

HB 150 – AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL        ***150***

AN ACT            establishing a commission to study the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana.

SPONSORS:       Rep. Phillips, Ches 16; Rep. Cushing, Rock 21

COMMITTEE:      Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to study the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana.

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

1            1    New Subdivision; Commission to Study the Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of  
2    Marijuana. Amend RSA 318-B by inserting after section 38 the following new subdivision:

3                    Commission to Study the Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana  
4            318-B:39    Commission to Study the Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana  
5    Established.

6            I.    There is established a commission to study the legalization, regulation, and taxation of  
7    marijuana. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

8                    (a)    Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
9    house of representatives.

10                    (b)    Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

11                    (c)    The attorney general, or designee.

12                    (d)    The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee.

13                    (e)    The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

14                    (f)    The commissioner of the department of revenue administration, or designee.

15                    (g)    The commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets and food, or designee.

16                    (h)    A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed by  
17    that organization.

18                    (i)    A representative of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, appointed by that  
19    organization.

20                    (j)    A representative of New Futures, appointed by that organization.

21                    (k)    A representative of the Marijuana Policy Project, appointed by that organization.

22                    (l)    A representative of the New Hampshire Bar Association, appointed by that  
23    organization.

24                    (m)    A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by that  
25    organization.

26                    (n)    A representative of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation, appointed by that  
27    organization.

28                    (o)    Three representatives of the public, appointed by the governor.

29            II.    Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when

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1 attending to the duties of the commission.

2 III. The commission shall study the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana  
3 including the specific issues related to growing, selling, taxing, limiting use, advertising, promoting,  
4 and otherwise regulating marijuana and marijuana-infused edible products. The committee shall  
5 also study the experiences of New Hampshire and other states regarding the use of marijuana for  
6 medical purposes and for recreational purposes. The commission shall study any other issue that  
7 the commission deems relevant to its objective. The commission may solicit the advice or testimony  
8 of any organization or individual with information or expertise relevant to its study.

9 IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The  
10 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting  
11 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Ten members of  
12 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

13 V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
14 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
15 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1, 2016.

16 2 Repeal. RSA 318-B:39, relative to a commission to study the legalization, regulation, and  
17 taxation of marijuana, is repealed.

18 3 Effective Date.

19 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect December 1, 2016.

20 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.