

HB 1219 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1219**

AN ACT relative to parking requirements for religious institution-affiliated housing development projects.

SPONSORS: Rep. Gallagher, Merr. 15

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill prevents planning boards from adopting certain parking requirements for religious institution-affiliated housing development projects.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to parking requirements for religious institution-affiliated housing development projects.

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

1 1 New Section; Regulation of Subdivision of Land; Religious Institutions; Parking. Amend RSA
2 674 by inserting after section 42 the following new section:

3 674:42-a Religious Institutions; Parking.

4 I. A planning board shall not require the following:

5 (a) The replacement of religious-use parking spaces that a developer of a housing
6 development project affiliated with a religious institution proposes to eliminate as part of that
7 housing development project.

8 (b) The number of religious-use parking spaces requested to be eliminated from the plan
9 to exceed 50 percent of the number that is available at the time the request for the permit is
10 presented to the board.

11 (c) The curing of any preexisting deficit of the number of religious-use parking spaces as
12 a condition of approval of a religious institution-affiliated housing development project.

13 II. The number of religious-use parking spaces available after completion of a religious
14 institution-affiliated housing development project shall count toward the number of parking spaces
15 otherwise required for approval.

16 III. The planning board shall not deny a permit for a housing development project proposed
17 by a religious institution, or a developer working with a religious institution, solely on the basis that
18 the project will reduce the total number of parking spaces available at the place of worship provided
19 that the total reduction does not exceed 50 percent of existing parking spaces.

20 IV. The planning board may require one parking space per unit for a religious institution-
21 affiliated housing development project.

22 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.