



# New Hampshire Liberty Alliance

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 HB 593 NAY/OTP  
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 HB 445 NAY/INT  
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 HB 574 YEA/OTP

## HB 455-FN, authorizing optional enhanced driver's licenses and optional enhanced nondrivers' picture identification cards.

Committee recommendation: Transportation: ITL 6 - 5

This bill, authorizing optional enhanced driver's licenses and identification cards, is **anti-liberty**:

- Enhanced driver's licenses contain un-encrypted RFID chips, which are designed to be scanned and read from up to thirty feet away.
- RFID chips can be scanned through things that typically offer us privacy, such as clothes or purses, and their numbers can be read without the bearer's knowledge or consent.
- The House has repeatedly opposed RFID in driver's licenses over the last three bienniums. (HB203, HB686, HB478)
- New Hampshire should not be initiating privacy invading programs simply because of new federal laws like WHTI.

**HB 455**  
**YEA**  
**ON**  
**ITL**

## HB 593-FN-A-L, relative to video lottery and table gaming.

Committee recommendation: Ways and Means : OTP/A 14 - 7

This bill, laying the groundwork for up to two casinos in NH, is **anti-liberty**:

- Art. 83 Part 2 of the NH Constitution states clearly: "Free and fair competition in the trades and industries is an inherent and essential right of the people and should be protected against all monopolies and conspiracies which tend to hinder or destroy it."
- The bill is bureaucracy layered upon bureaucracy. Some of the powers given to that bureaucracy are unprecedented, including remote data collection and disabling of machines on private property by the Lottery Commission.
- The bill suspends the constitutional right to a jury trial for those subject to the Lottery Commission's authority, with no possibility for review or appeal.
- The bill creates a state-enforced monopoly on who can buy or sell "gambling equipment" in this state.
- It will still be a crime for 8 friends to sit around and play a game of poker.

**HB 593**  
**NAY**  
**ON**  
**OTP/A**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## HB 587, relative to grounds for divorce for persons with minor children.

Committee recommendation: Children and Family Law : ITL 16 - 0

This bill, which would permit 'no fault' divorce only if the parties do not have minor children, is **anti-liberty**:

- Attempts to legislate morality are rarely effective and lead to expanded criminality.
- NHLA supports the right of consenting adults to enter into or leave relationships as they see fit.

**HB 587**  
**YEA**  
**ON**  
**ITL**

### **HB 445-FN, relative to the regulation of electronic tracking devices.**

Committee recommendation: Commerce and Consumer Affairs : Refer for interim study.

This bill as amended, which would eliminate electronic tracking without one's prior consent, is **pro-liberty**:

- Free citizens should not be tracked without their consent.
- The NHLA supports floor amendment 2012-0084h.

**HB 445  
NAY  
on  
INT.  
STUDY**

### **HB 138-FN, relative to the cold case homicide unit.**

Committee recommendation: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP 16 - 1

This bill, which repeals the sunset provision for a narrowly focused agency, is **anti-liberty**:

- With federal funds expiring for this program in 2013, the program should likewise expire. Granite State taxpayers are overburdened and should not be forced to pay for a program which is expected to cost over \$700,000 per biennium.
- The state already has vast law enforcement and investigative resources; police personnel and equipment can be reassigned if the department determines this work deserves higher priority.

**HB 138  
NAY  
on  
OTP**

### **HB 574, relative to the taking of private property during a state of emergency.**

Committee recommendation: Judiciary : OTP 16 - 0

This bill, which repeals the law enacted post-9/11 that would allow the government to take private property during a state of emergency, is **pro-liberty**:

- This bill affirms Article 2 Part 1 of the NH Constitution that guarantees the natural rights of citizens to acquire, possess, and protect property.

**HB 574  
YEA  
on  
OTP**