursuant to RSA~~
10 ~~427:32-b~~] **general fund**.

11 9 John G. Winant Memorial Special Account. Amend RSA 4:9-1 to read as follows:

12 4:9-1 Commission Established[; ~~Special Account~~].

13 I. A commission is established to oversee the location, design, construction, and
14 maintenance of a John G. Winant memorial and to privately raise and expend all the funds
15 necessary for its construction and maintenance. [~~The governor is authorized to accept for the~~
16 ~~commission, in the name of the state, the gifts of money, which are donated to construct and~~
17 ~~maintain the memorial.~~] Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission may accept
18 donated in-kind services, goods, and materials for the construction and maintenance of the memorial
19 without governor and council approval.

20 II. [~~The gifts of money, which are donated to contract, construct, and maintain the~~
21 ~~memorial, shall be placed in a special nonlapsing account in the state treasury, to be expended for~~
22 ~~the purposes of the John G. Winant memorial. Any money remaining in the special account after~~
23 ~~construction of the memorial is completed shall be used for the care, maintenance, repair, and~~
24 ~~additions to the memorial, or for any other purpose deemed appropriate by the commission.~~
25 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission may expend the money raised or~~
26 ~~accepted as a gift without the approval of governor and council, to contract for the construction and~~
27 ~~perpetual maintenance of the memorial.~~

28 ~~III.~~] The commission shall remain in existence upon the completion of the John G. Winant
29 memorial for the purpose of overseeing maintenance and approving any change to the memorial.
30 Any site change for the memorial shall be made under the supervision of the director of operations of
31 the department of transportation.

32 10 Repeal; Office of Professional Licensure and Certification. RSA 6:12-j, V(d)(8), relative to the
33 year 4 reporting requirement for the office of professional licensure and certification, is repealed.

34 11 New Subparagraph; Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; Year 5 Dedicated
35 Fund Reporting Requirement. Amend RSA 6:12-j, V(e) by inserting after subparagraph (4) the
36 following new subparagraph:

37 (5) The office of professional licensure and certification.

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1 12 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.