

SB 396 – AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL        **396**

AN ACT            declaring the Temple Mountain ski area a historic site.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Lambert, Dist 13; Sen. Luther, Dist 12

COMMITTEE:      Energy and Natural Resources

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ANALYSIS

This bill declares the Temple Mountain ski area a historic site.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve*

AN ACT declaring the Temple Mountain ski area a historic site.

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

1 1 Statement of Findings and Intent.

2 I. The general court finds that Temple Mountain is the site of one of the first ski areas in  
3 North America. Bill Glazer created the Temple Mountain Ski Forest in 1935 with a series of touring  
4 trails and overnight cabins. Then, in 1937, Charlie and Lucie Beebe started the alpine ski area on  
5 the adjacent property. Charlie and Lucie cleared trails and used an old Ford truck engine to create  
6 one of the first rope tows in New Hampshire. With the contributions of over 3 generations of the  
7 Beebe family, the ski area grew to include t-bars, more than a dozen trails, and modern lodges. In  
8 1984, the Nantucket Group purchased the 352 acre parcel. Under the direction of Sandy Eneguess,  
9 first as mountain manager and later owner, the ski area was expanded with chair lifts, snow  
10 making, and night skiing. For more than 65 years, Temple Mountain was a beloved ski area where  
11 generations of families learned to ski. In 2001, the ski area closed, and in 2007, John Keily  
12 purchased the mountain and worked with the Monadnock Conservancy to turn the mountain into  
13 Temple Mountain state forest, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy the mountain  
14 as park land.

15 II. The general court therefore intends to designate the Temple Mountain ski area as a  
16 historic site in the state of New Hampshire.

17 2 Temple Mountain Ski Area Historic Site. The Temple Mountain ski area, located in  
18 Peterborough, New Hampshire and one of the first ski areas in North America, is hereby designated  
19 a historic site. Pursuant to RSA 12-A:10-e, the department of resources and economic development,  
20 division of parks and recreation, bureau of historic sites shall be responsible for the care,  
21 maintenance, and administration of the Temple Mountain ski area historic site and shall include the  
22 mountain in appropriate promotional materials, including the bureau's website of historic sites. An  
23 appropriate plaque or marker, commemorating the history and contributions of the Temple  
24 Mountain ski area to the sport of skiing, may be placed at the site.

25 3 Signage. The cost of design, construction, maintenance, and installation of any plaque or  
26 marker authorized under section 2 of this act shall not be a charge to the state. However, the design,  
27 construction, and installation of any plaque or marker authorized under this act shall be approved by  
28 the bureau of historic sites.

29 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.