

## Section 1 Header

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HOUSE BILL            *[bill number]*

AN ACT                relative to requests for easements for the purpose of laying sidewalk along class I-IV highways.

SPONSORS:           [sponsors]

COMMITTEE:         [committee]

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### ANALYSIS

This bill allows municipalities to request easements for the purpose of laying sidewalk along class I, II, III, and IV roads.

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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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 requests for easements for the purpose of laying sidewalk along class I-IV highways.

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

1            1 New Section; Request for Easements to Lay a Sidewalk. Amend RSA 231 by inserting after  
2 section 231:111 the following new section:

3            231:111-a Request for Easements to Lay a Sidewalk.

4            I. A municipality may request an easement from the department of transportation for the  
5 purpose of laying sidewalk alongside class I, II, III, or IV roads.

6            II. The department may create an application and requirements for granting such  
7 easements.

8            III. Within 90 days of receiving the request from the municipality, the department shall  
9 either approve the request for an easement, in whole or in part, and grant the easement, or deny the  
10 request and issue written findings in support of the denial. The 90 days shall not apply where the  
11 governor and executive council must approve the land use, or the project requires multiple  
12 easements.

13            IV. If the department does not grant the easement or issue a denial with written findings  
14 within the 90-day period, the applicant shall be granted an easement by default. The municipality is  
15 responsible for any construction costs and maintenance of the sidewalk.

16            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.