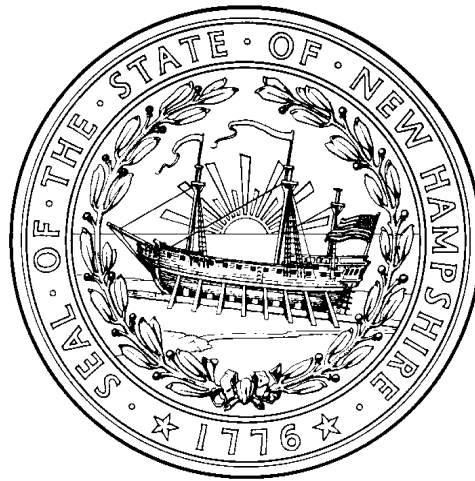


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SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016 AT 10:30 A.M.**

VETO MESSAGES

June 6, 2016

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 381

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 6, 2016, I have vetoed Senate Bill 381, relative to the combustion of the wood component of construction and demolition debris.

Ensuring that all of our residents and visitors have access to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment is critical to public health and a strong economy, and we must continue to work to protect our air, our water and our environment from harmful pollution. By removing the existing ban on the combustion of the wood component of construction and demolition debris at regulated facilities without stringent protections, this bill raises a number of serious environmental concerns that are not adequately addressed in the bill as written.

While the bill places some limitations on the combustion of the wood component of construction and demolition debris, it does not set or outline a procedure to set fuel standards for this material or for testing requirements. Without standards and testing requirements, it will be difficult to ensure that construction and demolition wood used for combustion does not include contaminants that could be harmful if emitted.

Moms Clean Air Force, New Hampshire Sierra Club, New Hampshire Citizen Alliance, Working on Waste, ACTS Now, REACH, and many other advocacy groups and citizen advocates have expressed concerns with the combustion of construction and demolition debris and opposition to the bill, and I share many of their concerns.

At a time when we are experiencing a number of serious environmental contamination issues across the state, I have grave concerns about reopening the existing ban on the combustion of construction and demolition debris without strong regulatory controls in place. Because of these concerns, I have vetoed Senate Bill 381 and worked to develop appropriate language in House Bill 1428, including stronger controls, which will soon be at my desk for signature.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

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June 7, 2016

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 403

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 7, 2016, I have vetoed Senate Bill 403, relative to the sale of gift certificates with expiration dates.

Senate Bill 403 is a technically flawed bill with inconsistencies that will confuse both consumers and businesses alike. Originally a request of the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association, this bill's original intent was to raise the threshold for expiration dates and abandoned property laws relative to gift cards.

The final version of the bill only raised the threshold for expiration dates, an inconsistency that may create difficulties for both consumers and merchants, and as a result, the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association has requested a veto and for the next legislature to pass the original legislation.

This bill seeks to increase the threshold above which merchants can sell gift cards with expiration dates from \$100 to \$250. While well-intentioned, this bill does not fully improve convenience for the consumer as it failed to consider the necessary counterpart change to the State's abandoned property laws. This issue was noted late in the legislative process, but ultimately not fixed.

Increasing the threshold at which a gift certificate is allowed to expire is a change that is beneficial to consumers, but because of a technical flaw in the bill, consumers will not always be able to redeem gift cards with the merchant. Without the accompanying increase to the threshold at which merchants are required to report a gift card as abandoned property from \$100 to \$250, a consumer would have to redeem the card with the State Treasurer because after five years of non-use, any card sold with a value of more than \$100 will be reported as abandoned property.

The change to the abandoned property threshold would have allowed consumers to redeem the cards at the merchant in perpetuity, whereas the inconsistency created by only increasing the threshold for the expiration date places an unintended burden on both consumers and businesses for gift cards ranging from \$100 to \$250. The House considered an amendment that would have made the bill beneficial to both consumers and merchants, however, that amendment failed because it did not include an important provision for telecommunications cards.

The Legislature should reconsider this legislation next year in order to maximize the benefit to both consumers and merchants by that ensuring all sections of law are in sync. Because this bill only affects one section of the law, without accomplishing the stated intent, I am vetoing Senate Bill 403, relative to the sale of gift certificates with expiration dates.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

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May 3, 2016

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 446

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on May 3, 2016, I have vetoed Senate Bill 446, relative to requirements of the state building code.

Ensuring that buildings are safe is critical to public safety and our economy, and we must always work to ensure that our families and businesses have the safe environment necessary for them to grow and thrive. By placing an arbitrary restriction on the rules that can be adopted by the State Building Code Review Board and limiting the ability of building inspectors to request relevant information prior to issuing permits, this bill could lead to less safe buildings and is a potential threat to public safety.

