

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 8, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Majority of the Committee on Municipal and
County Government to which was referred HB 512,**

AN ACT relative to emergency housing assistance.

**Having considered the same, report the same with the
following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tony Piemonte

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	HB 512
Title:	relative to emergency housing assistance.
Date:	March 8, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill is relative to emergency housing assistance, and although well-intended, could potentially put the applicants at risk. This bill prohibits a municipality from requiring a housing code inspection as a condition of emergency housing assistance. This takes away the protection provided by the code inspection and could consequently expose applicants to a potentially dangerous situations.

Vote 10-9.

Rep. Tony Piemonte
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Municipal and County Government

HB 512, relative to emergency housing assistance. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Tony Piemonte for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill is relative to emergency housing assistance, and although well-intended, could potentially put the applicants at risk. This bill prohibits a municipality from requiring a housing code inspection as a condition of emergency housing assistance. This takes away the protection provided by the code inspection and could consequently expose applicants to a potentially dangerous situations. **Vote 10-9.**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Minority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred HB 512,

AN ACT relative to emergency housing assistance.

Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Laurel Stavis

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	HB 512
Title:	relative to emergency housing assistance.
Date:	March 8, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2021-0563h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under NH RSA 165, New Hampshire towns and cities must provide assistance to those who are “poor and unable to support [themselves].” This bill ensures that municipalities meet their obligations under this law by prohibiting them from conditioning emergency assistance on a building inspection. The minority of the committee believes that withholding such assistance, based on whether or not a living space has been inspected, is counter to the spirit of RSA 165 and, further, places the burden of initiating such inspections on persons who lack the authority or resources to conduct them. This is an all too often utilized loophole that allows communities to withhold emergency assistance to those in dire need, and it should be eliminated.

Rep. Laurel Stavis
FOR THE MINORITY

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Municipal and County Government

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Rep. Laurel Stavis for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. Under NH RSA 165, New Hampshire towns and cities must provide assistance to those who are “poor and unable to support [themselves].” This bill ensures that municipalities meet their obligations under this law by prohibiting them from conditioning emergency assistance on a building inspection. The minority of the committee believes that withholding such assistance, based on whether or not a living space has been inspected, is counter to the spirit of RSA 165 and, further, places the burden of initiating such inspections on persons who lack the authority or resources to conduct them. This is an all too often utilized loophole that allows communities to withhold emergency assistance to those in dire need, and it should be eliminated.

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Rep. Stavis, Graf. 13
March 1, 2021
2021-0563h
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Amendment to HB 512

1 Amend RSA 48-A:12, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 ***II. No municipality shall require a housing code inspection as a condition of***
4 ***emergency housing assistance granted pursuant to RSA 165.***

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 512

BILL TITLE: relative to emergency housing assistance.

DATE: March 3, 2021

LOB ROOM: Hybrid

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Piemonte

Seconded by Rep. McBride

Vote: 10-9

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: HB512 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 3/3/13

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Dolan, Tom Chairman	10		
Piemonte, Tony Vice Chairman	1		
MacDonald, John T. Clerk	2		
Tripp, Richard P.	3		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	4		
Lascelles, Richard W.	5		
McBride, Everett P.	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F.	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Porter, Marjorie A.		1	
Treleaven, Susan GS		2	
Gilman, Julie D.		3	
Maggiore, Jim V.		4	
Stavis, Laurel		5	
Mangipudi, Latha D.		6	
Vann, Ivy C.		7	
Klee, Patricia S.		8	
Gallager, Eric B.		9	
TOTAL VOTE:	10	9	

Public Hearing

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 512

BILL TITLE: relative to emergency housing assistance.

DATE: March 1, 2021

LOB ROOM: Hybrid **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:48 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 2:15 p.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Dolan, Piemonte, J. MacDonald, Tripp, Guthrie, Lascelles, McBride, Melvin, Ayer, Pauer, Porter, Treleaven, Gilman, Maggiore, Stavis, Mangipudi, Vann, Klee and Gallager

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Conley

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Conley - Prime sponsor of the bill. Provides support for providing housing assistance. Seriousness of the housing crisis. This bill will help people stay in their houses. Ongoing concern for housing.

Rep. Stavis: I am thinking it may be more appropriate to be emergency housing funds? ANS: No where else to go. This is where you can find assistance. This a about municipal welfare assistance.

Rep. Porter: I am confused - someone is experiencing financial assistance, a housing inspection would not be required?

Rep. Lang: How does this deal with substandard housing? ANS: Some housing is better than no housing.

Rep. Piemonte: If the place has had bugs, I would be concerned about that. ANS: The condition of the unit the people have been living. Some housing is better than no housing.

Elliott Berry, NH Legal Assistance - Supports the bill. Local welfare assistance are the poorest people. They fall behind in rent and are required to do an inspection, and the property won't pass inspection. Most inspections are based on the tenant making the complaint. I think we need to choose some housing, which is regrettable.

Amendment recommendations by Mr. Berry granted pursuant to Chapter 165.

Rep. Lang: What is the liability to the towns for allowing the unsafe conditions? ANS: I have never heard of a case.

Rep. Klee: Substandard units unless requested by the tenant? ANS: If it is a serious health department could bring an action.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John MacDonald, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB512 on 2021-03-01

Support: 105 Oppose: 3 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 2

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
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Testimony

Archived: Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:15:40 AM
From: [Marsha Feder](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 5:31:03 PM
To: [~House Municipal and County Govt](#)
Subject: HB 512
Importance: Normal

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to urge your support of HB 512. There are many NH residents who are struggling with rent payments as a result of the pandemic. While many of us are fortunate to be doing well, we have a responsibility to help those who are in need.

Thank you

Marsha Feder

Hollis

Bill as
Introduced

HB 512 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0781

06/05

HOUSE BILL **512**

AN ACT relative to emergency housing assistance.

SPONSORS: Rep. Conley, Straf. 13; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits a municipality from requiring a housing code inspection as a condition of emergency housing assistance.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
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 relative to emergency housing assistance.

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

1 1 Housing Standards; Exceptions. Amend RSA 48-A:12 to read as follows:

2 48-A:12 Exceptions.

3 **I.** An ordinance, code or bylaw adopted pursuant to the authority of this chapter may
4 provide that any dwelling, building or structure situated within an historic district that is
5 established under RSA 31:89-b, or within such other classes of dwellings, building or structure as the
6 governing body shall determine to have special significance to the public interest and shall expressly
7 define in such ordinance, code or bylaw, may be approved by the board of aldermen as a special
8 exception, after public hearing, and the provisions of such ordinance, code or bylaw may be waived in
9 their application to such dwelling, building or structure, in whole or in part or otherwise so modified
10 as the housing board of appeals may determine.

11 **II.** *No municipality shall require a housing code inspection as a condition of*
12 *emergency housing assistance.*

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.