

**Geological Society of New Hampshire  
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Bill Number	Title	Description	Bill Status –
<b>Retained &amp; Referred Bills from 2017</b>			
HB-485	AN ACT relative to standards for emerging contaminants in drinking water	<p>This bill:</p> <p>I. Allows the department of environmental services to make rules regarding air pollution and the deposit of such pollutants on soils and water.</p> <p>II. Regulates devices emitting or having the potential to emit air pollutants that may harm soil and water through the deposit of such pollutants.</p> <p>III. Requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services to adopt ambient groundwater quality standards using certain scientific information.</p> <p>IV. Establishes a toxicologist position and a human health risk assessor position in the department of environmental services.</p>	<p>Full House voted Ought to Pass (OTP) w/amendment 1/03/2018</p> <p>Bill assigned to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee 02/01/2018</p>
SB-240-FN-Local	AN ACT relative to the monitoring and treatment of contaminated wells  (relative to non-public drinking water wells)	<p>This bill requires routine testing of wells if certain contaminants are found.</p> <p>This bill also requires that if the source of the contaminants is identified, the responsible party shall either treat the water or provide an alternative source of drinkable water.</p> <p>This bill establishes procedures the Department of Environmental Services must follow when a contaminant is in a well at levels below the ambient groundwater quality standard for that contaminant.</p>	<p>Full Senate voted OTP w/amendment 2/01/2018</p> <p>Bill assigned to House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee 03/20/2018</p>

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<b>House Bills Submitted for 2018 Legislative Session</b>			
HB-1101	AN ACT regulating groundwater pollution caused by polluting emissions in the air.	This bill: I. Allows the department of environmental services to make rules regarding air pollution and the deposit of such pollutants on soils and water. II. Regulates devices emitting or having the potential to emit air pollutants that may harm soil and water through the deposit of such pollutants.	Full House voted OTP as amended 03/06/2018  Bill assigned to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee 03/08/2018
HB-1212	AN ACT establishing a local option for commercial buildings with environmental liability that are delinquent on property taxes	This bill enables a municipality to prohibit occupancy of a commercial building with delinquent property taxes if the municipality has refused a tax deed for the property due to potential environmental liability issues.	Full House voted Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) 02/08/2018 – <b>Bill Killed</b>
HB-1226	AN ACT relative to restricting the watering of lawns through the use of private wells	This bill deletes private wells from restrictions on the watering of lawns (Amends RSA 41:11-d)	Full House voted ITL 03/06/2018 – <b>Bill Killed</b>
HB-1460	AN ACT relative to the criteria and standards for professional and occupational regulation by the state.	This bill establishes criteria and standards for the review or enactment of professional or occupational regulation by the state to be administered by the office of professional licensure and certification.	Full House voted ITL 03/06/2018 – <b>Bill Killed</b>
HB-1590	AN ACT relative to standards for perfluorinated chemicals in surface water.	This bill requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services to make rules relative to the presence of certain chemicals in the surface waters of the state.	Full House voted ITL 03/06/2018 – <b>Bill Killed</b>

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HB-1591	AN ACT relative to a private right of action to recover damages for toxin exposure	This bill establishes: I. A private right of action for equitable or declaratory relief for violation of any solid waste or hazardous waste permit. II. Strict liability for the release of toxic substances. III. A private right of action for medical monitoring damages.	Full House voted ITL 03/06/2018 – <b>Bill Killed</b>
HB-1592	AN ACT requiring the commissioner of the department of environmental services to revise rules relative to arsenic contamination in drinking water.	This bill requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services to revise rules relative to arsenic contamination in drinking water.	Full House voted OTP w/amendment 02/08/2018; Referred to ED&A, report OTP w/amendment 03/14/2018
HB-1610	AN ACT requiring sellers of real property to disclose certain information concerning environmental hazards.	This bill requires sellers of real property to provide notice to buyers of environmentally hazardous sites within one mile of the property, and to disclose water test results if a source of MTBE or perfluorinated chemicals is identified within one mile of the property.	House Commerce and Consumer Affairs report ITL 02/23/2018; Special Order to Full House 03/15/2018
HB-1618	AN ACT relative to ambient water quality standards and maximum contaminant levels for perfluorinated chemicals	This bill requires the department of environmental services to make rules relative to preflourinated chemicals in ambient water.	Full House voted ITL 03/06/2018 – <b>Bill Killed</b>
HB-1632	AN ACT relative to the labeling of bottled water.	This bill requires bottled water to be tested for the presence of certain chemicals and labeled with certain results of such tests.	House Commerce and Consumer Affairs report ITL 02/26/2018; Special Order to Full House 03/15/2018
HB-1651	AN ACT establishing a committee to study the use of liquid de-icers on roads	This bill establishes a committee to study the effect of liquid de-icers on roads and vehicles.	Full House voted OTP 02/08/2018; Bill assigned to Senate Transportation Committee 02/15/2018

