

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB15

Bill as Introduced

SB 15 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-1061

05/10

SENATE BILL **15**

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SPONSORS: Sen. Carson, Dist 14

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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Approved: July 23, 2021

Effective Date: July 23, 2021

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Executive Departments and Administration

Sen Sharon Carson, Chair
Sen John Reagan, Vice Chair
Sen Denise Ricciardi, Member
Sen Kevin Cavanaugh, Member
Sen Suzanne Prentiss, Member

Date: January 7, 2021

HEARINGS

Wednesday	01/13/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Executive Departments and Administration	REMOTE 000	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m. SB 15	relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code.	
9:15 a.m. SB 21	relative to the Pease development authority board of directors.	
9:30 a.m. SB 26	relative to roads within the Woodsville Fire District.	

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

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6. To sign in to speak, register your position on a bill and/or submit testimony, use this link:
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/remotecommittee/senate.aspx>

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Cameron Lapine 271-3093

Sharon M Carson
Chairman

Sponsors:

SB 15

Sen. Carson

SB 21

Sen. Sherman

SB 26

Sen. Giuda

Rep. Weyler

Sen. Gray

Sen. Watters

Rep. Malloy

Sen. Birdsell

Rep. Hamblet

Rep. Binford

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Cameron Lapine 271-3091

SB 15, relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code.

Hearing Date: January 13, 2021

Time Opened: 9:00 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:15 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Reagan, Ricciardi, Cavanaugh and Prentiss

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill ratifies certain amendments to the state building code and the state fire code.

Sponsors:

Sen. Carson

Who supports the bill: Senator Sharon Carson (Senate District 14), Shawn Bergeron (Building Code Review Board), Ari Pollack (NH Homebuilders), Curtis Barry (NH Retail Lumber Association), Gary Abbott (Associated General Contractors of NH), Chris Skoglund (NH Department of Environmental Services), and William McKinney (NH Building Officials Association)

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Sharon Carson

Senate District 14

- Senator Carson introduced SB 15.

Shawn Bergeron

Chairman of the Building Code Review Board

- Mr. Bergeron said that SB 15 was the result of many years of work between the Building Code Review Board (BCRB) and the State Fire Marshal's Office.
- Ratifying the building code and fire code amendments will be beneficial to many people,

including those in the construction industry, the material supply industry, and others.

Paul Parisi

State Fire Marshal

- Mr. Parisi echoed Mr. Bergeron's comments.
- The BCRB and the Board of Fire Control adopt amendments differently. BCRB amendments are not in force until they are ratified by the General Court. Board of Fire Control amendments are in force as soon as they are certified by the Commissioner of the Department of Safety, and the General Court then has 12 months to ratify those amendments.
- When HB 1234 (2020) was vetoed, the 12-month window for ratification would expire in January. The Board of Fire Control readopted those amendments in order to refresh the 12-month window for ratification.
- Mr. Parisi said that a small tweak may be needed on Line 20 of SB 15 to include amendments adopted after the January 15, 2020 date listed. He said that new amendments have been adopted regarding energy storage and oil burning equipment.
- Senator Carson asked what the amendment on Line 20 would be.
 - Mr. Parisi said that he believed a date range, such as January 2020 through January 2021, would work. He said that things would need to be looked at regarding the 2018 building code.
- Senator Carson said that Lines 7 through 17 of SB 15 specify what amendments have been adopted. She said that the Committee would need the titles of other amendments to adopt if there is an amendment.

Ari Pollack

NH Homebuilders

- Mr. Pollack asked for clarity on Mr. Parisi's comments. He wanted to know how amendments to the 2018 building code could be ratified or adopted when the 2015 building code is still in effect. He suggested that the Board of Fire Control may be considering amendments to the 2015 building code, not the 2018 building code.
- Senator Carson said that she would speak to Mr. Parisi outside of the Committee to seek clarity.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

Date Hearing Report completed: January 13, 2021

Speakers

Name	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying
McKinney William	A Member of the Public	NH Building Officials Association	Support	No
Carson Sharon	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes
Bergeron Shawn	State Agency Staff	New Hampshire Building Code Review Board	Support	Yes
Pollack Ari	A Lobbyist	NH Homebuilders	Support	No
Abbott Gary	A Lobbyist	Associated General Contractors of NH - Gary Abbott	Support	No
Barry Curtis	A Lobbyist	N.H. Retail Lumber Association (letter submitted via email)	Support	No
Skoglund Chris	State Agency Staff	The NH Department of Environmental Services	Support	No

Testimony



January 12, 2021

Senator Sharon Carson, Chairwoman
Senator John Reagan, Vice Chair
Senator Kevin Cavanaugh
Senator Suzanne Prentiss
Senator Denise Ricciardi

Dear Chairwoman Carson and Members of the Committee

On behalf of the New Hampshire Retail Lumber Association (NHRLA), which represents independent lumber and building material dealers, manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and other associated businesses in the state of New Hampshire and as a significant employer of New Hampshire residents, we would like to express our support for the proposed state building code amendments contained in SB 15.

