Bill as Introduced

HB 344 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0329 08/06

HOUSE BILL

344

AN ACT

relative to temporary docks.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Suzanne Smith, Graf. 8; Rep. Renzullo, Hills. 37; Rep. McConkey, Carr. 3

COMMITTEE:

Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT

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CHAPTER 25 HB 344 - FINAL VERSION

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Approved: May 06, 2021

Effective Date: January 01, 2022

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE Energy and Natural Resources

Sen Kevin Avard, Chair Sen Bob Giuda, Vice Chair Sen James Gray, Member Sen David Watters, Member Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: March 22, 2021

HEARINGS

	Monday	03/29/2021		
	(Day)	(Date)		
Energy and	d Natural Resources	REMOTE 000	1:00 p.m.	
(Name of C	Committee)	(Place)	(Time)	
1:00 p.m.	HB 256	adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investig and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield.		
1:15 p.m. HB 73 relative to public notice requirements for certain permits issue the department of environmental services.		ain permits issued by		
1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m. HB 99 relative to seasonal platforms on public waters of the state.		s of the state.	
1:45 p.m.	HB 115	relative to wake surfing.		
2:00 p.m.	HB 344	relative to temporary docks.		

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HB 115

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Rep. Suzanne Smith Rep. Renzullo Rep. McConkey

Griffin Roberge 271-3042

Kevin A. Avard Chairman

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Griffin Roberge 271-3042

HB 344, relative to temporary docks.

Hearing Date:

March 29, 2021.

Time Opened:

2:00 p.m.

Time Closed:

2:06 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard, Giuda, Gray, Watters and Perkins Kwoka.

Members of the Committee Absent: None.

Bill Analysis: This bill renames certain docks as temporary seasonal docks, and changes provisions about such docks on rivers.

Sponsors:

Rep. Suzanne Smith

Rep. Renzullo

Rep. McConkey

Who supports the bill: Darlene Forst, NH Department of Environmental Services; Representative Mark McConkey, Carroll - District 3; Representative Andrew Renzullo, Hillsborough - District 37; Representative Suzanne Smith, Grafton - District 8; Michele Tremblay, Rivers Management Advisory Committee.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: Robin Vogt.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Suzanne Smith

Grafton - District 8

- HB 344 addresses three different issues pertaining to seasonal docks. These changes came at the request of the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) or the Commission to Study the Effectiveness of Current Statutes Related to Management of Non-Tidal Public Waterways and Construction or Placement of Structures Within Them (Commission).
 - Section 1 makes it clear that an individual installing a temporary seasonal dock on a lake or pond is exempt from usual dock permitting process. All that is required of that individual is to file a permit by notification.
 - o Section 2 clarifies that if an individual wants to place a temporary seasonal dock on a river, that individual will have to go through NHDES' permitting process. These docks are not anchored and when installed on rivers, these floating docks are a health and safety hazard as river currents and storms may dislodge them. This change removes the current practice of permit by notification for temporary seasonal docks on rivers.
 - o In 2020, SB 627-FN sought to establish a voluntary dock registration procedure with NHDES. SB 627-FN was tabled in the House and died there due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of legislative activity. SB 627-FN's language was later rolled into HB 1245 (2020), which was signed into law. After HB 1245 was signed into law, NHDES and the Commission both recognized an error in the dock registration criteria. Section 3 specifies that the voluntary dock registration process is

not applicable in cases where there is a pending or final adverse municipal or state compliance action or pending civil action.

Darlene Forst – provided written testimony Shoreland Section Supervisor, Water Division, NHDES

• NHDES supports HB 344, but is in strong support of Section 2. Section 2 is an important public safety measure. This section restores the pre-existing limitation on the exemption from permitting to exclude seasonal piers on rivers and streams. In riverine environments, such structures may break free during flood events and present hazards to downstream dams. Many landowners located upstream of federally licensed hydropower facilities are unaware of the need to obtain permission from those facilities prior to installing docking structures. NHDES, through its own permitting requirements, has helped both landowners and hydropower generators maintain compliance with federal regulations by facilitating communication where needed.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

GJR

Date Hearing Report completed: March 29, 2021.

