

HB 1272 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1272**

AN ACT limiting the authority of town health officers.

SPONSORS: Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 4; Rep. Blasek, Hills. 21; Rep. Berezhny, Graf. 9; Rep. Post, Hills. 4; Rep. Renzullo, Hills. 37; Rep. Binford, Graf. 15; Rep. Littlefield, Belk. 3; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 26

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill limits the authority of local health officers in making bylaws or ordinances relating to public health matters.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT limiting the authority of town health officers.

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

1 1 Local Health Officers; Regulations on Public Health. Amend RSA 147:1, I to read as follows:

2 I. The health officers of towns may make regulations for the prevention and removal of
3 nuisances, and such other regulations relating to the public health as in their judgment the health
4 and safety of the people require, which shall take effect when approved by the selectmen, recorded
5 by the town clerk, and published in some newspaper printed in the town, or when copies thereof
6 have been posted in 2 or more public places in the town. ***Provided, however, that no bylaw or***
7 ***ordinance made by a local health officer shall be repugnant to the constitution or laws of***
8 ***this state, and such bylaws and ordinances shall take effect and be in force from the time***
9 ***adopted for not longer than 10 days, without the sanction or confirmation of any other***
10 ***authority. Such ordinances may be adopted only for the purpose of addressing locations***
11 ***that present a clear and present danger.***

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.