

**CHAPTER 143**  
**HB 509 - FINAL VERSION**

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HOUSE BILL                    **509**

AN ACT                    relative to portraits and memorial objects in the state house, legislative office building, and Upham Walker house.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Wall, Straf. 6

COMMITTEE:          Legislative Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the responsibilities for placement of portraits, flags, busts, statues, or other memorial objects within or on the state house, legislative office building, and Upham Walker house.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                   relative to portraits and memorial objects in the state house, legislative office building, and Upham Walker house.

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

1           143:1 Portraits and Other Memorials; State House, Legislative Office Building, Upham Walker  
2 House. Amend RSA 4:9 to read as follows:

3           4:9 Portraits or Other Memorials. No portraits, busts, statues, or other memorial objects shall  
4 be placed in or on the state house ***with the exception of those areas under the use and control***  
5 ***of the general court as defined by RSA 14:14-b, III***, state house annex, state library, Hannah  
6 Dustin monument, Franklin Pierce homestead, Daniel Webster birthplace, or grounds connected  
7 with each without the consent of the governor and council. ***Any portraits, flags, busts, statues, or***  
8 ***other memorial objects to be placed in or on legislative facilities as defined by RSA 14:14-b***  
9 ***shall be at the direction of the joint legislative historical committee in consultation with***  
10 ***the director of the division of historical resources, department of natural and cultural***  
11 ***resources***. The director, division of historical resources, shall be responsible for the ~~[location and]~~  
12 care of such memorial objects at any of these sites.

13           143:2 Legislative Facilities. Amend RSA 14:14-b to read as follows:

14           14:14-b Office Space and Parking Facilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
15 contrary the following shall be assigned for use by the speaker of the house and the president of the  
16 senate:

17           I. The legislative parking ~~[facility]~~ ***facilities***;

18           II. The legislative office building ***and Upham-Walker house***; and

19           III. All rooms and other spaces ~~[in the basement and on the first and third floors]~~ of the  
20 state house ***with the exception of those areas under the use and control of the executive***  
21 ***branch, including the governor's offices, the executive council chamber and offices, and the***  
22 ***secretary of state's offices***.

23           143:3 New Paragraph; Joint Legislative Historical Committee; Responsibilities. Amend RSA 17-  
24 I:2 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

25           IX. To be responsible for the placement of portraits, flags, busts, statues, or other memorial  
26 objects within or on legislative facilities as defined by RSA 14:14-b in consultation with the division  
27 of historical resources, department of natural and cultural resources.

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143:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 23, 2021

Effective Date: September 21, 2021