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HOUSE BILL ***455-FN***

AN ACT relative to the board of managers of the New Hampshire veterans' home, relative to the reporting process for certain departments and divisions of departments, and extending the commission to study mental health implementation in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Theberge, Coos 3; Rep. Massimilla, Graf 1; Rep. Rideout, Coos 7; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock 5; Rep. F. Rice, Rock 21; Rep. Rollins, Sull 6; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Increases the membership of the board of managers of the New Hampshire veterans' home, requires the board to meet quarterly, and deletes compensation for the secretary of the board.
- II. Provides for a consolidated reporting process for departments and divisions of departments.
- III. Extends the commission to study mental health implementation in New Hampshire.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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

1 259:1 Board of Managers. Amend RSA 119:2 to read as follows:

2 119:2 Board of Managers.

3 I. The government of the home is vested in the board of managers of the New Hampshire
4 veterans' home. The board shall consist of the commanders of the veterans departments of
5 New Hampshire ex officiis, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled
6 American Veterans, and ~~[6]~~ **9** citizens of the state to be appointed by the governor with the advice
7 and consent of the council.

8 II. At least ~~[5]~~ **6** of the appointed citizens shall have served in the armed forces of the United
9 States in any war in which the United States has been, is, or shall be engaged, and who are, or shall
10 be, honorably discharged or separated from the armed forces under conditions other than
11 dishonorable. One appointee shall be a member in good standing of the department of the American
12 Legion, one of the department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, one of the department of the
13 Disabled American Veterans and ~~[2]~~ **3**, ***including at least one female appointee***, shall be active
14 members of recognized and chartered veterans service organizations~~[, with preference given to World
15 War I veterans].~~ ~~[The sixth]~~ **One** appointee shall be a female member in good standing of the
16 department of the American Legion Auxiliary, the department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
17 Auxiliary, the department of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, or the department of the
18 Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc. Auxiliary. ~~[One member in good standing of the
19 department of the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc., may serve as a member emeritus to
20 the board.]~~ ***Two appointees, one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female,***
21 ***shall be residents of the veterans' home.***

22 III. The appointment of a member from an auxiliary organization shall be rotated in the
23 order in which they are listed and each appointed member shall hold office for a ~~[2-year]~~ **3-year**
24 term. The members of the department of the American Legion, the department of the Veterans of

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1 Foreign Wars, and the department of Disabled American Veterans shall hold office for a term of [5] 4
2 years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The [2] 3 members of recognized and
3 chartered veterans service organizations shall hold office for staggered terms of 3 years each and
4 until a successor is appointed.

5 IV. In case of any vacancy on the board an appointment shall be made in the same manner
6 for the unexpired term.

7 259:2 New Section; Board of Managers; Meetings. Amend RSA 119 by inserting after section 3
8 the following new section:

9 119:3-a Meetings of the Board. The board of managers shall meet monthly and when called to
10 meet by the chairman of the board. All meeting times and venues shall be noticed in the calendars of
11 the house of representatives and the senate.

12 259:3 Compensation of Board Members. Amend RSA 119:14 to read as follows:

13 119:14 Compensation of Board Members. No member of the board[~~,-excepting the secretary,]~~
14 shall receive compensation for any services rendered[~~,-but the necessary expenses actually incurred~~
15 ~~by each member in the performance of his duties shall be paid by the state. The board may fix the~~
16 ~~compensation of the secretary, to be paid in like manner]. **Mileage shall be paid from the**
17 **member's home of residence to and from the veterans' home or any other place designated**
18 **under special conditions by the chairman.**~~

19 259:4 Department of Administrative Services; Energy Consumption Reduction Reports. Amend
20 RSA 21-I:14-c to read as follows:

21 21-I:14-c Energy Consumption Reduction Goal; Reports.

22 I. Each state department shall identify cost-effective measures to reduce fossil fuel
23 consumption by 25 percent by 2025 in state buildings, on a square foot basis, compared to a 2005
24 baseline. Implementation of any measures shall be subject to the appropriate budgetary process and
25 approval. Cost effectiveness for the purposes of this section shall mean a return on investment
26 based on energy savings and reduced operational costs within the expected lifetime of the measure.

