

HB 433 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL           **433**

AN ACT               limiting renewal of states of emergency.

SPONSORS:       Rep. Prout, Hills. 37; Rep. L. Ober, Hills. 37

COMMITTEE:   Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill permits the governor to renew a state of emergency only once, after which time, with limited exception, it must be renewed by a concurrent resolution passed by the legislature.

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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                  Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 One*

AN ACT                    limiting renewal of states of emergency.

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

1            1 State of Emergency Declaration. Amend RSA 4:45, II(a) to read as follows:

2                    (a) A state of emergency shall terminate automatically 21 days after its declaration  
3 unless it is renewed under the same procedures set forth in paragraph I of this section. The  
4 governor may, by executive order, renew a declaration of a state of emergency ***only once, unless the***  
5 ***clerk of either chamber of the legislature, or the assistant clerk pursuant to RSA 14:4, has***  
6 ***certified within the past 7 days that to the best of their knowledge half of the membership***  
7 ***of the chamber is incapacitated or missing in which case the governor may renew a***  
8 ***declaration of a state of emergency*** as many times as the governor finds is necessary to protect  
9 the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state. ***The general court may, by concurrent***  
10 ***resolution, renew a declaration of a state of emergency as many times as it finds is***  
11 ***necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state.***

12            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.