



# GOLD STANDARD



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**SB 372-FN-A, establishing positions in the office of professional licensure and certification and making an appropriation therefor.**

**SB 372**

**Finance: OTP/A 5-0**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill permanently increases state spending to administer programs designed to limit a competitive free market for labor.**

**NAY  
OTP/A**

- The need for additional staff is due to New Hampshire's excessive use of occupational licenses.
- New Hampshire requires a license to perform 34 low-to-moderate income jobs — many of which are safely performed in other states without a license. According to the Institute for Justice, eleven of the occupations NH licenses are licensed by less than half of the other states. For example, NH is one of only five states that licenses shampooers. Laws requiring licensing of these kinds of occupations, which most other states are doing fine without licensing, are candidates for reform.
- We should look to reform and reduce existing professional licensing laws rather than expand an office that should be contracting.

**HB 549-FN, relative to beverage vendor fees.**

**HB 549**

**Finance: OTP/A 4-1**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill as amended eliminates beverage vendor license fees.**

**YEA  
OTP/A**

- This bill eliminates beverage manufacturer vendor fees, which are a special class of fees applied to this industry but not others.

**SB 492-FN, prohibiting bump stocks in New Hampshire.**

**SB 492**

**Judiciary: IS 3-2**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill prohibits the manufacture, sale, or possession of certain firearm accessories.**

**YEA IS**

- The language describing "bump stocks" is so broad, the prohibitions would also include many replacement or upgrade parts used in modern firearms, including match grade triggers, higher quality bolt assemblies, better quality magazines, and stronger/weaker springs (depending on location).
- According to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, NH has the highest number of jobs per capita in the US for firearms and firearms component manufacturing (<http://bit.ly/2DMjKju>). Additional regulations on typical firearms components would negatively impact NH businesses.
- 3D printing and other broadly penetrated technologies render such legislation largely ineffective and negatively impacts law-abiding citizens.
- While ITL is the most appropriate motion for this bill, Interim Study is acceptable.