

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**March 4, 2022**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Municipal and County Government  
to which was referred HB 1272,**

**AN ACT limiting the authority of town health officers.**

**Having considered the same, report the same with the  
following amendment, and the recommendation that  
the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

**Rep. Richard Lascelles**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	HB 1272
Title:	limiting the authority of town health officers.
Date:	March 4, 2022
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2022-0679h

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

The majority of the committee found that this legislation rightly limits the power of health officers during periods of emergency specifically prohibiting powers that violate rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Vote 17-1.

Rep. Richard Lascelles  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Municipal and County Government

**HB 1272**, limiting the authority of town health officers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**  
Rep. Richard Lascelles for Municipal and County Government. The majority of the committee found that this legislation rightly limits the power of health officers during periods of emergency specifically prohibiting powers that violate rights guaranteed by the Constitution. **Vote 17-1.**

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 4  
Rep. Blasek, Hills. 21  
Rep. Renzullo, Hills. 37  
Rep. Post, Hills. 4  
February 11, 2022  
2022-0679h  
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Amendment to HB 1272

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

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3 1 Local Health Officers; Regulations on Public Health. Amend RSA 147:1, I to read as follows:

4 I. The health officers of towns may make regulations for the prevention and removal of  
5 nuisances~~[, and such other regulations relating to the public health as in their judgment the health~~  
6 ~~and safety of the people require]~~ **such as garbage, insects, unsanitary living conditions, septic,**  
7 **rodents, and safe drinking water inspections**, which shall take effect when approved by the  
8 selectmen, recorded by the town clerk, and published in some newspaper printed in the town, or  
9 when copies thereof have been posted in 2 or more public places in the town.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1272**

**BILL TITLE:** limiting the authority of town health officers.

**DATE:** February 28, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 301 - 303

**MOTIONS:** OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Pauer

Seconded by Rep. Lascelles

Vote: 9-7

**CONSENT CALENDAR: NO**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1272

BILL TITLE: limiting the authority of town health officers.

DATE: 2/28/22

LOB ROOM: 301-303

MOTION: (Please check one box)

~~OTP~~       ITL       Retain (1st year)       Adoption of Amendment # 0679H (if offered)

Moved by Rep. PAUER      Seconded by Rep. LASCHELLS      Vote: \_\_\_\_\_  
*NO ONE CAME FORWARD TO PRESENT AMENDMENT. NO VOTE TAKEN*

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP       OTP/A       ITL       Retain (1st year)       Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_ (if offered)

Moved by Rep. PAUER      Seconded by Rep. LASCHELLS      Vote: 9-7

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP       OTP/A       ITL       Retain (1st year)       Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_ (if offered)

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP       OTP/A       ITL       Retain (1st year)       Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_ (if offered)

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT CALENDAR:    \_\_\_ YES    \_\_\_ NO

Minority Report?  Yes    \_\_\_ No    If yes, author, Rep: PAUER    Motion: FOR MAJORITY

Respectfully submitted:   
Rep John MacDonal, Clerk

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1272**

**BILL TITLE:** limiting the authority of town health officers.

**DATE:** March 1, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 301 - 303

**MOTIONS: RECONSIDER**

Moved by Rep. Lascelles

Seconded by Rep. Melvin

Vote: 11-7

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Moved by Rep. Lascelles

Seconded by Rep. Melvin

AM Vote: 12-6

Amendment # 2022-0679h

Moved by Rep. Lascelles

Seconded by Rep. Melvin

Vote: 17-1

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on

BILL TITLE: HB 1272

DATE: 3/1/22

LOB ROOM: 301

MOTION: (Please check one box) *Reconsider* *PASSES*

OTP                       ITL                       Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)                       Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

Interim Study (2nd year)                      (if offered)

Moved by Rep. Lascelles                      Seconded by Rep. Melvin                      Vote: 11-7

MOTION: (Please check one box) *2022*

OTP                       OTP/A                       ITL                       Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)                       Adoption of Amendment # 0679H

Interim Study (2nd year)                      (if offered)

Moved by Rep. Lascelles                      Seconded by Rep. Melvin                      Vote: 12-6

MOTION: (Please check one box) *0679h*

OTP                       OTP/A                       ITL                       Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)                       Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

Interim Study (2nd year)                      (if offered)

Moved by Rep. Lascelles                      Seconded by Rep. Melvin                      Vote: 17-1

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP                       OTP/A                       ITL                       Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)                       Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

Interim Study (2nd year)                      (if offered)

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_                      Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_                      Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT CALENDAR:  YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Minority Report?  Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No                      If yes, author, Rep: MAGNONE                      Motion LASCELLES MJS

