

SB 224 – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **224**

AN ACT relative to lead fishing sinkers and jigs.

SPONSORS: Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Sen. Lambert, Dist 13; Sen. Forrester, Dist 2; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Newton, Straf 1; Rep. Russell, Belk 6

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends the definitions of “lead sinker” and “lead jig” for the purpose of the sale or use of lead sinkers and lead jigs.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

AN ACT relative to lead fishing sinkers and jigs.

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

1 1 Lead Fishing Sinkers and Jigs. RSA 211:13-b, IV is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

2 IV. For purposes of this section, “lead sinker” is defined as any sinker made from lead that
3 weighs one ounce or less. A “lead jig” is defined as a lead weighted hook that measures less than 2
4 and 1/2 inches along its longest axis. Prohibited tackle includes lead sinkers weighing one ounce or
5 less and lead jigs that measure less than 2 and 1/2 inches along the longest axis, including those
6 painted or coated with another substance, or those with attached skirts. Lead sinkers and lead jigs
7 shall not include lead fishing-related items including, but not limited to, lead core line, spinnerbaits,
8 buzzbaits, spoons, poppers, plugs, or flies.

9 2 Lead Fishing Sinkers and Jigs; Sale Prohibited. Amend RSA 339:77 to read as follows:

10 339:77 Lead Fishing Sinkers and Jigs; Sale Prohibited. No person shall sell or offer for sale
11 within the state of New Hampshire a lead sinker or lead jig. ~~[The definition of lead sinker and lead~~
12 ~~jig in RSA 211:13 b, IV shall apply to this section.]~~ ***For purposes of this section, “lead sinker”***
13 ***means any sinker made from lead, the lead portion of which has a mass of one ounce or***
14 ***less, and “lead jig” means a lead weighted hook that measures less than one inch along its***
15 ***longest axis. Lead sinkers and lead jigs shall not include lead fishing related items***
16 ***including but not limited to fishing line, flies, lures, or spoons.*** Any person who violates this
17 section shall be guilty of a violation.

18 3 Lead Fishing Sinkers and Jigs; Sale Prohibited. RSA 339:77 is repealed and reenacted to read
19 as follows:

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26 with attached skirts. Lead sinkers and lead jigs shall not include lead fishing-related items
27 including, but not limited to, lead core line, spinnerbaits, buzzbaits, spoons, poppers, plugs, or flies.
28 Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a violation.

29 4 Effective Date.

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- 1 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2015.
- 2 II. Section 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2018.
- 3 III. The remainder of the act shall take effect upon its passage.