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testify List for Bill HB344 on 2021-03-29

Support: 5 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 1 Total to Testify: 2

<u>Name</u>	Email Address	Phone	<u>Title</u>	Representing	Position	Testifing	Signed Up
Smith, Suzanne	zanne719@gmail.com	603.715.0086	An Elected Official	Prime sponsor	Support	Yes	3/28/2021 11:47 AM
Forst, Darlene	Darlene.c.forst@des.nh.gov	603.271.4067	State Agency Staff	Dept of Environmental Services	Support	Yes	3/26/2021 2:40 PM
Vogt, Robin	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Neutral	No	3/28/2021 10:02 AM
Tremblay, RMAC Chair, Michele L.	mlt@naturesource.net	603-796-2615	A Member of the Public	Rivers Management Advisory Committee	Support	No	3/28/2021 11:49 AM
McConkey, Mark	mrkmcconkey@gmail.com	603.520.8275	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	3/29/2021 10:27 AM
Renzullo, Andrew	andrew.renzullo@leg.state.nh.us	603 882-8962	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	3/28/2021 10:42 PM

Testimony

Griffin Roberge

From: Sales, Tracie <tracie.j.sales@des.nh.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:44 AM

To: Griffin Roberge

Cc: Michele L. Tremblay (MLT@naturesource.net); Larry Spencer; Scott, Robert; Diers, Ted;

O'Donovan, Thomas; John MacDonald; Suzanne Smith

Subject: HB 99 and HB 344 - Rivers Management Advisory Committee Letters of Support

Attachments: HB99 Seasonal Platforms Senate ENR RMAC 20210329.pdf; HB344 Temporary Docks

Senate ENR RMAC 20210329.pdf

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Committee-

On behalf of the New Hampshire Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), attached are letters of support for House Bill 99, relative to seasonal platforms on public waters of the state, and House Bill 344, relative to temporary docks.

Please contact RMAC Chair Michele L. Tremblay at 603.796.2615 or

MLT@naturesource.net<mailto:MLT@naturesource.net> if you have any questions about this testimony.

Sincerely,

Tracie Sales

Staff to the Rivers Management Advisory Committee

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Rivers & Lakes Programs Manager

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Larry T. Spencer Vice Chair Conservation Commissions

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Christopher Hodgdon NH Fish & Game Commission

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Granite State
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Association

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Staff: Tracie Sales Program Manager

Vacant Watershed Coordinator

Vacant Program Assistant

N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Program

N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee

March 29, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Avard, Chair Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee State House Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 344 An act relative to temporary docks.

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Committee:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its support of House Bill 344, which removes temporary seasonal docks on rivers from the permitting exemption that temporary seasonal docks on lakes are allowed.

The RMAC believes that an expedited or standard wetland permit, with the accompanying careful review that such permit applications recieve by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) staff, should be required for any dock on a river. Rivers by nature are very dynamic, and an improperly located dock could cause erosion downstream, be a navigation hazard to paddlers and other boaters, or could break loose during a flood resulting in danger to downstream boaters and infrastructure.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with NHDES to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests. Among its other responsibilities, the RMAC is charged with reviewing legislation relevant to the Program and with advising the NHDES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

In conclusion, the RMAC supports HB 344 to require a full review of projects that propose to install temporary seasonal docks on rivers.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,

Michele L. Tremblay

RMAC Chair

29 Hazen Drive; PO Box 95; Concord, NH 03302-0095; Tel: 271-2959; Fax 271-7894 http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/rivers/rmac/index.htm

The Honorable Kevin Avard Chair, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee HB 344 March 29, 2021 Page 2

ec: Rep. Suzanne Smith
RMAC Representatives
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES
Tom O'Donovan, Director, Water Division, NHDES
Ted Diers, Administrator, Watershed Mgmt. Bur., NHDES
Tracie Sales, Rivers and Lakes Programs Manager, NHDES
Local River Management Advisory Committee Chairs

Griffin Roberge

From: Beauchesne, Suzanne <Suzanne.E.Beauchesne@des.nh.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 12:37 PM

To: Kevin Avard; Bob Giuda; James Gray; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; David Watters; Griffin

Roberge

Cc: 'Suzanne Smith'; Andrew Renzullo; mrkmcconkey@gmail.com; Pelletier, Rene; Forst,

Darlene

Subject: HB 344 Letter of Testimony **Attachments:** HB 344 LOT 032621.pdf

Dear Chairman Avard and Members of the Committee:

Attached is a letter of testimony from the NH Department of Environmental Services on HB 344 relative to temporary docks. Should you have questions, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact either Darlene Forst, Shoreland Section Supervisor, at 603-271-4067 or <u>Darlene.c.forst@des.nh.gov</u> or Rene Pelletier, Assistant Director, Water Division at 603-271-2951 or <u>Rene.j.pelletier@des.nh.gov</u>. Thank you. Suzanne

Stay Safe! Be Well!

Suzanne Beauchesne
Assistant to the Commissioner
NH Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03301

Phone: (603) 271-3449

Suzanne.Beauchesne@des.nh.gov

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The State of New Hampshire

ES Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

March 26, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Avard Chairman, Energy and Natural Resources Committee State House, Senate Chamber Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 344 — An Act relative to temporary docks

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 344. This bill proposes modifications to the availability of the permitting exemption for certain seasonal dock piers and the eligibility criteria for the registration of existing docking structures. The NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) supports this bill.

