2022 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL        *1620*

AN ACT        identifying part of the Merrimack River as a protected river.

SPONSORS:        Rep. Berry, Hills. 44

COMMITTEE:        Resources, Recreation and Development

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ANALYSIS

This bill identifies the part of the Merrimack River from the Manchester-Hooksett town line to the New Hampshire-Massachusetts state line as a community river.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT   identifying part of the Merrimack River as a protected river.

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

1  1 Rivers Designated for Protection; Merrimack River. Amend RSA 483:15, II to read as follows:

2   II. Merrimack River-main stem from the [~~Bedford-Merrimack~~] ***Manchester-Hooksett*** town

3 line to the New Hampshire-Massachusetts state line as a "community river." Nothing in this chapter

4 shall be construed to limit complete capacity utilization, not to exceed 30 million gallons per day, or

5 any construction or repairs required to achieve such utilization of the existing intake facilities of

6 Pennichuck Water Works situated on the western bank of the Merrimack River in the vicinity of

7 Chase Brook, so-called. This paragraph shall not affect any private right in the Merrimack River

8 and shall not relieve Pennichuck Water Works, or its successors and assigns, from compliance with

9 other laws or rules under the state's police power. ***Nothing in this paragraph shall be***

10 ***construed to override or alter the consent decree entered into with the Environmental***

11 ***Protection Agency in the matter of United States of America and state of New Hampshire v.***

12 ***City of Manchester, New Hampshire signed in June 2020.***

13  2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect June 15, 2022.