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NH Legislative Scorecard 2024

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
1. HB1569 Strengthen Voter ID (Passed 13 to 11 on 5/23/2024).	Eliminates all voter ID exemptions, end the use of affidavits as ID proof, and repeal affidavit ballot protocols.		NO ✗
2. HB1283 Assisted Suicide (Rejected 17 to 7 on 5/16/2024).	Establishes a process for terminally ill individuals in New Hampshire to access medical assistance in dying by self-administering prescribed medication.		YES ★
3. HB619 Prevent Sex Changes for Minors (Passed 13 to 10 on 5/16/2024).	Prohibits gender reassignment surgery for individuals under 18.		NO ✗
4. HB1294 Government Overreach (Passed 22 to 1 on 10/10/2024).	Regulates fertilizer use on New Hampshire lawns, limiting nutrient application, restricting certain conditions, and exempting golf courses and sod farms following best practices.		YES ✗
5. HB1186 Firearm Purchasers Privacy Act (Passed 14 to 10 on 5/2/2024).	Prohibits the assignment of a specific merchant code for the sale of firearms, ammunition, or accessories.		NO ✗
6. HB572 Free School Meals Expansion (Tabled 13 to 11 on 1/3/2024).	Expands eligibility for free school meals to students from households earning up to 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. Estimated cost per household: -\$93.00/year.		NO ✗

Scorecard Votes: 17%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Strengthen Voter ID

HB1569 eliminates all voter ID exemptions, ends the use of affidavits as ID proof, and repeals affidavit ballot protocols.

The New Hampshire State Senate passed HB1569 on May 23, 2024 by a vote of 13 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because strengthening our voter ID laws is crucial to ensuring election integrity. Article IV, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution provides that “citizens” of the United States “shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities,” such as the “right of citizens of the United States” to vote as prescribed in the 26th Amendment.

2. Assisted Suicide

HB1283 establishes a process for terminally ill individuals in New Hampshire to access medical assistance in dying by self-administering prescribed medication. To qualify, individuals must be adults with a terminal condition expected to result in death within six months.

The New Hampshire State Senate voted to refer HB1283 to interim study on May 16, 2024 by a vote of 17 to 7, effectively halting the bill for the session. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill potentially opens the door for assisted suicide beyond terminally ill individuals in the future. The right to life is a fundamental, God-given, unalienable right, as affirmed in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

3. Prevent Sex Changes for Minors

HB619 prohibits gender reassignment surgery for individuals under 18. Violations are classified as unprofessional conduct, subject to disciplinary action, lawsuits, and potential damages. The bill also allows minors or their parents to sue for up to 20 years after reaching adulthood.

The New Hampshire State Senate passed HB619 on May 16, 2024 by a vote of 13 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the Left has been promoting radical Marxist ideas like this for years. The indoctrination that leads people to believe that they can choose their pronouns and identify as a different gender is immoral. Scientifically and biblically, there are only two genders. Additionally, minors are not yet capable of giving informed consent and should not have the ability to choose a gender that contradicts their scientific classification, causing irreversible damage.

4. Government Overreach

HB1293 regulates fertilizer use on New Hampshire lawns, setting application limits, defining key terms, and prohibiting use during heavy rain, on frozen ground, or near water bodies. While aimed at reducing environmental risks, it risks penalizing well-meaning homeowners. Retailers must display runoff education signs, but golf courses and sod farms are exempt if following best practices.

The New Hampshire State Senate overrode the governor's veto on October 10, 2024 by a vote of 22 to 1. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill is a significant government overreach into private property rights. By imposing restrictive regulations on how citizens manage their lawns while exempting certain industries, the bill creates an uneven playing field and undermines individual autonomy. Government interference in personal property decisions sets a dangerous precedent, prioritizing centralized control over citizens' lives.

5. Firearm Purchaser's Privacy Act

HB1186 prohibits the assignment of a specific merchant code for the sale of firearms, ammunition, or accessories. It also requires that firearms retailers use general merchandise or sporting goods retailer codes instead.

The New Hampshire State Senate passed HB1186 on May 2, 2024 by a vote of 14 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the workaround by credit card companies to track ammunition and firearm purchases violates several constitutionally protected rights, including in the First, Second, and Fourth Amendments. This is a large invasion of privacy, opens the door for illegal searches, and potentially deters people from making firearm purchases.

6. Free School Meals Expansion

HB572 expands eligibility for free school meals to students from households earning up to 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. It allocates funding from the education trust fund to cover the additional costs, ensuring schools can provide meals at no charge to eligible students.

The New Hampshire State Senate voted to table HB572 on January 3, 2024 by a vote of 13 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because taxpayers should not fund meals for school students. This bill increases government spending and expands the role of government. Providing free meals to some students, but not others, regardless of need, removes the personal responsibility of parents and guardians to provide for their children's meals.