27 II. Beginning in calendar year [2012] **2016**, each state department shall submit an annual
28 report to the commissioner of administrative services on or before [September 1] **October 15** which
29 details any cost-effective measures it is utilizing and those potential measures, subject to budgetary
30 approval, to comply with the energy consumption reduction goal established in paragraph I and its
31 annual progress in complying with this goal.

32 III. Beginning in calendar year [2012] **2016**, the commissioner shall submit an annual report
33 to be made available to the public on or before [December 1] **January 15** compiling the annual
34 reports submitted under paragraph II, with findings on the departments' annual progress in
35 complying with the energy consumption reduction goal established in paragraph I and problems
36 which may prevent the departments from achieving this goal, to the governor, the senate president,

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1 the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the senate energy and natural resources
2 committee and the chair of the house science, technology and energy committee.

3 259:5 Veterans' Home; Reports. Amend RSA 119:13 to read as follows:

4 119:13 Reports. The board shall file with the secretary of state, the fiscal committee of the
5 general court, and the commissioner of administrative services, on or before October 1 [~~and every 6~~
6 ~~months thereafter~~], a report to the legislature, setting forth the operations and condition of the
7 home, a detailed account of all moneys received and expended on its behalf since the last report, an
8 estimate of the amount of money required for its uses before the meeting of the next legislature, and
9 such other matters and recommendations as they shall think its interests require.

10 259:6 Department of Resources and Economic Development; Reporting Requirements.

11 I. The commissioner of the department of resources and economic development may meet its
12 reporting obligations, notwithstanding any law to the contrary as set forth in statute, by making
13 such changes in its current reporting processes as may be necessary or desirable for the efficient,
14 streamlined, and cost-effective delivery of a consolidated department report and division reports
15 provided annually as required by statute while maintaining transparency to citizens. This may
16 include the elimination of the use of some reports as identified to avoid redundancy of information
17 provided that may be contained in one or more of each through this consolidated reporting process.
18 Such annual consolidated department and division reports shall incorporate information from the
19 following reports.

20 (a) The department of resources and economic development advisory commission report
21 provided biennially to the governor and council under RSA 12-A:6.

22 (b) The department's energy efficiency report provided quarterly to the department of
23 administrative services state's energy manager under executive order 2005-4.

24 II. Such annual consolidated division of economic development report shall incorporate and
25 consolidate information contained in the following reports:

26 (a) The division of economic development's economic development program loans and
27 grants report provided annually to the public under RSA 12-A:33.

28 (b) The division of economic development advisory committee on international trade
29 report provided annually to the general court and governor under RSA 12-A:30, I (f).

30 (c) The office of workforce opportunity job training program for economic growth report
31 provided annually to the general court, fiscal committee of the general court, governor and council,
32 and the commissioner of department of employment security under RSA 12-A:58, I.

33 (d) The division of forests and lands mining and reclamation report provided annually to
34 the governor and council under RSA 12-E:2, VI.

35 (e) The division of forests and lands report provided biennially to the governor under
36 RSA 227-G:3, I (i).

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1 (f) The division of parks and recreation community recreation service report provided
2 annually to the division director under RSA 12-B:3, X.

3 (g) The Monadnock advisory commission report, a commission administratively assigned
4 to the division of parks and recreation, provided annually to the member communities under
5 RSA 227-D:5, VII.

6 (h) The division of parks and recreation Cannon season pass sales report provided
7 quarterly to the general court, fiscal committee of the general court, and governor and council under
8 RSA 227:14.

9 (i) The division of parks and recreation Hampton Beach capital improvement fund report
10 provided annually to the fiscal committee of the general court and governor and council under
11 RSA 216:3, IV (b).

12 (j) The division of parks and recreation's financial report provided annually to the
13 general court and governor and council under RSA 216-A:3-e, III.

14 (k) The Hampton Beach area commission report, a commission administratively
15 assigned to the division of parks and recreation, provided annually to the general court and governor
16 and council under RSA 216-J:3, VIII.

17 (l) The division of parks and recreation's state of the parks and historic sites report
18 provided annually to the general court under RSA 216-A:3-c, VI.

19 (m) The state park system advisory council report, a council administratively assigned to
20 the division of parks and recreation, provided annually to the general court, governor and council,
21 and state library under RSA 216-A:3-k, VI (f).

22 (n) The division of parks and recreation Cannon Mountain package plan programs
23 report provided quarterly to the general court, fiscal committee of the general court, and governor
24 and council under RSA 12-A:15, II.

