LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB49

Bill as Introduced

SB 49 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0760 11/05

SENATE BILL

49

AN ACT

relative to the New Hampshire trust code.

SPONSORS:

Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Rep. Hunt, Ches. 11

COMMITTEE:

Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill expands the list of persons who may represent the interests of certain beneficiaries, clarifies the meaning of "second trust" in a decanting, and allows trustees to engage in investing strategies focused on social, environmental, governance, or other values or beliefs of the persons interested in the trust, at the express direction of those persons.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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

- 1 1 New Paragraph; New Hampshire Trust Code; Representation by Fiduciaries and Parents. 2 Amend RSA 564-B:3-303 by inserting after paragraph (7) the following new paragraph: 3 (8) A representative who is expressly appointed under the terms of the governing 4 trust instrument, either directly or by appointment of one or more persons who are expressly 5 authorized under the terms of the trust instrument to do so, may represent and bind one or more beneficiaries of the trust as to any matter involving the trust. A representative appointed pursuant 7 to this paragraph shall be presumed to be a fiduciary and, unless otherwise provided under the 8 terms of the trust, must deliver to the trustee a written acceptance of appointment as representative. 9 A representative may not be appointed pursuant to this paragraph to represent the interests of a 10 charitable beneficiary subject to the authority of the director of charitable trusts, as provided in 11 statute and common law.
 - 2 New Paragraph; New Hampshire Trust Code; Trustee's Power to Decant Trust. Amend RSA 564-B:4-418 by inserting after paragraph (a) the following new paragraph:
 - (a-1)(1) For purposes of this section, "second trust" means: (A) an irrevocable trust already in existence, whether created by the settlor of the first trust or a different settlor; (B) a trust that is a complete restatement of the first trust, which may be created by the authorized fiduciary of the first trust or another person as the nominal grantor; (C) the first trust as modified to create the second trust; or (D) a new trust created by the authorized fiduciary or another person as the nominal settlor for the purpose of decanting.
 - (2) If a second trust is created by restating or modifying the first trust: (A) the second trust may, but need not, have the same name as the first trust; and (B) the second trust may, but need not, obtain a new taxpayer identification number. If no new taxpayer identification number is obtained, the second trust may continue to use the taxpayer identification number of the first trust.
- 3 New Hampshire Trust Code; Decanting; Second Trust. Amend RSA 564-B:4-418(q)(3) to read as follows:
 - (3) All title to real property and other property owned by the first trust and all contractual rights possessed by the first trust are vested in the second trust without reversion or impairment, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b); and
 - 4 Uniform Prudent Investor Act; Prudent Investor Rule. Amend RSA 564-B:9-901(b) to read as follows:

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- (b) The prudent investor rule may be expanded, restricted, eliminated, or otherwise altered by the terms of the trust except as provided in RSA 564-B:1-105(b)(2) and (3). A trustee is not liable to a beneficiary to the extent that the trustee acted in **good faith and** reasonable reliance on (1) the [provisions] express terms of the trust, [er] (2) a court order, [er determined not to diversify the investments of a trust in good faith in reliance on the express terms of the trust or a court order or pursuant to] (3) RSA 564-B:9-903, or (4) RSA 564-B:9-902(c)(10).
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- (8) needs for liquidity, regularity of income, and preservation or appreciation of capital; [and]
- (9) an asset's special relationship or special value, if any, to the purposes of the trust or to one or more of the beneficiaries[-]; and
- (10) unless contrary to settlor intent or otherwise prohibited by RSA 564-B:1-111(c), for a trust not subject to RSA 292-B, the expressed wishes of the interested persons of the trust, including where applicable the director of charitable trusts as described in RSA 564-B:1-111(a), as reflected in a nonjudicial settlement agreement pursuant to RSA 564-B:1-111, to have the trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector engage in investing strategies that align with the interested persons' social, environmental, or governance objectives or other values or beliefs of the interested persons, regardless of investment performance.
 - 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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24	the trust, including where applicable the director of charitable trusts as described in RSA
25	564-B:1-111(a), as reflected in a nonjudicial settlement agreement pursuant to RSA 564-B:1-
26	111, to have the trustee, trust advisor, or trust protector engage in investing strategies that
27	align with the interested persons' social, environmental, or governance objectives or other
28	values or beliefs of the interested persons, regardless of investment performance.

103:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 01, 2021

Effective Date: August 30, 2021

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE Ways and Means

Sen Bob Giuda, Chair Sen Lou D'Allesandro, Vice Chair Sen Gary Daniels, Member Sen Erin Hennessey, Member Sen Cindy Rosenwald, Member

Date: January 21, 2021

HEARINGS

Wednesday			01/27/2021	
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Ways and Means			REMOTE 000	1:00 p.m.
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1:00 p.m.	SB 76-FN	relative to r	nodified risk tobacco products.	
1:15 p.m.	SB 49	relative to t	relative to the New Hampshire trust code.	
1:30 p.m.	SB 48	relative to t	he formula used to determine curr	rent use tax rates.

Committee members will receive secure Zoom invitations via email.

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- 1. Link to Zoom Webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/92074214520
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- 3. Or iPhone one-tap: US: 13017158592,,92074214520# or 13126266799,,92074214520#
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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors: SB 76-FN

Sen. French

Sen. Gannon

Sen. Avard

SB 49

Sen. D'Allesandro SB 48

Sen. Bradley

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Rep. Weyler

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Bob J. Giuda Chairman

Senate Ways and Means Committee

Sonja Caldwell 271-2117

SB 49, relative to the New Hampshire trust code.

Hearing Date:

January 27, 2021

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Giuda, D'Allesandro, Daniels,

Hennessey and Rosenwald

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill expands the list of persons who may represent the interests of certain beneficiaries, clarifies the meaning of "second trust" in a decanting, and allows trustees to engage in investing strategies focused on social, environmental, governance, or other values or beliefs of the persons interested in the trust, at the express direction of those persons.

Sponsors:

Sen. D'Allesandro

Sen. Bradley

Rep. Hunt

Who supports the bill: Sen. D'Allesandro, Glenn Perlow (NH Trust Council), Patrick Collins (Jordan Park Trust Company)

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: Tom Donovan (Attorney General, Charitable Trusts), Janelle Laylagian (DHHS)

Summary of testimony presented:

Sen. D'Allesandro

- Over the past several years he and Sen. Bradley and Rep. Hunt has tried to create the best trust laws in the country for NH in order to bring jobs and economic development to NH. This bill further improves NH's world class environment for family nondepository trusts.
- It empowers suiters to ensure that the beneficiaries will be properly represented.
- It eliminates unnecessary time and expense associated with certain trusts decantings.
- It enables all interested parties to a trust to provide direction as to how assets are invested.
- As a result of our past successful trust legislation, a number of companies have located here in NH.
- Russ Thibault did an economic study of the value of the trusts and it showed that they have had a very positive economic impact on NH.
- With this business, you're always in a competitive mode. NH is in competition with Delaware, South Dakota and Florida for example. This will further our ability to provide the best environment for trusts to be located here.

Tom Donovan – Director of Charitable Trusts at AG's office.

- Their job is to provide oversight for charitable organizations and charitable trusts.
- The AG's office takes no position on the bill; however they were consulted on the bill's technical language, which they appreciate, and they would like section 5 of the bill not to change. If a trust has charitable beneficiaries, the AG would like to have a role before a change is made to the investment policy and the way the bill written, they do have a seat at the table.

Sen. Giuda asked for clarification that his intent is to leave the bill as drafted. Mr. Donovan said that was correct. They are not taking a position on the bill, though they are comfortable with the language as drafted.

Glenn Perlow – Jordan Park Trust Company. President NH Trust Council.

