

HB 81 — prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of playgrounds

Committee — Recommendation: **Health and Human Services — ITL (12 – 7)**

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **YEA ON ITL**

This bill, which would fine people at least \$100 for smoking near a playground, is anti-liberty:

- Smoking is still legal and punishing smokers, who already pay a sin tax for their vice, for doing so is unreasonable.

HB 155 — allowing municipalities to adopt a non-wartime veterans' property tax credit

Committee — Recommendation: **Local and Regulated Revenues — ITL (16 – 3)**

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **YEA ON ITL**

This bill, which would increase property taxes on everyone else who does not qualify for this new credit, is anti-liberty:

- It shifts the property tax burden to non-veterans, regardless of ability to pay.

HB352 — banning corn-based ethanol as an additive to gasoline sold in New Hampshire

Committee — Recommendation: **Science Technology and Energy — ITL (8 – 7)**

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **YEA ON ITL**

This bill, which would prohibit businesses from providing a product to their customers, is anti-liberty:

- The state should not be micro-managing what New Hampshire businesses are allowed to sell, and should not allow the federal government to intervene when they have no authorization to meddle in such matters.
- The free market should be allowed to work by the natural use of supply and demand, not government mandates.

HB 533 — reducing the rates of the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax

Committee — Recommendation: **Ways and Means — ITL (15 – 4)**

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **NAY ON ITL**

This bill, which would reduce business taxes, is pro-liberty:

- Decreasing taxes allows private companies more control over how to spend or reinvest their profits.
- It will help stimulate the economy and save jobs.

HB 679 — [an exemption from the interest/dividends tax for those 62 years of age or older]

Committee — Recommendation:

Ways and Means — ITL (16 – 3)

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation:

YEA ON ITL

This bill, which would exempt up to \$24,000 from this unconstitutional income tax, is anti-liberty:

- Any tax on income is unconstitutional and should be repealed, not merely tinkered with.
- Even though reducing taxes is a concept to be supported, our Constitution requires levied taxes to be proportional; this tax fails that test by giving a special exemption to only one group of people.

HB 127 — relative to the treatment of pregnant inmates

Committee — Recommendation:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety — NO RECOMMENDATION

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation:

YEA ON OTP / NEA ON ITL

This bill, which require the department of corrections to not routinely restrain pregnant inmates, is pro-liberty:

- Restraining pregnant inmates presents a serious danger to the unborn child.
- Newborns should be protected from, not punished for, the crimes of their mothers.

HB 614 — relative to domicile of students for voting purposes

Committee — Recommendation:

Election Law — OTP/A (11 – 7)

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation:

NAY ON OTP/A

This bill, which would ensure that college students from out of state get to vote in all New Hampshire elections, is anti-liberty:

- It encourages non-residents to vote in our elections, which disenfranchises true residents of New Hampshire.

HB 121 — relative to regulating residential building and remodeling contractors and subcontractors

Committee — Recommendation:

Executive Departments and Administration — ITL (14 – 5)

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation:

YEA ON ITL

This bill, which would register and regulate remodeling contractors and subcontractors, is anti-liberty:

- All regulation ultimately drives up the costs that consumers have to pay for the regulated services.
- It will create an additional, expensive, and unnecessary barrier of entry to the market for new contractors.

— CONSENT CALENDAR —

HB 230 — relative to the burden of proof for a finding of abuse in domestic violence cases

Committee — Recommendation:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety — OTP/A (20 – 0)

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation:

NAY ON OTP/A

This bill, which would add a vague description to domestic abuse, is anti-liberty:

- While any victim of violence must be protected by the state, all citizens must also have their right to due process protected.

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