

## Legislative Liaison Updates

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The Legislation has kicked off the new session last week with a number of Retained Bills from last session being revisited; vetoed bills by the Governor as well as a whole new set of introduced bills for discussion and vote. I will be monitoring and reporting throughout this session on bills and items of interest that directly effect Dover and its citizens.

Some items of interest out of the gate:

**SB133 Reestablishing the exemption from property taxation for telecommunications poles/conduits.**

This bill was tabled last session and was not brought back, so it is officially dead. Unfortunately, a new bill, **HB1305** will bring this issue back again this session so I will continue to monitor its progress.

**HB514** would limit entry onto private land. This is a retained bill from last session.

**HB1306** proposes requiring employers (City of Dover) to make contributions for part time employees.

**HB1416** prohibits the addition of fluoride and other substances into the public water system.

**HB1498** would repeal the Dog Licensing requirements

**HB1670 and HB1671** relate to redistricting measures where certain wards in Dover may be part of other communities for representation at the state level.

**SB228** repeals the state assessment for excess benefits to be paid by employers in the retirement system. Also known as the spiking penalty charge.

Also of note, I have been appointed to the Municipal Advocacy Committee (MAC) for the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) where I will be working with other members from across the State to review legislative developments, establish policy positions on new issues and provide further guidance to NHMA's Government Affairs staff. It should also be note that City Manager Mike Joyal has been appointed to the Committee on Government Affairs (CGA) with the NHMA as well. Our involvement along with the two state representatives on the council, Dot Hooper and Michael Weeden, provides the citizens of Dover with comprehensive coverage of activities in the State House that may directly affect the quality of life in this city.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilor Bill Garrison