

HB 1626-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1626-FN-A***

AN ACT relative to the repeal of certain designated funds and relative to the apportionment of dog license fees.

SPONSORS: Rep. D. McGuire, Merr. 14; Rep. Almy, Graf. 17; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Gray, Dist 6

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill repeals certain designated funds and changes dog licensing fees.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~in brackets and struckthrough~~.
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT relative to the repeal of certain designated funds and relative to the apportionment of dog license fees.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Licensing of Dogs; Fees. Amend RSA 466:4, I(b)-II to read as follows:

2 (b) In addition to the sum required in subparagraphs I(a)(1) and (2), each year the owner
3 of each dog shall pay the clerk of the city or town where the dog is registered a companion animal
4 population control fee of [~~\$2~~] **\$1.75**.

5 (c) The clerk shall remit all companion animal population control fees collected to the
6 state treasurer along with the fees sent in accordance with RSA 466:9, provided that such companion
7 animal population control fees shall be deposited into the companion animal neutering fund,
8 established in RSA 437-A:4-a.

9 II. Notwithstanding paragraph I, the fee for every license for a year or a portion of a year
10 shall be [~~\$2~~] **\$1.75** for a dog of either sex if the owner is 65 years of age or older. Such owner shall
11 not be required to pay the companion animal population control fee, under RSA 466:4, I(b), for
12 licensing of one dog; provided, however, that, if such owner wishes to license more than one dog, the
13 fee for any additional license shall be as provided in paragraph I.

14 2 Licensing of Dogs; Payment of Fees. Amend RSA 466:9 to read as follows:

15 466:9 Payment of Fees.

16 I. Clerks of the towns and cities shall issue dog licenses, receive the money for the licenses,
17 and pay the same into the treasuries of their respective towns and cities on or before June 1 each
18 year, retaining to their own use \$1 for each license and submitting [~~\$-.50~~] **\$.75** for each license to the
19 department of agriculture, markets, and food for the purpose specified in paragraph II. The clerks
20 shall return to their respective town or city treasurer a sworn statement of the amount of moneys
21 thus received and paid over by them.

22 II. The [~~\$-.50~~] **\$.75** received by the department of agriculture, markets, and food for each
23 license issued pursuant to paragraph I shall be credited to a special nonlapsing fund to be used
24 exclusively for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory established under RSA 436:92,
25 and are hereby continually appropriated for such purpose to be expended under the supervision of
26 the commissioner of agriculture, markets, and food.

27 3 Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping; Permits may be Authorized. RSA 214:9-e, IV is repealed and
28 reenacted to read as follows:

29 IV. Moneys received through fees for permits collected under this section shall be credited to
30 the fish and game fund.

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1 4 Pesticides Training Program Fund; Credited to Pesticides Control Fund. Funds remaining in
2 the pesticides training program fund established under RSA 6:12, I(b)(76) pursuant to RSA 430:31-b
3 shall be credited to the pesticides control fund established under RSA 6:12, I(b)(94) pursuant to RSA
4 430:34.

5 5 Repeal. The following are repealed:

6 I. RSA 6:12, I(b)(76), relative to the pesticide training program fund.

7 II. RSA 6:12, I(b)(215), relative to moneys deposited in the department of fish and game's
8 permit fund under RSA 214:9-2, IV.

9 III. RSA 6:12, I(b)(332), relative to the emergency vehicle warning sign fund.

10 IV. RSA 6:12, I(b)(339), relative to the state heating system savings account.

11 V. RSA 6:12, I(b)(380), relative to the body-worn and in-car camera fund.

12 VI. RSA 21-I:19-ff, relative to the state heating system savings account.

13 VII. RSA 265:37-c, relative to the emergency vehicle warning sign fund.

14 VIII. RSA 430:31-b, relative to the pesticides training program.

15 6 Effective Date.

16 I. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

17 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 1626-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	Companion Animal Neutering Fund Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Fund			
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Companion Animal Neutering Fund Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Fund			
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? ☒ N/A
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? ☒ N/A

METHODOLOGY:

This bill repeals certain dedicated funds and changes dog licensing fees.

The Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food indicates this bill would not increase or decrease state revenue or expenditures, but would reapportion \$0.25 of the amount collected from each dog license from the Companion Animal Neutering Fund to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Fund.

The Office of Legislative Budget states, regarding the repeal of certain dedicated funds, these funds have either been inactive for some period of time, or the purpose for which the fund was created no longer exists. There is no fiscal impact attributable to the repeal of these special funds.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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