

HB 176-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***176-FN***

AN ACT relative to changing the state flag design.

SPONSORS: Rep. Dunn, Rock. 16; Rep. Cole, Hills. 26; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33; Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 44; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 13; Rep. B. Boyd, Hills. 12; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill changes the design of the state flag.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five

AN ACT relative to changing the state flag design.

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

1 1 State Flag. Amend RSA 3:2 to read as follows:

2 3:2 State Flag. The state flag shall be of the following color and design: The ~~[body or field shall~~
3 ~~be blue and shall bear upon its center]~~ ***upper half of the flag shall be white and the lower half***
4 ***of the flag shall be blue and shall bear upon it, on the width of the hoist end of the flag,*** in
5 suitable proportion and colors a representation ~~[of the state seal]~~ ***in black of the old man of the***
6 ***mountain.*** ~~[The seal shall be surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves with nine stars interspersed.]~~
7 ***To the upper hoist quarter of the flag shall be placed a circle of 9 5-pointed stars colored in***
8 ***gold upon the old man of the mountain. To the right of the representation of the old man of***
9 ***the mountain, arranged on the center and near the bottom border, shall be the words "Live***
10 ***Free or Die" colored in gold.*** When used for military purposes the flag shall conform to the
11 regulations of the United States.

12 2 Applicability; Replacement of Flags. The new state flag design implemented pursuant to this
13 act shall be phased in over a period of 2 years following the effective date of this act.

14 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 176-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2027.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Administrative Services