25 (o) The division of parks and recreation Cannon capital improvement fund report
26 provided annually to the fiscal committee of the general court and governor and council under
27 RSA 12-A:29-c, III.

28 (p) The Wentworth Coolidge commission report, a commission administratively assigned
29 to the division of parks and recreation, provided annually to the general court and governor and
30 council under executive order 1989-10.

31 (q) The division of parks and recreation bureau of trails report provided annually to the
32 general court and state library under RSA 215-A:3, IX and RSA 215-C:2, X.

33 (r) The division of parks and recreation Connecticut Lakes Headwaters tract report
34 provided annually to the general court, the governor and council, and the state library under
35 RSA 216:8, IV, RSA 216:9, V, and RSA 216:11, IV.

36 (s) The division of travel and tourism revolving fund report provided annually to the

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1 fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council under RSA 12-A:15-a.

2 (t) The division of travel and tourism development fund provided annually to the general
3 court, governor and council, and state library under RSA 12-A:43-a, II.

4 III. The annual consolidated department report and division reports shall be delivered
5 electronically to the speaker of the house of representatives, senate president and fiscal committee of
6 the general court, and to the governor and council, by January 31 of each year. The department
7 shall electronically post its annual consolidated report on the department website by January 31 of
8 each year for review by all other parties as required by statute.

9 259:7 Issuance of Reports. RSA 20:7 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

10 20:7 Issuance of Reports.

11 I. All agencies and departments of the state shall issue biennial reports summarizing their
12 operations. All reports shall cover periods ending on June 30, and be posted to the state
13 transparency website, with one paper copy submitted to the state library by October 1. Biennial
14 reports shall cover periods ending in odd-numbered years beginning with 2015. State agencies and
15 departments shall make every effort to limit or eliminate the production of paper reports. The
16 governor and council, speaker of the house of representatives, and the senate president shall be
17 notified by letter that a report is available on the state transparency website.

18 II. Agencies and departments may post other required reports to their Internet website and
19 the state transparency website in lieu of other methods of distribution, and shall deliver by electronic
20 means to all persons or committees required by law to receive such reports of the reports' availability
21 on the state transparency website.

22 III. The governor's commission on disability established in RSA 275-C shall be exempt from
23 the provisions of this section but shall comply with the reporting requirements in RSA 275-C:6.

24 IV. The lottery commission's comprehensive annual financial report prepared pursuant to
25 RSA 21-I:8, II(b) shall meet the requirements of this section.

26 259:8 Telecommunications Equipment Assistance Program; Annual Report. Amend RSA 362-
27 E:7 to read as follows:

28 362-E:7 Annual Report. The governor's commission on disability shall file a report which shall
29 include the number of persons assisted, all sources of funding, and the total amount disbursed under
30 this chapter. Such report shall be submitted annually to the governor and council, the senate
31 president, the speaker of the house and the ~~[science, technology and energy committee]~~ **public**
32 **utilities commission**, on or before October 1.

33 259:9 Water Pollution and Waste Disposal; Duties of the Department. Amend RSA 485-A:4, XIV
34 to read as follows:

35 XIV. To formulate a policy relating to long-term trends affecting the purity of the surface
36 waters or groundwaters of the state. Insofar as practicable and necessary, a continuing program of

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1 sampling and subsequent chemical or biological analysis, or both, shall be conducted to establish
2 patterns and reveal long-term trends to serve as a basis for formulating such policy. In conducting
3 said program of sampling and analysis, the department is authorized to accept any assistance as
4 may be proffered by persons that the department deems to be qualified. ~~[The department shall make~~
5 ~~a biennial report of its findings to the governor and council, the senate environment committee, and~~
6 ~~the house resources, recreation, and development committee.]~~ The department shall provide proper
7 warning to the public by posting a sign indicating where water quality standards are not being
8 attained as they relate to specified designated uses.

