

HB 1554 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1554***

AN ACT relative to notice of water release from dams.

SPONSORS: Rep. Takesian, Hills 37; Rep. Haefner, Hills 37; Rep. L. Ober, Hills 37

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the owner of a dam to give notice of a water release from the dam to people who are downstream and may be affected by an unannounced release.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Erection and Inspection of Dams; Duty of Owner. Amend RSA 482:11-a to read as follows:
2 482:11-a Duty of Owner.

3 ***I.*** The owner of a dam shall maintain and repair the dam so that it shall not become a dam
4 in disrepair. The owner shall develop an emergency action plan for any dam, the failure of which
5 may threaten life or property.

6 ***II.*** ***The owner of a dam shall give a 24-hour written notice of a planned release of***
7 ***water from the dam to the emergency manager of the town immediately downstream of the***
8 ***dam.***

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.