

HB 477 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL                **477**

AN ACT                    to prohibit municipal inspections of owner-occupied units of multi-unit housing.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Berry, Hills. 39; Rep. McLean, Hills. 15

COMMITTEE:          Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits municipal inspections of owner-occupied units within residential structures of 4 units or less.

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                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT to prohibit municipal inspections of owner-occupied units of multi-unit housing.

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

1 1 New Hampshire Building Code; Enforcement Authority; Municipal Inspections. Amend RSA  
2 155-A:7, III to read as follows:

3 III. The local enforcement agency appointed to enforce the state building code shall have the  
4 authority to inspect all buildings, structures, construction sites, and other places in the jurisdiction,  
5 ***unless otherwise provided in this section.*** If consent for such inspection is denied or not  
6 reasonably obtainable, the local enforcement agency may obtain an administrative inspection  
7 warrant under RSA 595-B.

8 ***III-a. The local enforcement agency appointed to enforce the state building code***  
9 ***shall not have the authority to inspect owner-occupied units in residential multi-unit***  
10 ***structures of 4 units or less.***

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.