

Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee

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SB 201-FN, relative to providing pamphlets containing the asbestos regulations to persons engaging in renovation or demolition of structures.

Hearing Date: February 8, 2017

Time Opened: 10:38 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:44 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Birdsell, Ward and Gray

Members of the Committee Absent: Senators Kahn and McGilvray

Bill Analysis: This bill provides that, prior to issuance of a building permit for the demolition or renovation of a building, the municipal building official shall provide the applicant with a pamphlet, developed by the department of environmental services, containing applicable asbestos regulations.

Sponsors:

Sen. Fuller Clark

Sen. Gannon

Sen. Hennessey

Sen. Kahn

Sen. Lasky

Sen. McGilvray

Sen. Watters

Rep. Lovejoy

Rep. Gourgue

Who supports the bill: Sen. Fuller Clark - District 21; Sen. Bette Lasky - District 13; Sen. Bill Gannon - District 23; Mark Ledgard - NH DES

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Martha Fuller Clark – District 21

- This bill provides some protection for homeowners who may not realize that they need to address asbestos.
- A constituent in my district had a very unfortunate outcome with an asbestos removal company. They didn't fully understand what needed to be done to meet the asbestos regulations and remove it without contaminating the whole building.
- This is the DES recommendation of how we can do a better job to make sure these regulations are met.

Senator Gray

- (Q) Instead of a pamphlet, could we use a fact sheet to cut costs?
 - (A) **Sen. Fuller Clark:** Absolutely. They may have chosen pamphlet because of the amount of information that needs to be covered.

Mark Ledgard – NH DES

- I am speaking in support of this bill.
- This is another level of protection we can provide to homeowners and contractors. Many people are unaware of the requirements. Partnering with municipalities is another way we can get information out.
- This is factored into our budget. We would provide this brochure at no cost to municipalities so that when a homeowner or contractor comes in to get a construction permit, they would be made aware of what they need to do.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

Future Action: Ought to Pass

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