- Sen. D'Allesandro has worked with him for many years. This project is ongoing. It is an area of law that is constantly developing. NH has been set up as a positive jurisdiction for this activity.
- Until recently Jordan Park Trust Company was called Perspecta Trust Company. Jordan Park is a special registered investment advisor and the goal of this project has been to bring more activity and business to NH. Jordan Park is committed to putting boots of its own on the ground for registered investment activity. They are mindful of the burden of the legislature to do work, particularly this session and they have an earned history of epic bills. They deliberately proposed something manageable and not controversial and hope it will be an easy lift.
- Patrick Collins from his office is a trust and estates expert and is available for questions.

Patrick Collins stated that he is available to answer any questions.

Sen. Giuda asked if this legislation introduces any new vulnerabilities to the elderly under the care of a fiduciary.

Mr. Collins and Mr. Perlow explained that:

- Under this bill, a settlor in a trust can name someone to represent a beneficiary but this is unlikely to have any impact on elderly; it is more for children. Guardians are already listed in the representation statute.
- With regard to decantings, which is the ability to take the assets of one trust and move it to another trust that has different provisions this bill just certifies some mechanics around this process and would have no impact on the elderly.
- The third part of the bill allowing trustees and beneficiaries to agree to allow a trustee to invest in ESG (environmental and social and governmental objective investments) that don't return the same as general investments should not impact the elderly as a class.
- None of these adversely target the elderly.

Speakers

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<u>Name</u>	Representing	Position	<u>Testifing</u>
D'Allesandro, Lou	SD-20	Support	Yes
Donovan, Tom	Attorney General, Charitable Trusts	Neutral	Yes
Perlow, Glenn	New Hampshire Trust Council	Support	Yes
Collins, Patrick	Jordan Park Trust Company	Support	Yes
Laylagian, Janelle	DHHS	Neutral	No

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Senate Ways & Means Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, January 28, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Ways and Means

to which was referred SB 49

AN ACT

relative to 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 Lou D'Allesandro For the Committee

SB49 further improves New Hampshire's world-class environment for trusts by: empowering settlors to ensure that beneficiaries will be properly represented; eliminating unnecessary time and expense associated with certain trust decantings; and enabling all the interested parties to a trust to provide direction as to how trust assets are invested.

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FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

WAYS AND MEANS

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of SB49

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to the New Hampshire trust code.

Official Docket of SB49.:

Date	Body	Description
1/19/2021	S	Introduced 01/06/2021 and Referred to Ways and Means; SJ 3
1/21/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 01/27/2021, 01:15 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 8
1/28/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/04/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 10
2/4/2021	S	Ought to Pass: RC 23Y-1N, MA; OT3rdg; 02/04/2021; SJ 3
3/10/2021	Н	Introduced (in recess of) 02/25/2021 and referred to Commerce and Consumer Affairs HJ 4 P. 48
3/17/2021	н	Public Hearing: 03/30/2021 09:30 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/99157160886 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
5/5/2021	Н	Executive Session: 05/13/2021 10:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/93883325643
5/26/2021	Н	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 19-0; CC) HC 26 P. 4
6/3/2021	Н	Ought to Pass: MA VV 06/03/2021
6/16/2021	Н	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2021-1893e : AA VV (in recess of) 06/10/2021
6/16/2021	S	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2021-1893e Adopted, VV, (In recess of 06/10/2021); SJ 20
6/25/2021	Н	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/24/2021
6/25/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/24/2021); SJ 20
7/6/2021	S	Signed by the Governor on 07/01/2021; Chapter 0103; Effective 08/30/2021

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NH House	NH Senate

Other Referrals

Enrolled Bill Amendment to SB 49

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred SB 49

AN ACT relative to the New Hampshire trust code.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to SB 49

This enrolled bill amendment makes a technical correction to section 1 of the bill.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to SB 49

Amend section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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appointed pursuant to this paragraph to represent the interests of a charitable beneficiary subject to the authority of the director of charitable trusts, as provided in statute and common law.

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