



September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**HB380, relative to the commission on the status on men.**

Notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall HB 380 become law? Our recommendation: NAY

This bill, exempting the commission on the status of men from repeal on June 30, 2011, is **anti-liberty**:

- As stated in the veto, this commission was recommended for repeal, "to help make state government more efficient, reduce cost, and eliminate waste..." The NHLA supports those goals.
- If passed, this law would retroactively take effect June 30th, 2011. Part 1, Article 23 of the NH Constitution prohibits retrospective laws.

**HB 380**

**NAY**

**HB 474-FN, relative to freedom of choice on whether to join a labor union.**

Notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall HB 474 become law? Our recommendation: YEA

This bill, exempting employees that opt not to join a union from paying agency fees, is **pro-liberty**:

- Forcing an employee who chooses not to associate with a union to pay that union is an act of coercion.
- Employment should be based upon the mutual benefit between employee and employer.
- The NHLA opposes the criminalization penalties and sign postage mandates in this bill.

**HB 474**

**YEA**

**SB 57, relative to regulation of title loan lenders.**

Notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall SB 57 become law? Our recommendation: YEA

This bill, allowing for collateral backed short term loans, is **pro-liberty**:

- Title loans give consumers more choice; banks and credit unions don't offer these kinds of short-term loans.
- High interest rates are appropriate on some loans because the terms of these loans are very short. The interest does not compound significantly so the actual amount of money transferred to the lender is comparatively small.
- These loans are useful for people who have unexpected short-term expenses and need a loan to cover them until they can adjust their spending habits to generate the needed surplus funds.

**SB 57**

**YEA**

**SB 88, relative to physical force in defense of a person and relative to the brandishing of a firearm or other means of self-defense.**

Notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall SB 88 become law? Our recommendation: YEA

This bill, recognizing self preservation inside and outside the home, is **pro-liberty**:

- [Art.] 2-a. [The Bearing of Arms.] All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state.
- People in fear for their lives should not have to retreat but should be able to defend themselves.
- The right to bear arms requires that people be able to display the tools of self-defense to warn and discourage would-be attackers.

**SB 88**

**YEA**

**SB 91, relative to automatic fire suppression sprinklers.**

Notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall SB 91 become law? Our recommendation: YEA

This bill, exempting sprinkler systems in one or two family homes, is **pro-liberty**:

- For some of the same reasons the state passed restrictions on the use of eminent domain, the legislature must sometimes place limits on the abuse of property rights by municipalities.
- The plethora of multi-family homes around the state still standing 100 years after construction is testament to the fact that owners and tenants have a vested interest in avoiding fires, and that it is a relatively minor risk.
- Sprinkler mandates are a top down, one size fits all solution to a minor problem. Property owners, builders, consumers, and insurance companies should decide what is best for individual homes.

**SB 91**

**YEA**

The New Hampshire Liberty Alliance would like to thank all the Representatives who took the time to read the Gold Standard during the 2011 session, and congratulate Rep. Mark Warden of Goffstown for earning the eighth annual Legislator of the Year award. After compiling 56 roll call votes in the House, six Representatives earned an A+ in the House: Mark Warden, Paul Brown, Seth Cohn, Brian Seaworth, Steve Vaillancourt, and Kyle Jones. The complete report card, with grades for the entire House and Senate, can be viewed on our website, [www.nhliberty.org](http://www.nhliberty.org),