



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU  
Governor

August 2, 2024

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1622

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 2, 2024, I have vetoed House Bill 1622 relative to administrative rulemaking and license renewals by the office of professional licensure and certification.

The majority of provisions in this bill would apply to every state agency that engages in rulemaking under RSA 541-A and as such multiple agencies have expressed operational and financial concerns with this bill.

If enacted, this legislation would substantially increase the burden on executive agencies when promulgating rules without providing the financial support to do so. These mandates will dramatically increase the amount of staff time required to simply draft a rule, which could increase the number of staff needed, or pull staff away from other essential functions within our agencies. Public input is essential to good public policy, however the burdens created by this legislation are overly taxing for a minimal amount of public benefit.

Additionally, while I do not support enforcement of expired rules, ordering an agency to pay a fine or attorney's fees as required means that fees from other, unrelated, licensees, assessment fees, or taxpayer dollars must be used. The potential fiscal impact of this is entirely unknown. This policy decision requires more attention to balance the accountability of rule enforcement with the financial interests of taxpayers and those who pay fees to fund regulatory agencies.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 1622.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor