

CHAPTER 121
HB 214 - FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL ***214***

AN ACT relative to limitations on the designation of a portion of the Merrimack river.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill removes the authorization for complete capacity utilization of the Merrimack River.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

- 1 121:1 Rivers Designated for Protection; Merrimack River. Amend RSA 483:15, II to read as follows:
2 II. Merrimack River-main stem from the Bedford-Merrimack town line to the New Hampshire-
3 Massachusetts state line as a "community river." ~~[Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit~~
4 ~~complete capacity utilization, not to exceed 30 million gallons per day, or any construction or repairs~~
5 ~~required to achieve such utilization of the existing intake facilities of Pennichuck Water Works situated on~~
6 ~~the western bank of the Merrimack River in the vicinity of Chase Brook, so called. This paragraph shall~~
7 ~~not affect any private right in the Merrimack River and shall not relieve Pennichuck Water Works, or its~~
8 ~~successors and assigns, from compliance with other laws or rules under the state's police power.]~~

121:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 30, 2023
Effective Date: August 29, 2023