

**December Legislative Committee Report** by Tom Fargo

Below is a list of 2022 NH General Court (House and Senate) Bills that are potentially relevant to members of the Geological Society of New Hampshire. This table lists bills identified by keyword searches completed on December 14, 2021. Additional bills are likely to be submitted.

Bill No.	Title	Bill Description
<b>Key Word “Environ”</b>		
<b>HB-1452 -FN</b>	renaming the department of environmental services the department of environmental protection and assigning the department oversight of private drinking water wells.	This bill enables the Department of Environmental Services to enter private property to inspect and sample private wells and also changes the name of the “Department of Environmental Services” to the “Department of Environmental Protection”  Note: The FN designation indicates the bill contains a fiscal note describing the impact of the bill on the State budget. In this case the cost was described and an indeterminable increase in expenses to the Department.
<b>Key Word “Water”</b>		
<b>HB-1167</b>	establishing a maximum contaminant level for perfluorinated chemicals in surface water.	This House bill proposes to set the following maximum contaminant levels in surface waters: (a) Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA): 12 parts per trillion. (b) Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS): 15 parts per trillion. (c) Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS): 18 parts per trillion. (d) Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA): 11 parts per trillion. (e) Perfluorobutyrate (PFBA): 7 parts per trillion. (f) Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS): 1000 parts per trillion. (g) The total contaminant levels of subparagraphs (a) through (f): 20 parts per trillion.
<b>HB-1185</b>	relative to treatment of water contaminated with perfluorinated chemicals.	Key provisions: 1) A wastewater treatment plant may require any industrial or commercial facilities or septic haulers contributing discharge to its plant to test such discharge to determine the level of PFAS in the discharge. 2) A wastewater treatment plant may refuse discharge from an industrial or commercial facility or septic hauler that has reported a level of PFAS in its discharge above the level the wastewater treatment plant determines to be acceptable. 3) A municipality or other governmental entity owning or controlling a waste treatment facility may fine discharge producers for providing discharge containing a level of PFAS above the level the wastewater treatment plant has determined to be acceptable.

<b>Key Word "Waste"</b>		
<b>HB-1420-FN</b>	prohibiting the issuance of new landfill permits until the state's solid waste plan is updated.	Requires the Department of Environmental Services shall not issue a permit for the construction of a new facility unless the department makes a positive determination that the permit application is consistent with the state's solid waste plan that has been updated consistent with the requirements of RSA 149-M:29.
<b>HB-1121</b>	relative to new solid waste sites	Requires applications for permits to construct and operate a new privately-owned solid waste landfill shall submit evidence to the department of environmental services that the applicant is in compliance with all insurance and surety bonding requirements of the state and federal government. The applicant shall also provide evidence to the jurisdictions in which it will be located, and all adjacent jurisdictions, that the applicant qualifies for and will obtain a surety bond against any and all damages caused to individuals and businesses located within those jurisdictions as a result of operation of the solid waste landfill.
<b>Key Word "Professional" as potentially related to Geologists</b>		
<b>HB-1019</b>	establishing a committee to study the replacement of certain professional licenses with mandatory minimum liability insurance requirements.	This bill would establish a committee to study the replacement of certain professional licenses with mandatory minimum liability insurance requirements. The members of the committee shall be as follows: (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

Key word searches with no returns: **geology, mineral, rock, soil**