LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB1230

Bill as Introduced

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HB 1230-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL	1230-FN
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AN ACT permitting online presentation of deer for registration.

SPONSORS: Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Cambrils, Merr. 9

COMMITTEE: Fish and Game and Marine Resources

ANALYSIS

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21 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 1230-FN- FISCAL NOTE AS INTRODUCED

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AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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Approved: June 07, 2022 Effective Date: August 06, 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 16, 2022

HEARINGS

Tuesday		03/22/20	22	
	(Day)	(Date)		
Energy ar	nd Natural Resources	State House 103	9:00 a.m.	
(Name of Committee)		(Place)	(Time)	
9:00 a.m.	HB 614-FN	exempting the state and political subdivisions from payme costs of compliance with the renewable portfolio standard.		
9:15 a.m.	HB 624-FN	relative to site evaluation committee monitoring and enfore responsibilities.		
9:30 a.m.	HB 1230-FN	permitting online presentation of deer for registration.		
9:45 a.m. HB 1420-FN		prohibiting the issuance of new landfill permits until the state's so waste plan is updated.		

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:			
HB 614-FN			
Rep. Vose	Rep. Pearl	Rep. Lang	Rep. Cordelli
Rep. Harvey-Bolia	Rep. Edwards	Rep. Binford	
HB 624-FN			
Rep. Vose	Rep. Thomas	Sen. Ward	Sen. Giuda
HB 1230-FN			
Rep. Pearl	Rep. Cambrils		
HB 1420-FN			
Rep. Massimilla	Rep. Thompson	Rep. Burroughs	Rep. Theberge
Sen. Hennessey	·		

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<u>Kevin A. Avard</u> Chairman

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Daley Frenette 271-3042

HB 1230-FN, permitting online presentation of deer for registration.

Hearing Date: March 22, 2022

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

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Giuda

Bill Analysis: This bill requires the executive director of fish and game to establish an online registration system to register deer killed in this state.

Sponsors: Rep. Pearl

Rep. Cambrils

Who supports the bill: Dan Bergeron, Department of Fish and Game, Marty Mobley, Kyle Baker, NH Wildlife Federation.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: Representative Lang, Belknap-District 4.

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Watters, Senate District 4

• SB 1230-FN aims to change the procedures for registering deer. In addition to deer being taken to a registration station, it adds the option of an online process established by the executive director of Fish and Game. Lines 10-16 of the bill describe the online registration process. The last section beginning on line 17 gives the executive director the power through administrative rule to suspend or limit online registration in the event of a wildlife or public health emergency or for days designated for biological sample collection.

Representative Lang, Belknap-District 4.

- Representative Lang is the Chairman of the House Fish and Game Committee. He stated that the bill was voted unanimously out of committee and was passed on the consent calendar.
- The amendment for the bill did two things, Firstly, it extended the date in order to give Fish and Game enough time to implement the bill. Secondly, the amendment gave some exemptions for Fish and Game to suspend the online registration process in situations where public or wildlife health is at risk or when biological sampling is required.
- Senator Watters asked what the cost to the department will be. Representative Lang stated that there has been talk about the costs for the department. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the department implemented online registration for turkey which was successful. They do not have an exact figure for the costs.
- Senator Watters asked if there has been any concern that folks may present a deer online that they did not kill. Representative Lang stated that they heard no concern on that matter from the public or the department.

Dan Bergeron, Department of Fish and Game

- Current RSA's do not allow for online deer registration. All registrations for deer must be done in person. They have been heading in the direction for online registrations. They first implemented online registration for turkey partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was possible because of the wording of the RSA's concerning turkey.
- Typically, people go to businesses like sporting goods stores or convenient stores in order to register their deer. Lately, they have been having trouble finding more places to register deer. There is currently a 2 dollar fee for registration and some of these businesses believe it is not worth their time. Overall, this has made it difficult for hunters to find registration stations in time. SB 1230-FN will give the hunters another option.
- The department is satisfied with the amendment to the bill. It is very important for the department to be able to collect biological information. They staff 18 biologists at higher traffic registration stations throughout the hunting season. They collect antler measurements, body weights, as well as information on female deer so that they may track and manage the health of the herd. They will take other biological information such as blood samples to investigate mosquitoborne illnesses and SARS COVID-2 in deer.
- Senator Watters asked if the department believes they will be able to let people know quickly about health risks, especially the possibility of a new COVID variant in the animal population. Mr. Bergeron stated that they have been able to contact hunters directly in the past through social media, press releases, and by email. As the online systems come into use, they will have better
 - communication methods. The bill is a step in the right direction.