Respectfully submitted: John MacDonal  
Rep John MacDonald, Clerk





## 2022 SESSION

## Municipal and County Government

 Bill #: 1272 Motion: Recons Der AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 3/1/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Dolan, Tom Chairman	11		
Piemonte, Tony Vice Chairman	1		
MacDonald, John T. Clerk	2		
Tripp, Richard P.	3		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	4		
Lascelles, Richard W.	5		
McBride, <del>Everett P.</del> <i>MacDonald</i>	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F.	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Maggiore, Jim V.		1	
Treleaven, Susan GS			
Gilman, Julie D.		2	
Stavis, Laurel		3	
Mangipudi, Latha D. <i>Newman</i>		4	
Vann, Ivy C.		5	
Klee, Patricia S.		6	
Gallagher, Eric B.		7	
Rung, Rosemarie	10	-	
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	



2022 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: 1272 Motion: Adopt Amendment 2022-0679H AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 3/1/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
	12		
Dolan, Tom Chairman			
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. <i>MACDONALD</i>	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F.	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Maggiore, Jim V.		1	
Treleaven, Susan GS			
Gilman, Julie D.		2	
Stavis, Laurel		3	
Mangipudi, Latha D. <i>NEWMAN</i>		4	
Vann, Ivy C.		5	
Klee, Patricia S.		6	
Gallager, Eric B.	10		
Rung, Rosemarie	11		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	



2022 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: 1272 Motion: OTPA AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 3/1/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Dolan, Tom Chairman	17		
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. — <i>MacDonald</i>	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F.	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Maggiore, Jim V.	10		
Treleaven, Susan GS			
Gilman, Julie D.	11		
Stavis, Laurel	12		
Mangipudi, Latha D. — <i>Newman</i>	13		
Vann, Ivy C.	14		
Klee, Patricia S.	15		
Gallager, Eric B.		1	
Rung, Rosemarie	16		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	



2022 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: HB1272 Motion: OTP AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 2/28/22

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

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1272**

**BILL TITLE:** limiting the authority of town health officers.

**DATE:** January 20, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 301 - 303

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:30 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 12:10 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. Piemonte, J. MacDonald, Guthrie, Lascelles, McBride, Melvin, Ayer, Pauer, Maggiore, Gilman, Stavis, Vann, Klee, Gallagher and Rung

**Bill Sponsors:**

Rep. Harvey-Bolia

Rep. Blasek

Rep. Berezny

Rep. Post

Rep. Renzullo

Rep. Binford

Rep. Littlefield

Rep. Pauer

**TESTIMONY**

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

**\*Rep. Juliet Harvey-Bolia** - Prime sponsor of the bill. House cleaning bill. Health officer, three hours of required training. Attachment - Communicable on Infectious Diseases. Rule of the Health Officer - amendment.

Rep. Stavis: Repugnant to the state constitution. What is this? ANS: It is already in the sister ordinances for cities. I will take sections out for the committee.

Rep. Vann: Line 6 - Emergency regulations. Is the Elimination of Communicable Diseases? ANS: Are not set up with any checks or balances. I could put in communicable diseases.

Rep. Klee: The unintended consequences of limiting what they do? ANS: I believe they are already covered by this definition.

Rep. Maggiore: Who defines emergency? ANS: It doesn't matter if that word is in it or not. It makes no difference if it is in there or not. I will happily take out the word emergency.

Rep. Lascelles: Could a person who is a health officer declare a health emergency? Would this have these implications? ANS: I think this bill is trying to prevent those things.

Rep. Rung: Line 9, what authority? State, local, and national? ANS: I intended to remove that line 9.

Rep. Maggiore: I understand B & C, why are they all together? Top portion is more of a general emergency.

**\*Natch Greyes, NH Municipal Association** - Opposes the original bill. Other issue, emergency does not make much sense. Addressed Health Officer in 2021. We could be over looking some issues as shared in HHS letter. Many municipalities employ health officers who have public health training. The health officer is going to be looking at the health officer guide for general questions.

**\*Matt Cahillane, NH DHHS/DDHS** - Opposes the bill. Read letter from Patricia Tilley, Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John MacDonald  
Clerk



# House Remote Testify

## Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB1272 on 2022-01-20

Support: 4 Oppose: 21 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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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>
Plummer, Cassie	Nashua, NH casplummer9@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/14/2022 9:56 AM
Pimentel, Rod	Henniker, NH Rod.pimentel@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/15/2022 11:50 AM
Hamer, Heidi	Manchester, NH heidi.hamer@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/16/2022 8:47 AM
Manuse, Andrew	Derry, NH amanuse@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/16/2022 3:58 PM
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Pumilia, MaryAnn	Laconia, NH mpumilia@frontiernet.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/16/2022 4:37 PM
Fenner-Lukaitis, Elizabeth	Warner, NH glukaitis@mcttelecom.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/16/2022 4:42 PM
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Rousseau, Michael	North Hampton, NH Mike@mrhomeimprovements.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 10:48 AM
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## Heather Goley

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**From:** Taci Guven <taci.guven@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 8:15 AM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** Support HB 1272

Dear Committee Members,

I ask you to support HB 1272 limiting authority of town health officers.