NHRLA understands the need to update the State's building code and the proposed amendments, when added to the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC), will allow provisions to expire that do not jeopardize safety or energy efficiency on projects across New Hampshire.

We urge the committee to support the legislation as written and encourage further efforts to improve our State's Building and Fire Codes without elevating the cost of construction to a level which negatively impacts our members, home builders, and most importantly, consumers.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Kirk Ives, Director of Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, at 518-880-6376 or email her at kives@nrta.org.

Sincerely,

New Hampshire Retail Lumber Association

Enclosure: NHRLA Membership List



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The New Hampshire Retail Lumber Association

The New Hampshire Retail Lumber Association (NHRLA) has 69 member locations and represents independent lumber and building material dealers, manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and other associated businesses in the state of New Hampshire. The lumber and building materials industry employs nearly 17,500 New Hampshire residents.

NHRLA Members

- A&B Lumber Company:** Moultonborough, Pembroke
Acadia Insurance Company: Manchester
Alton Home & Garden Center: Alton
Ashland Lumber Company Inc.: Ashland
Beau-Trusses: Boscawen
Belletetes Inc.: Andover, Jaffrey, Nashua, Peterborough, Sunapee
Benson Lumber & Hardware: Derry, Londonderry
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Boulia-Gorrell Lumber Co. Inc.: Laconia
Brock's Plywood Sales Inc.: Rochester
Caron Building Center Inc.: Berlin
Coastal Forest Products, Inc.: Bedford
Country 3 Corners Building Center: Weare
Cushman Lumber Co., Inc.: Charlestown
Cyr Lumber Company Inc.: Tilton, Warner, Windham
Di Prizio Pine Sales: Middleton
Durgin and Crowell Lumber Co.: New London
East Coast Lumber: East Hampstead
Fairview Millwork Inc.: Amherst, Seabrook
Feuer Lumber Inc.: Atkinson
Fogg's Hardware and Building Supplies: Woodsville
Friend Lumber Co.: Hudson
Gilford Home Center: Gilford
Goodfellow, Inc.: Manchester
Hamshaw Lumber Inc.: Keene
Hancock Lumber Company: North Conway
Huttig Building Products: Hooksett
Jackson Lumber & Millwork Co.: Raymond
LaValley Building Supply Inc.: Claremont, Newport, Walpole, West Lebanon
Lumber Barn: Bradford, Goshen, Newbury
Mast Road Grain & Bldg. Mtl: Manchester
Middleton Building Supply: Dover, Hampton, Meredith, Middleton
Milford Lumber Company Inc.: Milford
Moynihan Lumber Company: Plaistow
Nitco: Concord
P.J. Currier Lumber Co. Inc.: Amherst
Pelham Building Supply: Pelham
Perras Ace, Inc.: Lancaster
Petrocelli Marketing Group: Merrimack
PPG Industries, Inc.: Milford
Preferred Building Systems: Claremont
Quickrete-Boston: Brentwood
R.P. Williams & Sons Inc.: Bristol
Reeds Ferry Lumber Corporation: Merrimack
Ricci Lumber: Portsmouth
Seacoast Mills Building Supply, Inc.: Brentwood
Selectwood: Portsmouth
Skehan Home Center Inc.: Center Ossipee
The Rowley Agency: Concord
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HB 1714 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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2020 SESSION

20-3116
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HOUSE BILL **1714**

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Voting Sheets

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Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Reported out by: Sen. Carson

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, January 21, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration

to which was referred **SB 15**

AN ACT

relative to ratification of amendments to the state
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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Sharon Carson
For the Committee

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Cameron Lapine 271-2104

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of SB15

Docket Abbreviations

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Date	Body	Description
1/5/2021	S	To Be Introduced 01/06/2021 and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; SJ 2
1/7/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 01/13/2021, 09:00 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 6
1/21/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/04/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 9
2/4/2021	S	Ought to Pass: RC 23Y-1N, MA; OT3rdg; 02/04/2021; SJ 3
3/10/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 02/25/2021 and referred to Executive Departments and Administration HJ 4 P. 48
3/24/2021	H	Public Hearing: 03/24/2021 10:45 am Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/97152965622 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
5/6/2021	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-1155h (Vote 17-0; CC) HC 26 P. 6
6/3/2021	H	Amendment #2021-1155h: AA VV 06/03/2021 HJ 8 P. 7
6/3/2021	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-1155h: MA VV 06/03/2021 HJ 8 P. 7
6/10/2021	S	Sen. Carson Moved to Concur with the House Amendment, MA, VV; 06/10/2021; SJ 19
7/12/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/24/2021
7/12/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/24/2021); SJ 20
7/26/2021	S	Signed by the Governor on 07/23/2021; Chapter 0146; Effective 07/23/2021

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: SB 15

Senate Committee: EDVA

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Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: (Legislative Aides)

Bill version as it came to the committee

All Calendar Notices

Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

Hearing Report

Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: (Legislative Aides)

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

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Executive Session Sheet

Committee Report

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

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