

**CHAPTER 50**  
**HB 510 – FINAL VERSION**

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HOUSE BILL            **510**

AN ACT                relative to backflow prevention valves.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Emerick, Rock 21; Rep. F. Rice, Rock 21; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24

COMMITTEE:          Resources, Recreation and Development

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

      This bill requires the installation of a backflow device at every connection to a public water system under certain conditions.

      This bill also requires testing of such devices under certain conditions.

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                             Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen*

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

1           50:1 Backflow Device Requirements and Tests. RSA 485:11 is repealed and reenacted to read as  
2 follows:

3           485:11 Backflow Device Requirements and Tests. There shall be a backflow prevention device  
4 installed at every connection to a public water system if the facility connected may pose a hazard to  
5 the quality of water supplied by the public water system as determined by the department of  
6 environmental services. The facility receiving water from a public water supply shall be responsible  
7 for having such backflow prevention devices installed, serviced, and tested by individuals qualified  
8 by license or certification to perform these activities. Testing of backflow devices shall occur twice  
9 annually unless the public water supplier determines the facility poses a low hazard, in which case  
10 testing shall be performed on an annual basis. The facility receiving water from a public water  
11 supplier is responsible for ensuring that the backflow prevention device is working properly to  
12 prevent backflow into the public water system.

13           50:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

14 Approved: June 4, 2013

15 Effective Date: August 3, 2013