Thank you  
Taci Guven  
Windham, NH

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Russell Payne <russandmamie@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 1:40 PM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** HB 1272

Dear Members of House Municipal and County Government,

I believe it is a absolute necessity for local health officers to be limited as HB 1272 requires. This bill would limit local health officials from making their own laws, initiating unconstitutional , unlawful orders. I urge OTP for LHB 1272.

Sincerely & Respectfully

Russ Payne                      Merrimack

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**From:** Carol Petruszewicz <clmcc2befree@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 8:54 AM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** HB 1272 Support

House Municipal County And Government Committee,

Please support HB 1272. I thank the sponsors of this bill for having the foresight to write this bill. We have come to a point in time where we need to spell out to our local officials that they can NOT abuse the NH Constitution in ANY way. In the past, this was common knowledge. Writing this law will remind elected officials to stay in their legislative lane.

Thank you for passing HB 1272, limiting the authority of local health officers in making bylaws or ordinances relating to public health matters.

Sincerely,

Carol Petruszewicz

arboviral issues of mosquito control. RSA 147:1, as presently constructed, provides the authority for local communities to make reasonable rules and regulations to address these and other issues.

NHHOA urges the member of this committee to vote to recommend HB 1272 (and HB 1268) as Inexpedient to Legislate.

We wish to thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed bill and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Wayne Whitford, President  
NH Health Officers Association





# New Hampshire Health Officers Association

January 14, 2022

Subject: - House Bill 1272

The General Court of New Hampshire  
Municipal and County Government Committee  
LOB Room 301  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Representative Dolan and Members of the Committee:

The New Hampshire Health Officers Association (NHHOA) is providing this testimony relative to HB 1272, a bill proposing to limit the authority of town health officers. NHHOA is a state-wide professional organization that provides training and assistance to local health officers at the town and city levels. We have over 200 members and offer training to health officers in every municipality. As Health Officers, we also strive to be recognized as, and regarded by, members and other organizations as an effective, professional group representing and advocating for local public and environmental health.

NHHOA has concerns with the proposed legislation regarding the authority of Health Officers. HB 1272 proposes three new criteria for how a health officer may make local health regulations under RSA 147:1.

The first item states that a local health ordinance can be passed "Provided, however, that no bylaw or ordinance made by a local health officer shall be repugnant to the constitution or laws of this state..." It's unclear what the term 'repugnant' means and our organization is concerned that it might add confusion to the job of the local health officer. Local health codes are typically reviewed by town attorneys, who are trained to determine if a code will be constitutional. If a citizen is concerned with the legality of a code, there is also an appeals process in place for most municipalities.

The second item states: "and such bylaws and ordinances shall take effect and be in force from the time adopted for not longer than 10 days, without the sanction or confirmation of any other authority." The current law states that local health regulations 'shall take effect when approved by the selectmen', so it's unclear what other authority would need to review and approve a local code.

The third item states: "Such ordinances may be adopted only for the purpose of addressing locations that present a clear and present danger." Under RSA 147:1, the health officer may make regulations to protect the 'health and safety of the people' and the sponsors don't provide a definition of 'clear and present danger'. This makes it confusing for health officers to understand how it differs from other criteria in the current law.

In closing, the proposed bill appears to add in more confusion than clarification for health officers. The main role of health officers is to ensure that communities are safe and sanitary by monitoring and maintaining health and safety standards. On a daily basis, Health Officers deal with a variety of issues involving food safety, safe housing, water quality, septic systems, odors, noise, rodent control, and

## **Heather Goley**

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**From:** Joseph Capriotti <jmc62190@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 4:36 PM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** OTP HB1272 - limiting authority of town health officers

Good Afternoon,

I am writing about bill HB1272. As my wife and I experienced living in Nashua, our board of Health yielded incredible power. While one of the members quoted a NY Times article about covid treatments, we quickly realized that the bias was evident. With hundreds of peer reviewed studies on covid, covid treatments, etc, are readily available, we were stunned to see the ignorance, which was leading to actual advice she had given to the aldermen. These health officials have extremely too much power. Please support this bill. Thank you.

Truly Yours,

Joe Capriotti

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**From:** lakeview clock repair <lakeviewclockrepair@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 12:27 PM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** OTP HB1272 - limiting authority of town health officers

Dear members of the Committee,

The pandemic was hard on everyone. In some cases this was impacted by the - often well-intentioned - attempt to control the effects improved by local health boards.

There is a need for local health boards to be involved with this work, but in some cases such groups overstepped their authority.

HB1272 will help alleviate this by setting in place additional requirements to setting long-term policies, including additional oversight from other regulatory bodies.

It is for this reason I request you send the bill forward with an OTP recommendation.

Thank you for all that you do for the people of New Hampshire,

J Grenier  
Nashua, NH

Sent from ProtonMail for iOS

## Heather Goley

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**From:** Michael Gendre <michael.gendre@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 9:21 AM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** SUPPORT of HB1272 - limiting authority of town health officers

Dear members of the House Municipal and County Government,

I'm emailing you my SUPPORT of  
HB1272 - limiting authority of town health officers

Thanks in advance.