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HB-1685	AN ACT establishing a statutory commission for oversight over occupational regulation	This bill establishes an occupational regulation review commission to determine if regulatory boards utilize the least restrictive regulation. The bill requires a continuing review of all occupational boards and provides for analysis of legislation and rules before enactment or adoption.	Full House voted OTP 03/07/2018; Bill assigned to Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee 03/08/2018
HB-1689-FN	AN ACT repealing the repeal of the pollution prevention program of the department of environmental services	This bill repeals the repeal of the pollution prevention program of the department of environmental services. This bill is a request of the department of environmental services.	Full House voted OTP 03/06/2018; Bill assigned to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee 03/08/2018
HB-1727-FN	AN ACT relative to monitoring perfluorinated chemicals in public water supplies	This bill requires public water suppliers to monitor public water supplies for perfluorinated chemicals.	Full House voted ITL 03/06/2018 – <b>Bill Killed</b>
HB-1737-FN	AN ACT relative to the permissible level of methyl tertiary butyl ether in drinking water.	This bill sets the permissible level of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in drinking water at .5 micrograms per liter.	Full House voted ITL 03/06/2018 – <b>Bill Killed</b>
HB-1797	AN ACT adding a 50 percent charge to all amounts assessed to persons liable for costs of containment, cleanup, and remediation of water, air and soil pollution	This bill adds a 50 percent charge to all amounts assessed to persons liable for costs of containment, cleanup, and remediation of water, air and soil pollution.	Full House voted ITL 02/08/2018 – <b>Bill Killed</b>

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<b>Senate Bills Submitted for 2018 Legislative Session</b>			
SB-309	AN ACT relative to standards for perfluorochemicals in drinking water, ambient groundwater, and surface water	This bill: I. Requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services to adopt a state drinking water standard relative to perfluorochemicals. II. Requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services to establish ambient groundwater quality standards relative to perfluorochemicals. III. Requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services to establish surface water quality standards relative to perfluorochemicals.	Full Senate voted OTP 03/15/2018
SB-330	AN ACT requiring the department of environmental services to give certain persons time to cure violations before imposing a penalty	requiring the department of environmental services to give certain persons time to cure violations before imposing a penalty	Full Senate ITL 1/18/2018 - <b>Bill Killed</b>
SB-368	AN ACT establishing an exemption from shoreland protection permitting requirement for maintenance and repairs of existing roads and for borings and test wells		Full Senate voted OTP w/amendment 02/22/2018; Bill assigned to House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee 03/07/2018
SB-372-FN-A	AN ACT establishing positions in the office of professional licensure and certification and making an appropriation therefor	This bill authorizes 3 license clerk positions in the office of professional licensure and certification and makes an appropriation therefor. This bill is a request of the office of professional licensure and certification.	Full Senate voted OTP w/amendment 02/01/2018; Bill assigned to House Executive Departments and Administration Committee 03/07/2018

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SB-450-FN-A	AN ACT establishing an advisory commission for the department of environmental services relative to the delegation of authority of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program.	This bill establishes an advisory commission for the department of environmental services to the delegation of authority for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program. This bill is a request of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System study commission established in RSA 483-B:7-a.	Full Senate voted OTP w/amendment 03/15/2018
SB-454	AN ACT relative to ambient water quality standards and maximum contaminant levels for certain perfluorinated chemicals	This bill requires the department of environmental services to review existing scientific studies and implement rulemaking for ambient water quality standards and maximum containment levels for specific perfluorinated chemicals.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee report: Refer to Interim Study 03/13/2018
SB-531-FN	AN ACT relative to the office of professional licensure and certification.	This bill provides for the office of professional licensure and certification to establish by rule and collect the fees for boards and commissions administered by the office, and to deposit the fees collected in the office of professional licensure and certification fund for payment of the costs and salaries of the office. This bill is a request of the office of professional licensure and certification.	Full Senate voted OTP 02/15/2018; Bill assigned to House Executive Departments and Administration Committee 03/07/2018