• Senator Gray asked if there are any other animals that should be allowed to be registered online besides deer. Mr. Bergeron stated that at the moment, deer and turkey is sufficient since they are the most popular.

DF Date Hearing Report completed: March 28, 2022 Speakers

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: 3/22/2022 **Time:** 9:30 a.m.

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Dan Bergeron	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes 9	N₀ 	
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Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: 3/22/2022 **Time:** 9:30 a.m.

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Testimony



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New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Testimony in support of HB 1230-FN, an act permitting online presentation of deer for registration.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee March 22, 2022

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. My name is Dan Bergeron. I am the Chief of the Wildlife Division for the Fish and Game Department. I'm here today representing the Department and the Fish and Game Commission in <u>Support of HB 1230-FN</u>, an act permitting online presentation of deer for registration.

The Department relies on data collected through mandatory registration of harvested deer to effectively manage the state's deer herd. Historically this data has been collected at physical deer registration stations. These stations are typically operated out of local businesses such as sporting goods shops, convenience stores, and hardware stores. In the past few years however, it has become more difficult for the Department to find businesses who are interested in registering deer and the number of stations across the state has declined. As a result it has become more difficult for hunters to find a convenient, open station to register their deer in a timely manner.

Moving forward, the Department would like the ability to allow hunters to register their deer themselves online to provide a more convenient option. Current language in RSA 208:15 does not allow the Department to institute an online deer registration system. Therefore we are supportive of this bill as it would provide that authority. The Department also needs the flexibility to require hunters to register deer in person at a physical registration station at certain times throughout the season. Mandatory in-person registration allows the Department to collect necessary, detailed biological information to help track the health of the state's deer population. Currently, Biologists are staffed at our highest volume stations, during the busiest days of the season and collect information on ages, weights, antler measurements, productivity measurements, and various other biological samples. This past year for example the Department partnered with NH Health and Human Services and USDA APHIS to collect blood samples from deer to screen for various mosquito borne diseases and SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in deer. The ability to require hunters to register deer in person allows us to obtain an adequate and unbiased sample of harvested animals. This bill as written would provide the Department that ability.

I would like to thank the Committee for allowing me to testify before you today and respectfully request the Committee members vote **in Support of HB 1230-FN**.

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Dan Bergeron Wildlife Division Chief

Voting Sheets

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred HB 1230-FN

AN ACT

permitting online presentation of deer for registration.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka For the Committee

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FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB1230

Docket Abbreviations

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Bill Title: permitting online presentation of deer for registration.

Official Docket of HB1230.:

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1/14/2022	Н	Public Hearing: 01/14/2022 9:15 a.m. LOB305-307
1/31/2022	н	Executive Session: 01/25/2022 10:00 am LOB 305307
2/1/2022	. Н	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2022-021h (Vote 20-0; CC)
2/16/2022	Н	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2022-021h: MA VV 02/16/2022 HJ 3
2/23/2022	н	Amendment #2022-0021h: AA VV 02/16/2022 HJ 3
3/1/2022	S	Introduced 02/24/2022 and Referred to Energy and Natural Resources; SJ 5
3/16/2022	S	Hearing: 03/22/2022, Room 103, SH, 09:30 am; SC 12
4/13/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 04/21/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 16
4/21/2022	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 04/21/2022; SJ 9
5/16/2022	S	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2022-1985e Adopted, VV, (In recess of 05/12/2022); SJ 13
5/17/2022	Н	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2022-1985E BA: AA VV (in recess of) 05/12/2022 HJ 13
5/27/2022	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 05/26/2022); SJ 13
5/27/2022	н	Enrolled (in recess of) 05/26/2022 HJ 14
6/8/2022	н	Signed by Governor Sununu 06/07/2022; Chapter 135; 08/06/2022

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

May 10, 2022 2022-1985-EBA 05/10

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1230-FN

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred HB 1230-FN

AN ACT permitting online presentation of deer for registration.

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 HB 1230-FN

This enrolled bill amendment makes a technical correction.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1230-FN

Amend section 3 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

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