Michael Gendre  
3 River Rd, North Hampton, NH 03862

## Heather Goley

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**From:** Anthony Ferrantello <ajfnino@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 7:58 AM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** OTP HB1272 - limiting authority of town health officers

Please support HB1272 as it would limit the authority of local/town health officials to make laws repugnant to the state constitution.

Thank You,  
Anthony Ferrantello  
Keene, NH

## Heather Goley

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**From:** Courtney Peacock <sixpeacocks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 6:55 AM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** OTP HB1272 - limiting authority of town health officers

I SUPPORT HB1272!!!

Thank you!!

Courtney Peacock  
Concord, NH

## Heather Goley

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**From:** Kate Demers <booblue39@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2022 11:46 PM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** OTP HB1272 - limiting authority of town health officers

HB1272

“ limiting the authority of town health officers.”

Yes - please limit their authority. I've been an RN for almost 15 years, just this January letting my license expire, and could not disagree more with how “officials” have dealt with this virus. Why should myself, a registered nurse, not be able to make my own choices and choices for my own family? Why do others get to force their will onto me? This has gone beyond acceptable. I'll never forget that in the fall of 2020, one of my city councilors wanted to fine anyone caught not wearing a mask. And to hear doctors and nurses verbalizing their desire to refuse treatment based on patient's choices? This has gone too far.

Sincerely,

Katherine Barth

## Heather Goley

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**From:** Anthony Amato <tunewriter44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2022 10:53 PM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** OTP HB1272 - limiting authority of town health officers

HB1272 needs to be voted OTP.

The power of bureaucrats has gotten completely out of control.



## Heather Goley

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**From:** Peter de Bruyn Kops <dbk@acugen.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:32 PM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** OTP HB1272

Please vote OTP HB1272

Thank you,  
Peter de Bruyn Kops  
Amherst  
603-673-3551

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**From:** Anthony Ferrantello <ajfnino@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 9:45 PM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Subject:** NH House Remote Testify: 11:30 am - HB1272 in House Municipal and County Government

HB1272 would limit local community health officials from imposing unconstitutional and/or unlawful orders. Thus, I urge you to support HB1272.

Thank You  
Anthony Ferrantello  
Keene, NH



January 20, 2022

Honorable Tom Dolan, Chair  
Municipal & County Government Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 301-303  
Concord, New Hampshire  
*Via Electronic Delivery Only*

*Re: HB 1272, limiting the authority of town health officers.*

Dear Representative Dolan:

The New Hampshire Municipal Association opposes HB 1272, limiting the authority of town health officers. The bill makes two major modifications to RSA 147:1, I. The first change limits health officer crafted regulation to “not longer than 10 days, without the sanction or confirmation of any other authority.” The bill never specifies who the “other authority” may be and given that the select board must already approve any health officer regulation prior to it going into effect, it appears that the “other authority” must be some authority outside of municipal government.

The second change the bill makes is that it limits the type of regulations that can be adopted “only for the purpose of addressing locations that present a clear and present danger.” This has two problems. First, the issue may not be a location specific issue. For example, there may be a local regulation pertaining to bed bugs, which would apply town-wide, and only apply to confirmed instances of bed bugs.

Second, and perhaps more seriously, “clear and present danger” is not defined. Although the U.S. Supreme Court has used that phrase in First Amendment cases relating to when a person’s speech may be restricted (such as shouting “fire” in a crowded theater), it is unclear how to apply this legal standard to a community health issue such as rats or other vermin, hoarding issues, and sewers. As there is no definition provided in the statute or elsewhere, local health officers will not know what standard to apply when trying to evaluate a complaint from a member of the public about a particular issue, and determine whether that will rise to the level of something that may be regulated under this new standard.

The significant problems caused by this bill will result in local health officers being unable to solve local health issues. As such, we ask the committee to vote HB 1272 Inexpedient to Legislate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Government Affairs Counsel

cc: Committee members

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Amendment to HB 1272

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

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3 1 Local Health Officers; Regulations on Public Health. Amend RSA 147:1, I to read as follows:

4 I.(a) The health officers of towns may make **emergency** regulations for the prevention and  
5 removal of nuisances[~~and such other regulations relating to the public health as in their judgment~~  
6 ~~the health and safety of the people require~~] **such as garbage, insects, unsanitary living**  
7 **conditions, rodents, and safe drinking water inspections**, which shall take effect when  
8 approved by the selectmen, recorded by the town clerk, and published in some newspaper printed in  
9 the town, or when copies thereof have been posted in 2 or more public places in the town. **Provided,**  
10 **however, that no bylaw or ordinance made by a local health officer shall be repugnant to**  
11 **the constitution or laws of this state, and such bylaws and ordinances shall take effect and**  
12 **be in force from the time adopted for not longer than 10 days, without the sanction or**  
13 **confirmation of any other authority. Such ordinances may be adopted only for the purpose**  
14 **of addressing locations that present a clear and present danger. An emergency health**  
15 **order shall be effective upon actual notice to the person against whom the order is**  
16 **directed.**

17 (b) *The health officer may issue an emergency health order only after*  
18 *preparation of a written statement of reasons stating the need for an emergency health*  
19 *order together with the supporting evidence and a statement of procedural rights available*  
20 *under this section. The order, together with the statement and the evidence, shall be made*  
21 *available as soon as possible to the person to whom the order is directed.*

22 (c) *A person to whom an emergency health order is directed shall be given the*  
23 *opportunity for a hearing within 5 business days of the issuance of such order. A person*  
24 *who is in full compliance with an emergency health order may request, and shall be*  
25 *granted, an extension of the hearing date. If the emergency order was issued by the*  
26 *commissioner of health and human services under RSA 147:2, such hearing shall be in*  
27 *front of the commissioner. If the emergency order was issued by a local health officer, such*  
28 *hearing shall be in front of the select board. At the hearing, the person to whom the order*  
29 *is directed shall be given the opportunity to rebut allegations upon which the emergency*  
30 *health order is based.*

**FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS (RSA 143):** Health Officers may respond to complaints and report cases of suspected or known violations of the Food Code to the DPHS Food Protection Section. In conjunction with the DPHS Food Protection Section, health officers may be asked to assist with a food-borne disease outbreak.

**PUBLIC BATHING FACILITIES (RSA 485-A):** Health Officers may inspect any public pool, spa, or swimming area to determine if it is safe and sanitary (within the limits of their training). They may also assess public bathing facilities per directives from the Department of Environmental Services.

**LEAD (RSA 13-A):** Health Officers may coordinate with a DPHS lead inspector upon request. The DPHS Health Homes Lead Poisoning Prevention Program may also request that a local health officer verify whether lead hazard reduction activities are taking place, or check to determine if a child under the age of 5 resides in a particular dwelling unit.

**DRINKING WATER (RSA 485):** Health Officers may test any public/private water supply suspected of being unsafe, per directives from the Department of Environmental Services.

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (RSA 141-C):** Health Officers may assist the DPHS, Bureau of Communicable Disease as requested during disease outbreaks, and disseminate educational materials throughout your city or town.

**MOSQUITO BORNE ILLESSES:** Health Officers may disseminate educational materials to the community regarding West Nile Virus, EEE or other threats.

Find detailed information in the Health Officers' Manual. <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/holu/manual.htm>

## **ENFORCEMENT**

Under RSA 128, Health Officers are required to enforce the public health laws and rules. RSA 147 outlines additional enforcement tools you may use to assist in enforcement proceedings:

- **Rulemaking: 147:1** “The health officers of towns may make regulations for the prevention and removal of nuisances, and such other regulations relating to the public health as in their judgment the health and safety of the people require...”
- **Removal Notices: 147:4** “The health officers may notify the owner or occupant of any building, vessel, premises, or property to remove or destroy any nuisance or other thing therein deemed by them, on examination, to be injurious to the public health, within a time limited; and in case the owner or occupant, after such notice in writing, given to the owner or occupant or left at the owner's or occupant's abode, shall neglect to comply with the order, the health officers may forcibly enter and cause the nuisance or other thing to be removed or destroyed.”
- **Administrative Warrant: 147:3** “...for the purpose of such investigations, or whenever they shall know or have cause to suspect that any nuisance or other thing injurious to the public health is in any building, vessel, or enclosure they may obtain an administrative inspection warrant under RSA 595-B, including authority to forcibly enter therein and make such search, pursuant to RSA 595-B:5.”

NH DHHS, Division of Public Health Services/ Bureau of Public Health Protection

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Email us at: [healthofficer@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:healthofficer@dhhs.nh.gov)

Find us on the web at: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/holu/>

**DUTIES AND COMPENSATION (RSA 128): The town health officer:**

- **Shall enforce** the public health laws and rules.
- **Shall make such sanitary investigations** as may be directed by the local board of health, or as may be required by the department of health and human services.
- **May**, upon reasonable information, personal knowledge or belief, **in order to safeguard public health** or to prevent pollution of any aquifer or body of water, **enter upon private property**, but not into any living quarters, to investigate and, if necessary, take appropriate action to prevent further pollution.
- **Shall receive for the health officer's services the compensation** fixed by the selectmen or the town, except as otherwise provided.
- **May**, if duly appointed to serve any New Hampshire town, **serve temporarily** at the request of the governing body of any other New Hampshire town and may perform any lawful duties within that other town. For those duties performed at the request of such town, all compensation, expenses and liability coverage shall be incumbent upon the requesting town. For the purposes of this paragraph, "temporarily" means 30 calendar days or fewer.

**RENTAL HOUSING (RSA 48A): 48-A:3 Provisions of Ordinances, Codes and Bylaws.** – (c) A minimum housing standards enforcement officer, under such title as the governing body shall prescribe, who shall be qualified by training or experience to interpret, administer, and enforce the provisions of such ordinance, code or bylaw, which shall be his or her principal duty and responsibility.

- **48-A:14 Minimum Standards Established.** – **No landlord... shall maintain those rented premises in a condition in which.. the premises are infested with insects and rodents, bed bugs, defective internal plumbing, faulty septic, exposed wires, roof or walls leak, plaster is falling, floors/walls/ceilings contain holes, porch/stairs not sound, garage or rubbish, inadequate water supply, leaks in gas line, not able to maintain temperature of 65 degrees...**

**PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES (RSA 147): 147:3 Investigations and Complaints.** – Health officers of towns, and each of them, **shall** inquire into all nuisances and other causes of danger to the public health, and for the purpose of such investigations, or whenever they shall know or have cause to suspect that any nuisance or other thing injurious to the public health... These may include garbage, insects, unsanitary living conditions, rodents, and safe drinking water inspections.

**SEPTIC SYSTEMS (RSA 147): 147:10 Nuisances; When; Regulations.** – No privy, toilet, sink, drain, cesspool, septic tank, or the discharges from such facilities... **shall** be erected or continued in such place or condition as, in the judgment of the health officers, to be a nuisance or injurious to the public health

**CHILDCARE/FOSTER HOMES INSPECTIONS (RSA 170):** Health Officers may inspect facilities used for childcare and the homes of people serving as foster/adoptive parents to assure they meet local health codes.

**SCHOOL HEALTH AND SANITATION INSPECTIONS (RSA 200):** Health Officers may inspect public and private school facilities (every 3-5 years) to certify that they meet a specific list of criteria provided by the NH Department of Education.

## **LAWS AND REGULATIONS:**

As a health officer, there are a number State laws that you need to know. They are called Revised Statutes Annotated, or RSAs. These laws specify your powers and duties, and provide guidance on how to do the job.

- RSA 128. Town Health Officers
- RSA 48-A Housing Standards
- RSA 147 Health Nuisances
- RSAs for Inspection of schools, daycare, and foster/adoptive home.
- Other State Laws: See the Health Officers Manual for a full list of related laws.
- A municipality may also choose to become a self-inspecting entity for issues such as food protection, public bathing/swimming pools, and/or septic system approvals.

## **HEALTH INSPECTIONS:**

**Inspection Form:** When you receive a report of a health problem, you will need to collect information before you decide to visit the site, inspect and gather evidence. A general inspection form is available in the Health Officer Manual. <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/holu/documents/hom-housingform.pdf>

**Inspection Tools:** In order to complete an inspection, it's helpful to have a few instruments.

- A printed copy of an inspection form and a pen/pencil.
- A strong flashlight to inspect in dark places.
- A camera or smartphone to record any conditions, certificates or licenses.
- A food-grade thermometer that can test hot water from 85 to 130 degrees.
- (optional) Request a copy of any pest management plan.
- (optional) Request a floorplan of the site or building, with current occupancy numbers.

**Record Keeping:** When serving as a health officer or deputy:

- Keep a phone and email log to document complaints and your response to them.
- If you expect the situation to lead to an enforcement action, keep a hard-copy on file.
- Gather evidence. Use a camera to take pictures if necessary when you are in the field.
- Use the buddy system. For additional support, take a second person with you. This could be your deputy health officer, a selectperson (who is a member of the local Board of Health), or another town official such as a building inspector. If you have safety concerns, ask for a police officer.
- When your term is completed, meet with the new health officer to pass on your training manual, case files, and brief the new health officer on any cases that are not resolved.

## **SPECIFIC DUTIES:**

Health Officers have a public health role that based is on an understanding of buildings, people, pests and sanitary conditions. The following section provides examples where the health officer has specific duties as defined by the terms 'shall' or 'may' in the authorizing legislation.

# ROLE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

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## THE PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE:

The role of the health officer is to ensure that sanitary conditions are present in rental homes, neighborhoods, schools and other public or private locations. If a facility isn't sanitary, then pests, pathogens, and related health problems can spread across the community. This document outlines your role, and the powers and duties that provide legal authority to keep the community clean and healthy. In addition to State laws, there may be municipal ordinances or codes that you're expected to know and enforce.

## ROLE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER:

- Investigate, enforce and resolve local public health issues.
- Know the relevant State laws on the duties and powers of the health officer.
- Educate the community on public health issues, within your training and ability.
- Pursue any training or qualifications required to meet the job needs.

## ROLE OF OTHERS:

- The town is responsible to support the health officer with compensation, and appropriate training for the duties assigned.
- The town is responsible to nominate a single person to be the health officer or deputy.
- The town is responsible to indemnify and protect town employees from personal financial loss and expense, including reasonable legal fees and costs.
- The State of New Hampshire is responsible to appoint municipal health officers.

## SUPPORT FOR THE HEALTH OFFICER:

- DHHS' Health Officer Liaison Unit provides help with nominating a candidate, technical consults, maintains a private ListServe, maintains a training manual, and supports training.
- The NH Health Officers Association may provide a full day training in the Fall and Spring. Towns are required to reimburse you for training expenses for these events. <https://www.nhhealthofficers.org/>
- A training and response manual is available to guide you on how to address specific topics and problems. <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/holu/manual.htm>
- A private ListServe is available that allows you to send messages to your peers in other towns via an email group. <http://maillist2.nh.gov/mailman/listinfo/nhlho>
- Your municipality should provide any appropriate training, assistance, and Personal Protective Equipment for you to perform your job, stay safe, and meet the requirements of State law.
- State agencies may be able to provide technical support, such as NH DES for septic issues.
- Larger cities may be able to provide technical support or advice for town health officers.
- The NH Institute for Local Public Health Practice provides training in environmental health topics. <https://www.manchesternh.gov/Departments/Health/Training>



ask the Health officer for assistance in helping the individual or group of individuals with compliance and helping them fulfill their everyday needs. In most instances people who are infected with a disease that requires isolation will remain isolated on a voluntary basis.

### **COMMUNICATION WITH PUBLIC HEALTH**

While the DPHS Infectious Disease Control Program makes every effort to keep the Health Officer informed when it comes to illness in their town, it is typically not necessary to inform a Health Officer regarding a single case of a communicable disease. Decisions about whether or not to inform the Health Officer about individual cases are made on a case-by-case basis. A Health Officer may be notified in situations that involve an outbreak or cluster of illness.

For more information:

Department of Health & Human Services  
Division of Public Health Services  
Communicable Disease Control Program  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

1-800-852-3345 ext. 4496 (NH only), or 603-271-4496

NH Public Health Laboratories  
1-800-852-3345 ext. 4496, or 271-4496

Disease Reports Emergency  
603-271-5300 (24 hours)

NH State Veterinarian  
603-271-2404

NH Fish and Game Department  
1-800-852-3411, or 271-3361 (nights/weekends)

New Hampshire. Examples of communicable diseases that you may be familiar with through the local media are Hepatitis, Salmonellosis, Influenza, West Nile Virus and Rabies.

### **REPORTING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

In New Hampshire, under RSA 141-C:1-8, any physician or other health care provider who assesses, diagnoses, or treats a person believed by him to be a case or suspect case of a reportable disease shall immediately report the same to the DPHS Communicable Disease Control Program by telephone, mail or electronic transmission on forms provided by the commissioner.

When no physician or other health care provider is in attendance, the person in charge, which could be a Health Officer, of any institution, public or non - public school, child care agency, hotel, restaurant, boarding house, labor camp or other camp, vessel, workplace, hospital, dispensary, pharmacy, or charitable, penal, or other institution or place of detention in which there is a case or suspect case of a reportable disease, shall report the same immediately to the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control.

Local Boards of Health shall report immediately to the DPHS Communicable Disease Control Program those cases or suspect cases of reportable diseases of which they have knowledge. Reports provided pursuant to (3) above shall include: The full name, age, sex, race, ethnicity, address, telephone number, occupation, and place of occupation of the patient; the name of the disease; the date of onset; and, the name of the person reporting.

### **ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE**

Under (RSA 141-C:2, XII), certain terms, such as isolation and quarantine are clearly defined.

#### **Isolation is defined as:**

“the separation, for the period of communicability, of infected persons from others in such places and under such conditions as to prevent or limit the direct or indirect transmission of the infectious agent from those infected to those who are susceptible or who may spread the agent to others.”

#### **Quarantine is defined in the law as:**

“the restriction of activities of well persons who have been exposed to a case of communicable disease, during its period of communicability, to prevent disease transmission during the incubation period if infection should occur.”

The DPHS Communicable Disease Control Program per order of the Commissioner of Health & Human Services or his agent is the only agency that can issue a legal order of isolation or quarantine. The DPHS may

# COMMUNICABLE OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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## PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

A communicable or infectious disease is one which is spread from one person to another or from an animal to a person. These diseases can be spread via the air, blood, intestinal tract, or by direct contact. The control and prevention of communicable diseases is a major focus of the Infectious Disease Control Program of the New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health Services (DPHS). Access to health care and education are two important issues in the control of communicable diseases. The local health officers support this vital public health role with the provision of current information about the occurrence, transmission, and prevention of communicable diseases in their towns.

## LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- **RSA 141-C:1-8, Communicable Disease** - <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/NHTOC/NHTOC-X-141-C.htm>

## ROLE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER:

- Under RSA 141-C:7, any Health Officer having under his observation a person afflicted with a communicable disease or who has reason to believe that a person was or might have been afflicted with a communicable disease (as listed in RSA 141-C:8) at the time of death, shall report to the commissioner the communicable disease.
- Under RSA 141-C:5, assist with the commissioner of DHHS, when requested to do so, in the establishment and enforcement of isolation and quarantine in their respective cities and towns.
- May assist the DPHS Infectious Disease Control Program with educational information for their community.
- May assist the DPHS Infectious Disease Control Program with the control of an identified illness in their community. (i.e. posting signs regarding swimming in a contaminated public beach.)

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Communicable or infectious diseases spread from one person to another or from an animal to a person. The spread often happens via airborne viruses or bacteria, but also through blood or other bodily fluid. Because communicable diseases can have so much impact on the population, the surveillance and control of such diseases is an important part of protecting the public's health here in

147. The Department currently provides training to teach health officers about the state laws that provide authority to assess nuisances, housing standards, and sanitary conditions. In order to implement this bill at the local level, municipalities would need to determine how it affects their investigation and compliance process. Most health officers pursue an informal strategy where they inspect, educate and provide guidance to residents on how to resolve health nuisances. Many problems are resolved with a visit and a hand-shake agreement on how to improve sanitary conditions. In more rare cases, health officers may need to pursue a more formal enforcement approach that could include steps to create a local health code, write a warning notice, or send an official enforcement letter to abate the nuisance.

I would like to remind the Committee that last session HB 79 passed out of the Municipal and County Government Committee 17-1 and was signed into law in June 2021. This bill made the changes that provided greater flexibility for local government to nominate health officers, and improve the ability of health officers to fulfill their duties under specific state laws. The Department is not completely sure of the intent of HB 1272 and certainly does not want to see any rollback of statutory authority currently given to local health officers to carry out their duties and protect public health.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Tilley". The signature is stylized with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Patricia Tilley, MS Ed  
Director  
Division of Public Health Services  
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services



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**Testimony for HB 1272, An ACT limiting the authority of health officers  
Municipal and County Government  
Legislative Office Building Room 310  
Thursday, January 20, 2022**

Dear Representative Dolan and Members of the Committee,

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services ("The Department"), through this testimony, is providing information relative to HB 1272, *An ACT limiting the authority of town health officers*. The Department appreciates the opportunity to discuss the role of local health officers. As written, the Department does have several concerns with the proposed legislation as outlined below.

As introduced, HB 1272 proposes to add language to RSA 147:1 in order to expand the criteria for how a health officer may make local health regulations. Currently, local health officers are provided authority under RSA 147:1, "*to make regulations for the prevention and removal of health or environmental nuisances.*" Examples of common nuisances include: household rubbish, biological waste from people, pets, livestock, wild animals, dead animals, pest infestations, and less noxious nuisances such as noise or light pollution. Failure of septic systems is another common nuisance that may spread from one property to another creating a health hazard that can effect water and air quality.

In addition, RSA 147:1-I, allows for local health officers to, "*make other regulations relating to the public health as in their judgement the health and safety of the people require,*" and under this law, there is an existing process to ensure that local health codes are appropriate to address the local public health concern. The law states that, "*local health regulations shall take effect when approved by the selectmen,*" and then are to be recorded and announced via public notices. Municipalities also have an appeal process for citizens to request a variance from the requirements or changes to the town codes.

The proposed changes under HB 1272 would introduce new language that is not yet clearly defined and could introduce confusion among health officers and municipalities trying to implement it. The Department believes that local ordinances are already reviewed by municipal attorneys who have the best qualifications to determine constitutionality. The current bill language proposes that local ordinances be limited to 10 days unless there is, "confirmation of any other authority." The current state law already provides for approval by the selectmen and the language in the proposed legislation is vague and does not identify who would be the additional authorities.

The current state law states that health officers may make regulations to protect public health and safety. The proposed language is not clear how a dangerous situation is different from an injurious situation, as per RSA 147:3, and additional criteria could make it harder for local health officers to assess and control nuisances.

In order to implement this bill, the Department would need to collaborate with the state health officer association and the municipal association to understand how the changes may limit their current authority. The Department would also need to change our training curriculum to interpret how these changes affect implementation of RSA

HB 1272 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **1272**

AN ACT                limiting the authority of town health officers.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 4; Rep. Blasek, Hills. 21; Rep. Berezhny, Graf. 9; Rep. Post, Hills. 4; Rep. Renzullo, Hills. 37; Rep. Binford, Graf. 15; Rep. Littlefield, Belk. 3; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 26

COMMITTEE:          Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill limits the authority of local health officers in making bylaws or ordinances relating to public health matters.

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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 Two*

AN ACT limiting the authority of town health officers.

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

1 1 Local Health Officers; Regulations on Public Health. Amend RSA 147:1, I to read as follows:

2 I. The health officers of towns may make regulations for the prevention and removal of  
3 nuisances, and such other regulations relating to the public health as in their judgment the health  
4 and safety of the people require, which shall take effect when approved by the selectmen, recorded  
5 by the town clerk, and published in some newspaper printed in the town, or when copies thereof  
6 have been posted in 2 or more public places in the town. *Provided, however, that no bylaw or*  
7 *ordinance made by a local health officer shall be repugnant to the constitution or laws of*  
8 *this state, and such bylaws and ordinances shall take effect and be in force from the time*  
9 *adopted for not longer than 10 days, without the sanction or confirmation of any other*  
10 *authority. Such ordinances may be adopted only for the purpose of addressing locations*  
11 *that present a clear and present danger.*

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.