9 259:10 Water Pollution and Waste Disposal; Duties of the Department. Amend RSA 485-A:4,
10 XVI-c(a) to read as follows:

11 (a) To design and implement a program for state or independent third party sampling
12 and testing of sludge or biosolid materials that are intended for land application. The department
13 shall design the sampling methodology, in consultation with university of New Hampshire
14 statisticians and sludge and biosolid experts, to provide a statistical evaluation of the contaminant
15 levels contained in sludge or biosolids. The department shall concentrate its testing on those
16 contaminants that pose greater risks to public health and the environment due to their toxicity,
17 potential availability, concentration levels, or concentration uncertainty. The department shall
18 maintain a database of testing results and prepare, in consultation with university of
19 New Hampshire statisticians and sludge and biosolid experts, and make available to the public and
20 the general court, ~~[an annual]~~ **a biennial** report by November 1 of each year which analyses the
21 compiled test results, including data from prior years, as appropriate. The analysis shall detail
22 contaminant concentrations on both a statewide and generator level and shall indicate the statistical
23 degree of certainty in the results of the analysis. The department shall attempt to present the report
24 in terms that are understandable to the layperson including practical examples such as the
25 probability that any given load of untested sludge exceeds a contaminant standard.

26 259:11 Aquatic Resource Compensatory Mitigation; Report. Amend RSA 482-A:33 to read as
27 follows:

28 482-A:33 Report. The department shall submit ~~[an annual]~~ **a biennial** report 60 days after the
29 close of each **odd-numbered** fiscal year, to the fiscal committee of the general court, the chairperson
30 of the house resources, recreation and development committee, and the chairperson of the senate
31 environment and wildlife committee summarizing all receipts and disbursements of the aquatic
32 resource compensatory mitigation fund, including a description of all projects undertaken and the
33 status of the administrative assessment account. Each report shall be in such detail with sufficient
34 information to be fully understood by the general court and the public. After submission to the
35 general court, the report shall be available to the public.

36 259:12 Unemployment Compensation; Duties and Powers. Amend RSA 282-A:112, I to read as

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1 follows:

2 I. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of the department of employment security to
3 administer this chapter. ~~[He]~~ **The commissioner** shall have power and authority to adopt, amend,
4 or rescind rules, to employ such persons, make such expenditures, require such reports, make such
5 investigations, and take such other action as he **or she** deems necessary or suitable to that end. The
6 commissioner shall determine his **or her** own organization and methods of procedure in accordance
7 with the provisions of this chapter. Not later than the thirtieth day of June of each year, the
8 commissioner shall submit to the governor a report covering the administration and operation of this
9 chapter during the preceding calendar year and shall make such recommendations for amendments
10 to this chapter as he **or she** deems proper. Such reports shall include a balance sheet of the moneys
11 in the fund in which there shall be provided, if possible, a reserve against the liability in future years
12 to pay benefits in excess of the then current contributions, which reserve shall be set up by the
13 commissioner in accordance with accepted actuarial principles on the basis of statistics of
14 employment, business activity, and other relevant factors for the longest possible period. **Such**
15 **report shall satisfy the requirements of RSA 20:7 and the department shall not be required**
16 **to submit a separate biennial report.** Whenever the commissioner believes that a change in
17 contribution or benefit rates will become necessary to protect the solvency of the fund, ~~[he]~~ **the**
18 **commissioner** shall promptly so inform the governor and the legislature and make
19 recommendations with respect thereto.

20 259:13 New Hampshire Employment Program and Family Assistance Program; Work
21 Participation Rates. Amend RSA 167:77-a, II to read as follows:

22 II. The department shall submit a report to the oversight committee for health and human
23 services, established in RSA 126-A:13, relative to actions taken to increase the work participation
24 rate reported to the federal Department of Health and Human Services. The department also shall
25 provide the oversight committee with an estimate of whether the state shall meet the federal
26 requirements for each federal fiscal year by ~~[July]~~ **January** 15 of that fiscal year.

27 259:14 New Hampshire Employment Program and Family Assistance Program; Outcome
28 Measurement System. Amend RSA 167:77-c, IV-V to read as follows:

29 IV. The department shall establish an outcome measurement system with the following
30 areas of analysis:

31 (a) ~~[The job retention and earnings gain indicators using the same methodology as the~~
32 ~~TANF high performance measures.~~

33 ~~(b)~~ (b) The number and percent of cash assistance recipients who close each month due to
34 employment, the average hourly, weekly, and monthly wages, the average total weekly and monthly
35 total income, the number and percent who return to cash assistance after 3, 6, and 12 months.

36 ~~(c) The extended earnings of families who leave TANF due to employment.~~

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1 ~~(d) Numbers and percentages of families who leave TANF due to employment and stay~~
2 ~~employed.~~

3 ~~(e) Numbers and percentage of families who increase their earnings after leaving TANF.~~

4 ~~(f)~~ **(b)** Numbers and percentages of TANF families that leave TANF and ranking of
5 their income compared to the federal poverty level and the ~~[NH]~~ **New Hampshire** living wage.

6 ~~(g)~~ **(c)** Poverty and child poverty rates and out of wedlock births and the national
7 ranking of New Hampshire.

8 ~~(h) The impact of TANF policies on local assistance based on data requested by the~~
9 ~~oversight committee and as reported by the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators~~
10 ~~Association.~~

11 ~~(i)~~ **(d)** The reasons for caseload increases and decreases with analysis of numbers and
12 reasons for openings, denials, and closings and the numbers and reasons for sanctions and denials
13 due to noncompliance with program requirements.

14 ~~(j) Any other measures selected by the department or the oversight committee on health~~
15 ~~and human services which shows TANF performance in moving families out of poverty.]~~

16 V. The department shall develop and maintain the indicators for the program outcomes
17 listed in paragraph IV, subject to review and approval by the oversight committee on health and
18 human services. The department shall submit a report to the oversight committee each ~~[June and~~
19 ~~December]~~ **January**.

20 259:15 New Hampshire Employment Program and Family Assistance Program; Career Ladder
21 Initiatives. Amend RSA 167:77-f, II to read as follows:

22 II. The department shall report its progress to the oversight committee on health and
23 human services ~~[in June and December of each year beginning with December 2007]~~ **no later than**
24 **January 1**.

25 259:16 Long-Term Care; Program Management and Cost Controls. Amend RSA 151-E:11, II to
26 read as follows:

27 II. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and each fiscal year thereafter the average
28 annual cost for the provision of services to persons in the mid-level of care shall not exceed 60
29 percent of the average annual cost for the provision of services in a nursing facility. The average
30 annual cost for the provision of services in home-based care shall not exceed 50 percent of the
31 average annual cost for the provision of services to persons in a nursing facility. No person whose
32 costs would be in excess of 80 percent of the average annual cost for the provision of services to a
33 person in a nursing facility shall be approved for home-based or mid-level services without the prior
34 approval of the commissioner of health and human services. The prior approval shall include a
35 comparison of the mid-level or home-based care costs of the person with the costs of a facility
36 qualified to provide any specialized services necessary for the proper care and treatment of the

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1 individual. The department shall provide a report [~~semi~~]annually ***no later than January 1*** on the
2 utilization of non-nursing home services to the county-state finance commission and the legislative
3 fiscal committee. ***The department may report to the county-state finance commission and the***
4 ***legislative fiscal committee more frequently if new information is provided by the Centers***
5 ***for Medicare and Medicaid Services.***

6 259:17 Department of Health and Human Services; Rate Setting for Home Health Services.
7 Amend RSA 126-A:18-a, III to read as follows:

8 III. The commissioner shall make [~~an annual report on or before November 1,~~] ***a biennial***
9 ***report commencing on November 1, 2017 and thereafter before November 1 of odd-***
10 ***numbered years*** relative to the rates for home health services, to the speaker of the house of
11 representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairpersons of the house and senate finance
12 committees.

13 259:18 Workers' Compensation; Reports of the Commissioner. Amend RSA 281-A:61 to read as
14 follows:

15 281-A:61 Reports of the Commissioner.

16 I. The commissioner shall make a report to the governor, by October 1 of each odd-numbered
17 year, showing the work done during the preceding 2 fiscal years. The report shall include a properly
18 classified statement of department expenses, statistical information relating to the number and
19 character of industrial accidents during such 2 years and such other information and
20 recommendations as the commissioner deems pertinent. The report shall be printed as part of the
21 commissioner's biennial report.

22 II. The commissioner shall make a workplace safety and injury report, which shall be
23 submitted with the report required under paragraph I, to the governor and the legislature. The
24 report shall provide statistical information pertaining to the nature, character and severity of
25 industrial accidents, injuries, and illnesses in New Hampshire and information pertaining to the
26 department's and employers' efforts in the area of safety promotion and accident prevention. [~~The~~
27 ~~statistical information related to workplace injuries shall be compiled from data gathered directly by~~
28 ~~the department through the required injury reports filed by employers.~~] This report shall include,
29 but not be limited to, the types and frequency of reported injuries; [~~a breakdown and analysis of the~~
30 ~~types and size of industries, and~~] the job classifications from which such injuries have been reported;
31 [~~the average length of disability;~~] a report of employer compliance with RSA 281-A:64; the annual
32 listing of best and worst performers as prepared by the commissioner under the provisions of
33 RSA 281-A:64; a report of all departmental activities required under RSA 281-A:65; specific
34 recommendations for improved workplace safety promotion and injury prevention; and any other
35 such information and recommendations pertaining to workplace injuries and injury prevention as
36 the commissioner deems appropriate. [~~The report shall also include the same information for~~

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1 ~~certified managed care programs and shall include information relative to the number of employees~~
2 ~~and the number of hearings of claimants participating in each certified managed care program.]~~

3 259:19 Horse and Dog Racing; Report of the Commission. Amend RSA 284:21-g to read as
4 follows:

5 284:21-g Report of the Commission. The commission shall make an annual report to the
6 governor [~~in accordance with RSA 20:7,~~] including therein an account of its actions, receipts derived
7 under the provisions of this subdivision, the practical effects of the application thereof, and any
8 recommendation for legislation which the commission deems advisable. ***Such report shall be***
9 ***submitted on or before February 1 and the commission shall not be required to submit a***
10 ***separate report under RSA 20:7.***

11 259:20 State Solid Waste Plan and Report. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 149-
12 M:29, II to read as follows:

13 II. At least every October 1 of every ***odd-numbered*** year, the department shall prepare a
14 report on the level of achievement in reaching the 40 percent diversion goal established in RSA 149-
15 M:2 and on proposed strategies for achieving the goal and any proposed changes to the goal. The
16 report shall contain information regarding:

17 259:21 Diseases of Domestic Animals; Report. Amend RSA 436:4 to read as follows:

18 436:4 Report. The commissioner shall, [~~between September 1 and October 31 of each year,~~
19 ~~make~~] ***within its biennial report pursuant to RSA 20:7, submit*** a written report to the governor
20 and council, stating in detail the work done during the preceding [~~year~~] ***2 years***.

21 259:22 Animal Population Control; Program Established. Amend RSA 437-A:2 to read as
22 follows:

23 437-A:2 Program Established. The department shall establish and implement an animal
24 population control program. The purpose of this program shall be to reduce the population of
25 unwanted and stray dogs and cats by encouraging the owners of dogs and cats to have them
26 permanently sexually sterilized, thereby reducing potential threats to public health and safety from
27 mid-Atlantic rabies and other sources. The program shall not begin operation until June 1, 1994.
28 The commissioner shall [~~make an annual~~] report relative to the progress of the program beginning
29 on September 1, 1994, to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house and the governor
30 ***within its biennial report pursuant to RSA 20:7.***

31 259:23 Standards for Weights and Measures; Duties of the Commissioner. Amend RSA 438:7,
32 VII to read as follows:

33 VII. The commissioner shall biennially make to the governor a report on all of the activities
34 under this chapter ***within its biennial report pursuant to RSA 20:7.***

35 259:24 Pesticides Training Program. Amend RSA 430:31-b, III to read as follows:

36 III. The department of agriculture, markets, and food shall, ***within its biennial report***

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1 **pursuant to RSA 20:7**, submit [~~an annual~~] a report[~~, beginning on July 1, 2002,~~] to the speaker of
2 the house, president of the senate, and the governor and council which shall include, but not be
3 limited to, training and educational programs offered or contracted by the division of pesticide
4 control under the training program established by paragraph I of this section, the revenue generated
5 from the program under paragraph II of this section, and the budget and revenue projections of the
6 division.

7 259:25 Agriculture Nutrient Management Program. Amend the introductory paragraph of
8 RSA 431:36, II to read as follows:

9 II. The commissioner shall [~~report by October 1 of each year, beginning 2002,~~] **within the**
10 **biennial report pursuant to RSA 20:7, report** to the house environment and agriculture
11 committee, the senate environment committee, the house finance committee, and the senate finance
12 committee. The report shall include:

13 259:26 Driver Education; Reciprocity. Amend RSA 263:20 to read as follows:

14 263:20 Driver Education; Reciprocity. The provisions of RSA 263:19 shall not prevent the
15 issuance of a driver's license to any individual who can provide satisfactory evidence of completion of
16 a course of driver education, approved by the state in which the course is offered, provided that the
17 commissioner of safety shall determine that such course is essentially equivalent to the state's
18 minimum standards. The commissioner shall take all reasonable steps to facilitate appropriate
19 interstate driver education. The commissioner shall **include in its report pursuant to RSA 20:7,**
20 **a report** [~~at least annually~~] to the general court on the progress of reciprocal driver education.

21 259:27 Fish and Game Commission; Biennial Report to the General Court. Amend the
22 introductory paragraph of RSA 206:9-a, I to read as follows:

23 I. The executive director of the fish and game department shall, [~~not later than October 1 of~~
24 ~~each odd-numbered year~~] **within its biennial report pursuant to RSA 20:7**, submit a report to
25 the governor and council and to the general court to include: a summary report of department
26 proceedings; a description of the license fee reductions, waivers, and promotion activities pursuant to
27 RSA 214:9-f; and recommendations for changes in the fee structure for all licenses and permits
28 issued by the department. This report shall include consideration of:

29 259:28 Propagation of Fish and Game; Reasonable Price. Amend RSA 212:8 to read as follows:

30 212:8 Reasonable Price. The executive director, with the approval of the governor and council,
31 may pay a fair and reasonable price for waters, lands or rights therein with or without buildings,
32 required for the establishment of fish hatcheries, game farms, game refuges and fish and game
33 department uses for the protection, regulation and management of wildlife resources and the
34 implementation of department programs. The executive director, subject to the approval of the
35 governor and council, may expend for the purchase of land, waters or rights therein during any year
36 only such total sum as may be appropriated therefor. The executive director shall, **within its**

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1 **biennial report pursuant to RSA 20:7**, make a report [~~during the month of January in the years~~
2 ~~that the legislature is in session~~] of all lands, waters or rights therein so acquired since the last
3 report to the senate president and the speaker of the house.

4 259:29 Propagation by the State; Accounts. Amend RSA 212:23 to read as follows:

5 212:23 Accounts. The executive director shall keep an itemized account of all such sales or
6 exchanges, and include the same in his biennial report to the governor and council **pursuant to**
7 **RSA 20:7**, and shall remit to the state treasurer all money received under the provisions of this
8 subdivision, to be credited to the fish and game fund.

9 259:30 Expansion of State Park System; Development Plan. Amend RSA 216-A:3-c, VI to read
10 as follows:

11 VI. The director of parks and recreation shall report to the house resources, recreation and
12 development committee and the senate energy, environment, and economic development committee
13 [~~by January 31 of each year~~] **within the biennial report pursuant to RSA 12-A:6** on the state of
14 the parks and historic sites.

15 259:31 Repeal. The following are repealed:

16 I. RSA 21-H:8, IX, relative to an annual report on department of corrections operations.

17 II. RSA 483:13, IV, relative to a report on the rivers management and protection fund.

18 III. RSA 486-A:9, II(f), relative to a report on the water supply and land grant program.

19 IV. RSA 432:20, II, relative to a report by the agricultural lands preservation committee.

20 V. RSA 9-C:10, relative to a report on state waste reduction and recycling.

21 VI. RSA 485:3-d, relative to a report on the status of the environmental site assessment
22 review and groundwater management programs.

23 VII. 2006, 277:4, II, relative to a report on insurance company redomestications.

24 259:32 Department of Resources and Economic Development; Travel and Tourism Development
25 Fund. Amend RSA 12-A:43-a, II to read as follows:

26 II. The commissioner of resources and economic development shall prepare an annual report
27 to be presented no later than December 1 of each year to the **governor and council, the fiscal**
28 **committee of the general court, the** president of the senate, **and** the speaker of the house of
29 representatives[~~, and the governor and council, and filed with the state library~~]. The report shall
30 detail the specific activities supported by, and expenditures from, the fund during the past year **and**
31 **shall additionally detail the activities of the travel and tourism revolving fund established**
32 **in RSA 12-A:15-a.**

33 259:33 Commission to Study Mental Health Implementation in New Hampshire; Extension.
34 Amend 2014, 253:4, I to read as follows:

35 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, [~~2015~~] **2016**.

36 259:34 Effective Date.

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1 I. Sections 1-3 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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4 Approved: Enacted in accordance with Part II, Article 44 of N.H. Constitution, July 14, 2015

5 Effective Date: I. Sec. 1-3 effective September 12, 2015

6 II. Remainder effective July 1, 2015