

**HB 545 – AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL           **545**

AN ACT               relative to rafting of boats.

SPONSORS:       Rep. Burt, Hills 6; Rep. Warden, Hills 39; Rep. Comtois, Belk 7; Rep. Meaney, Hills 6; Rep. Huot, Belk 3; Rep. Sylvia, Belk 6; Sen. Boutin, Dist 16

COMMITTEE:       Resources, Recreation and Development

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ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the restrictions on rafting of boats in a prohibited location or at a prohibited time.

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                          Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                   relative to rafting of boats.

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

1           1 Rafting Prohibitions. Amend RSA 270:44 to read as follows:

2           270:44 Size of Rafts; Separation of Rafts and Single Boats. Except as otherwise provided in this  
3 subdivision, no person shall, in a prohibited location or at a prohibited time:

4           I. Form or allow the boat which he *or she* is operating or in charge of to be a member of a  
5 raft consisting of [~~3~~] **6** or more boats;

6           II. Form or allow the boat which he *or she* is operating or in charge of to be a member of a  
7 raft if any part of such raft is:

8                   (a) Less than [~~50~~] **25** feet from any other raft; or

9                   (b) Less than [~~50~~] **25** feet from any occupied single boat which is stationary upon the  
10 waters of the same lake or pond.

11           III. Anchor a single boat and cause it to remain stationary upon the waters of a lake or pond  
12 other than momentarily if any part of such boat is:

13                   (a) Less than [~~50~~] **25** feet away from any raft; or

14                   (b) Less than 25 feet away from any other single boat which is stationary upon the  
15 waters of such lake or pond.

16           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014.