

Vetoed Legislation

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H258 - Open Amusement Parks/Arcades/Venues. (Ratified)

OVERVIEW: House Bill 258 would have done the following:

- Authorize amusement parks, any fair or carnival, which is a member of the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs, and gaming and business establishments with video games and arcade games to open and resume operations, provided specific conditions are met.
- Authorize existing venues for receptions or parties to resume operations, provided specific conditions are met.
- Authorize outdoor stadiums having a spectator capacity of 12,000 or less that are operating restaurants on the stadium premises to open and operate food and drink service for on-premises consumption, provided specific conditions are met.
- Allow the Governor, with a concurrence of the majority of the Council of State, to exercise emergency powers to exercise emergency powers with regard to amusement parks, gaming and business establishments with video games and arcade games, any fair or carnival which is a member of the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs, venues for receptions or parties, and outdoor stadiums that operate restaurants, provided the concurrence is documented and released.
- Require the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Secretary of Environmental Quality to notify the Governor and obtain the concurrence of a majority of the Council of State before issuing an order of abatement related to COVID-19 that requires closure of amusement parks, gaming and business establishments with video games and arcade games, any fair or carnival which is a member of the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs, venues for receptions or parties, and outdoor stadiums that operate restaurants, and to document and release the majority concurrence of the Council of State.

House Bill 258 was ratified by the General Assembly on June 24, 2020, and vetoed by the Governor on July 2, 2020.

H536 - Temp Outdoor Restaurants for Outdoor Seating. (Ratified)

House Bill 536 would have temporarily authorized existing food establishment, private clubs or private bars, wineries, and distilleries to offer and operate outdoor dining and beverage service options, provided specific conditions were met. House Bill 536 was ratified by the General Assembly on May 28, 2020, and was vetoed by the Governor on June 5, 2020.

H594 - Temporarily Open Gyms/Health Clubs/Fitness Centers. (Ratified)

House Bill 594 would have done the following:

- Authorize existing indoor or outdoor exercise and fitness facilities, gyms, health clubs, and fitness centers to open and resume operations, provided specific conditions are met, although temporarily closed by executive order due to COVID-19.

- Authorize existing food establishment, private clubs or private bars, wineries, and distilleries to offer and operate outdoor dining and beverage service options, provided specific conditions are met, although temporarily closed by executive order due to COVID-19.
- Allow the Governor, with a concurrence of the majority of the Council of State, to exercise emergency powers to reclose the restaurants, bars, and fitness facilities opened by HB594, provided the concurrence is documented and released.
- Require the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Secretary of Environmental Quality to seek the concurrence of the majority of the Council of State has been obtained and released when issuing an order of abatement related to COVID-19 that requires closure of restaurants, bars, and fitness facilities.

House Bill 594 was ratified by the General Assembly on June 10, 2020, and vetoed by the Governor on June 19, 2020.

H612 - Department of Social Services Review of Procedures/Criminal History/Office of Administrative Hearings. (Ratified)

House Bill 612 would have required the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services to identify any publications, policies, and procedures that might be considered rules under Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. Any publications, policies, and procedures identified as rules would have to have been adopted through the rule-making process, or they would have become void on July 1, 2022. Licensing Boards and state licensing agencies would not have been permitted to require certain criminal background information as a precondition of granting a license. Finally, the bill would have clarified the procedures for when rules that receive objections become effective. House Bill 612 was ratified on June 26, 2020, and vetoed on July 2, 2020.

H652 - 2nd Amendment Protection Act. (Ratified)

House Bill 652 would have made various changes to the firearms laws in the following areas:

- Handguns on religious property that is also the location of a school.
- Concealed handgun permit lapse.
- Concealed carry for certain law enforcement facility employees.
- Concealed carry for certain emergency medical services personnel.

House Bill 652 was ratified by the General Assembly on June 25, 2020, and vetoed by the Governor on July 2, 2020.

H686 - Freedom to Celebrate the Fourth of July. (Ratified)

House Bill 686 would have allowed 4th of July parades and regulated firework displays. House Bill 686 was ratified by the General Assembly on June 24, 2020, and vetoed by the Governor on July 2, 2020.

H806 - Open Exercise & Fitness Facilities. (Ratified)

House Bill 806 would have authorized the reopening and resumption of activities by existing indoor or outdoor exercise and fitness facilities, gyms, health clubs, and fitness centers temporarily closed by executive order due to COVID-19, provided specific conditions were met.

The act would have become effective when it became law and expired when Executive Order No. 147, issued on June 24, 2020, was repealed, replaced, or rescinded.

House Bill 806 was ratified by the General Assembly on June 26, 2020, and vetoed by the Governor on July 2, 2020.

H918 - Expedite Permanency/DHHS Report SNAP/TANF. (Ratified)

House Bill 918 would have amended various abuse, neglect, and dependency laws to do the following:

- Ensured the safety of children in out-of-home placements.
- Expedited permanency planning hearings for children who have been removed from the home.
- Created a presumption that foster parents with whom a child has lived continuously for nine months are deemed nonrelative kin.
- Created an aggravating circumstance for the exposure of unlawful controlled substances in utero or controlled substances in violation of the law in utero.
- Required the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Social Services (DSS) to report annually on certain expenditures for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

House Bill 918 was ratified on June 25, 2020, and was vetoed by the Governor on July 2, 2020.

S105 - Clarify Emergency Powers. (Ratified)

Senate Bill 105 would have clarified that the Governor must seek a concurrence of the Council of State prior to exercising certain authorities under the Emergency Management Act.

Senate Bill 105 was ratified by the General Assembly on June 20, 2020, and was vetoed by the Governor on July 2, 2020.

S168 - DHHS & Other Revisions. (Ratified)

Senate Bill 168 made a number of changes in the health and human services area. The bill made primarily technical and conforming changes to laws pertaining to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and the Division of Public Health in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The bill included changes to allow the Chief Medical Examiner to appoint emergency medical examiners during a state of emergency and to specify that all information and records provided by a city, county, or other public entity to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner concerning a

death investigation will retain the same degree of confidentiality it had while in the possession of the city, county or other public entity. The bill made technical, conforming, and other changes to DHHS Block Grants. Finally, the bill contained a privilege exception to the reporting requirement for crimes against juveniles for psychiatric physicians.

Senate Bill 168 was ratified by the General Assembly on June 26, 2020, and vetoed by the Governor on July 6, 2020.

S599 - Open Skating Rinks/Bowling Alleys. (Ratified)

OVERVIEW Senate Bill 599 would have done the following:

- Authorized existing skating rinks and bowling alleys to open and resume operations, provided specific conditions were met.
- Temporarily allowed minor league baseball stadiums with existing food and beverage establishments to have outdoor seating up to ten percent (10%) of the permanent seating capacity of the stadium, provided certain conditions were met.
- Allowed the Governor, with a concurrence of the majority of the Council of State, to exercise emergency powers to reclose the skating rinks and bowling alleys opened by Senate Bill 599, provided the concurrence was documented and released.
- Required the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Secretary of Environmental Quality to notify the Governor, obtained a concurrence of a majority of the Council of State, and released that concurrence before issuing an order of abatement related to COVID-19 that required closure of skating rinks and bowling alleys.

Senate Bill 599 was ratified by the General Assembly on June 19, 2020, and vetoed by the Governor on July 2, 2020.