

CHAPTER 161  
SB 110-FN-LOCAL - FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL            ***110-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT                relative to residency status.

SPONSORS:            Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4

COMMITTEE:          Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the residency status of transient individuals for purposes of determining responsibility for local assistance.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*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            161:1 Public Safety and Welfare; Aid to Assisted Persons; Nonresidents. Amend RSA 165:1-c to  
2 read as follows:

3            165:1-c Nonresidents.

4            *I. Any person, poor and unable to support himself, who is temporarily in a town or city which is*  
5 *not his residence, and who does not intend to make it his residence, shall be provided such temporary*  
6 *assistance as is reasonable and necessary by such town or city. Such town or city may, if requested,*  
7 *cause such person to be returned to his residence.*

8            *II. In addition to emergency housing governed by RSA 126-A:30, a person does not change his or*  
9 *her residency status while in a hospital, a correctional facility, a treatment program center, or a hotel or*  
10 *motel paid for by a municipality or other service provider, except as provided in this section.*

11            *III. A person who leaves emergency housing of their own free will and remains in a situation of*  
12 *homelessness or is removed from emergency housing for non-compliance or policy violations of*  
13 *emergency housing or local welfare regulations, shall not be considered to have changed his or her*  
14 *residency status for 30 days.*

15            *IV. A person assisted by a municipality, or other assistance providers, with emergency housing*  
16 *assistance in a hotel or motel in another municipality, who then self pays for a consecutive 30 days*  
17 *without municipal or other provider assistance shall, for local welfare purposes, transition residency to the*  
18 *new municipality.*

19            *V. Temporary urgent assistance may need to be provided to meet basic needs of transient*  
20 *individuals or residents of other municipalities. Municipalities shall communicate and coordinate*  
21 *assistance options with each other, including reimbursements from municipalities of origin pursuant to*  
22 *RSA 165:2-a.*

23            161:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 28, 2023  
Effective Date: September 26, 2023

