



GOLD STANDARD



House Bills

HB 224, (New Title) relative to tinted windows on motor vehicles, relative to civil liability for damage to highways, and relative to employer access to motor vehicle records.

HB 224

Committee of Conference: Adopt Senate amendment with additional amendment

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill would relax the existing prohibition on aftermarket tinted windows to the left and right of the driver.

Support

- Only 3 states including New Hampshire have a prohibition on window tinting (instamotor.com/blog/window-tinting-laws-50-states).
- New Hampshire law enforcement already encounters tinted windows on the thousands of tourist vehicles that visit New Hampshire each year. No widespread problems have been reported with these vehicles.
- It is unfair to allow out-of-state visitors to drive with tinted windows while prohibiting New Hampshire residents the same freedom.
- Aftermarket side window tinting to the left and right of the driver would be allowed to the same degree as is currently already allowed when provided directly from the vehicle manufacturer.

HB 278, relative to the use of unused district facilities by chartered public schools.

HB 278

Committee of Conference: Adopt Senate amendment with additional amendment

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires school districts with unused properties to offer them for lease or sale to charter schools.

Support

- This bill provides a requirement to school districts to offer unused properties to charter schools for sale or lease.
- Taxpayer-funded properties would be used for instruction of students instead of potentially being abandoned and becoming dilapidated.

HB 334, (New Title) relative to prohibitions on carrying a loaded firearm on an OHRV or snowmobile and relative to the procedure for conducting firearm background checks.

HB 334

Committee of Conference: Adopt Senate amendment with additional amendment

PRO-LIBERTY: This a modest improvement to New Hampshire's existing constitutional carry law which corrects an oversight that mandates a permit when carrying a pistol or revolver when operating a snowmobile or Off Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV).

Support

- New Hampshire voters affirmed our inherent right to self-defense in 1982 with the adoption of Article 2-a of the state Constitution: *"All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state."*
- A requirement to have a license to carry a concealed firearm is an infringement on an individual's right to self-defense. This bill removes the infringement of the right of law-abiding citizens to carry protection discreetly when operating snowmobiles or OHRVs.

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill provides that any prohibition on in-person gatherings during a declared state of emergency shall be no more restrictive than restrictions placed on other essential services.

Support

- Our system of government guarantees the free exercise of religion and the right of people to peaceably assemble, yet under current law we allowed these rights to be trampled through simple executive action.
- While this bill would preserve the ability of the government to require religious organizations to comply with neutral health and safety regulations believed to be essential to further a compelling government interest, and this is likely to be subject to future abuse and broad interpretation, the bill is an important step toward reinforcing the protections outlined in the Constitution.