Specifically, NHDES supports this legislation because it restores the pre-existing limitation on the exemption from permitting to exclude seasonal piers on rivers and streams. In riverine environments, such structures may break free during flood events and present hazards to downstream dams. Many landowners located upstream of federally licensed hydropower facilities are unaware of the need to obtain permission from those facilities prior to installing docking structures. NHDES, through its own permitting requirements, has helped both landowners and hydropower generators maintain compliance with federal regulations by facilitating communication where needed. NHDES believes that these are important publicsafety measures and thus looks forward to the passage of this legislation.

Should you have questions, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact either Darlene Forst, Shoreland Section Supervisor, at 603-271-4067 or <u>Darlene.c.forst@des.nh.gov</u> or Rene Pelletier, Assistant Director, Water Division at 603-271-2951 or Rene.j.pelletier@des.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

Roberta Sa

Robert R. Scott Commissioner

ec: Sponsors of HB 344: Representatives Suzanne Smith, Andrew Renzullo, and Mark McConkey

Griffin Roberge

From:

Mark McConkey < mcconkey2@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, March 29, 2021 10:20 AM

To:

Griffin Roberge

Subject: Attachments: HB 344 letter of support support letter for HB 344.pdf

Griffen;

I have enclosed a letter of support to the Committee, hearing is this afternoon at 2pm. Is there a link to sign in support of the hearing on line? Also attempted to send my letter to the entire committee and the address provided we said to be invalid. I sent a cop=y to the Chairman and Vice chair after.

Mark

Vice Chairman
Public Works and Highways.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

The Honorable Kevin Avard Chairman, Energy and Natural Resources Committee State House, Senate Chamber Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 344 – An Act relative to temporary docks

Dear Chairman, Avard and Members of the Committee:

As a Co-sponsor of HB 344 and Chairman of the Commission to study the effectiveness of current statutes related to management of non-tidal public waterways and construction or placement of structures within them, I stand in support of HB 344.

HB 344 has been discussed in its entirety, our Commission is in full support and ask that you pass this out of your committee, Ought To Pass.

Respectfully

Representative Mark McConkey, Freedom

Carroll County District 3 and Vice Chairman

Public Works and Highways

Voting Sheets

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill# 48344 Hearing Date: 03/29 /2021 Executive Session Date: 03/29/2021 Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0 Committee Member Present Made by Second Sen. Avard, Chair Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair Sen. Gray Sen. Watters Sen. Perkins Kwoka Motion of: Vote: 5-0 Committee Member Made by Present Sen. Avard, Chair Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair Sen. Gray Sen. Watters Sen. Perkins Kwoka Vote: Motion of: Present Made by Second Committee Member Sen. Avard, Chair Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair Sen. Gray Sen. Watters Sen. Perkins Kwoka Motion of: Vote: Present Committee Member Sen. Avard, Chair Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair Sen. Gray Sen. Watters Sen. Perkins Kwoka Reported out by: Watters Notes:

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, March 29, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred HB 344

AN ACT

relative to temporary docks.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator David Watters For the Committee

This bill makes three housekeeping changes throughout RSA 482-A:3, IV. The first change makes clear that an individual installing a temporary seasonal dock on a lake or pond is exempt from the NH Department of Environmental Services' usual permitting process and can simply file a permit by notification. The second change clarifies that an individual looking to place a temporary seasonal dock on a river or stream must go through the Department's permitting process. These docks are not anchored and can represent a public and safety hazard along rivers as storms and river currents can dislodge them. The third change specifies that the Department's voluntary dock registration process is not applicable to docks that are subject to any pending or final adverse municipal or state compliance action or pending civil action. This bill is supported by the Department and the Commission to Study the Effectiveness of Current Statutes Related to Management of Non-Tidal Public Waterways and Construction or Placement of Structures Within Them.

Griffin Roberge 271-3042

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 344, relative to temporary docks. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator David Watters for the committee.

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Docket of HB344

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to temporary docks.

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1/12/2021	Н	Vacated and Referred to Resources, Recreation and Development (): MA VV 01/06/2021 HJ 2 P. 54
1/21/2021	н	Public Hearing: 01/27/2021 01:00 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/99531020872 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
2/16/2021	Н	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 20-0; CC) HC 12 P. 12
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3/31/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 04/08/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 18
4/8/2021	S	Ought to Pass: RC 23Y-1N, MA; OT3rdg; 04/08/2021; SJ 11
4/29/2021	S	Enrolled RC 24Y-0N, MA, (In recess of 04/22/2021); SJ 13
4/29/2021	Н	Enrolled (in recess of) 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 101
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