Senate Bill 446 unnecessarily ties the hands of local officials, limiting their ability to gather the information necessary to determine the scope of work, what code needs to be applied and the cost of the permit. As a result, it will be more difficult for building inspectors to properly vet projects and ensure that applicants meet the necessary requirements to keep the public safe. Furthermore, the proposed legislation would have set a vague and ambiguous standard, which could lead to an increase in litigation.

The New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs and the New Hampshire Planners Association oppose Senate Bill 446, and these changes were not recommended by the State Building Code Review Board, which is composed of a broad cross-section of people involved in planning and development, including home builders, engineers, electricians, plumbers, fire chiefs and municipal officials. No evidence was presented during hearings on this legislation that suggest there is currently an unnecessary burden on applicants, or that this bill would represent a solution as opposed to creating new problems.

This bill makes it more difficult for local officials to effectively do their jobs and ensure that buildings meet the uniform standard necessary to ensure public safety, and it is opposed by many of New Hampshire's foremost experts on building safety. Therefore, I have vetoed Senate Bill 446.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)

9:00 a.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I)

9:30 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1)

10:00 a.m. Room 308, LOB Regular Meeting

TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 12-A:46)

10:00 a.m. NH Department of Resources & Economic Development
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH Quarterly Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)

10:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1)

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 19-A:14)

2:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)

10:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Business

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON MEDICAL COST TRANSPARENCY (RSA 400-A:67)

10:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

10:30 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Business

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D)

2:30 p.m. Walker Building, Room 100
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

11:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m.	NH Veterans Home Tarr South Conference Room 139 Winter Street Tilton, NH	Regular Meeting
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JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1)

10:00 a.m.	Room 212, LOB	Regular Business Meeting
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CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM COMMISSION (RSA 195-J:1)

1:15 p.m.	Room 207, LOB	Regular Meeting
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INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2)

1:30 p.m.	Room 204, LOB	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016

COUNCIL FOR YOUTHS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS (RSA 126-J:1)

6:00 p.m.	Upham-Walker House 18 Park Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016

GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BUDGET HEARINGS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018-2019

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Governor Hassan Opening Remarks
10:20 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	University Systems of NH
10:45 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Office of Energy & Planning
11:00 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept. of Information Technology
11:15 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept. of Administrative Services
		- General Services
		- Courts
		- Bureau of Facilities & Asset Management
		- DAS Statewide
		- DAS Financial Data Management
1:00 p.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Community College System of NH
1:15 p.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Cultural Resources
1:30 p.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept. of Resources & Economic Development
2:00 p.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	NH Liquor Commission
2:15 p.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept. of Safety
2:30 p.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept. of Corrections
3:00 p.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept. of Health & Human Services

COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T)

2:30 p.m.	NH Medical Society 7 North State Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 306-308, LOB	Continued Meeting
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GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BUDGET HEARINGS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018-2019

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept of Environmental Services
9:30 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Fish & Game
9:45 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	NH Veterans Home
10:00 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept. of Education
10:15 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Secretary of State
10:30 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Adjutant General -Veteran's Cemetery
10:45 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept. of Transportation - Air & Rail
11:15 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Judicial Branch
11:30 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Dept. of Revenue Administration

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m.	Rooms 301-303, LOB	Regular Meeting
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FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 210-211, LOB	Regular Business
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THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-X:9)

1:00 p.m.	Rooms 205-207, LOB	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016**OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)**

9:00 a.m.	Room 305, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q)

1:30 p.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016**STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I)**

9:30 a.m.	Room 101, LOB	Regular Meeting
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THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 306-308, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D)

2:30 p.m.	Walker Building, Room 100 21 South Fruit Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016**COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T)**

2:30 p.m.	NH Medical Society 7 North State Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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2016 BILLS REMAINING ON THE TABLE:

SENATE BILLS: 27, 131, 304, 338, 346, 351, 365, 382, 408, 413, 445, 455, 463, 470, 473, 476, 504, 520, 531, 542, 551

HOUSE BILLS: 629, 1153, 1156, 1231, 1247, 1252, 1356, 1570

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2016 BILLS:

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SENATE CALENDAR SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Senate Calendar will begin its summer schedule, of being published every two weeks.

The schedule for the Senate Calendar is as follows:

Thursday, June 23, 2016

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Thursday, August 4, 2016

Thursday, August 18, 2016

Thursday, September 1, 2016

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, July 04, 2016

Monday, September 05, 2016

Friday, November 11, 2016

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Friday, November 25, 2016

Monday, December 26, 2016

Independence Day (State Holiday)

Labor Day (State Holiday)

Veterans' Day (State Holiday)

Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)

Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)

Christmas Day (State Holiday)