



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

May 27, 2022

**Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 275**

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on May 27, 2022, I have vetoed House Bill 275, relative to the declaration of a state of emergency.

Last session, I signed into law numerous reforms to the Governor's Emergency Powers codifying the transparency that was practiced in the current pandemic and giving the legislature a greater role in future States of Emergency.

If signed into law, this legislation would allow inaction by the State Legislature (such as the inability or unwillingness to meet) to end critical services necessary to serve the people of our state.

It is irresponsible to further bind a future Governor's ability to address and respond in a crisis, especially when the Legislature already has the power to suspend a State of Emergency at anytime.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 275.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

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Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor