HOUSE BILL 1351

AN ACT prohibiting the sale and use of adhesive-based rodent traps.


COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the sale and use of adhesive-based rodent traps.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 New Section; Adhesive-Based Rodent Traps. Amend RSA 430 by inserting after section 41 the following new section:

430:41-a Adhesive-Based Rodent Traps.

I. In this section:

(a) "Adhesive-based trap" means any device that is designed or is capable of being used to capture a rodent by means of an adhesive substance, including devices commonly known as glue traps, glue boards and any similar rodent trap.

(b) "Distributor" means any person who delivers to a person other than a purchaser, for the purpose of retail sale.

(c) "Exterminator" means a person or entity that is licensed, certified, permitted or otherwise authorized under the laws of this state to provide rodent and pest control services and any employee or agent thereof engaging in the provision of such services.

(d) "Manufacturer" means any person, firm, association, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation that produces, prepares, formulates, or compounds an adhesive-based trap as defined in this section. In the case of an adhesive-based trap imported into the United States, "manufacturer" means the importer or first domestic distributor of such product if the entity that manufactures the product or whose brand name is affixed to the product does not have a presence in the United States.

(e) "Retailer" means any person or entity who offers adhesive-based traps for sale for use or consumption by persons in this state.

II. (a) Adhesive-based traps shall not be shipped into this state. Such prohibition shall apply to all shipments of adhesive-based traps into New Hampshire and includes importation or distribution for commercial purposes or personal use.

(b) No manufacturer, distributor, retailer, common carrier, or other person shall bring or carry into the state any adhesive-based trap, nor shall any manufacturer, distributor, retailer, common carrier, or any other person accept for delivery, deliver or transport any adhesive-based trap to any distributor, retailer, or any other person.

(c) No manufacturer or distributor shall sell, offer for sale, or deliver to a retailer for subsequent sale an adhesive-based trap, nor shall any retailer or exterminator purchase, accept, obtain or otherwise acquire any such adhesive-based trap.
III. (a) No person, or any agent or employee thereof, shall sell or offer for sale, hold for sale or distribute to another person any adhesive-based trap as defined in this section, nor shall any person or any agent or employee thereof purchase, acquire, or possess any such adhesive-based trap for commercial or personal use.

(b) No person or any agent or employee thereof shall set, place, or otherwise use any such adhesive-based trap or permit another person to set, place or use any such adhesive-based trap to capture or destroy a rat, mouse or other rodent.

(c) (1) A retailer having in its possession any adhesive-based traps purchased or acquired by such retailer prior to the effective date of this section shall be authorized to sell such adhesive-based traps for one year after the effective date of this section; and

(2) An exterminator having in its possession any adhesive-based traps purchased or acquired by such exterminator prior to the effective date of this section shall be authorized to set or place such adhesive-based traps while providing rodent control services for one year after the effective date of this section.

2 Effective Date.

I. RSA 430:41-a, III, as inserted by section 1 of this act, shall take effect January 1, 2026.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2025.