

CHAPTER 37
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HOUSE BILL **668**

AN ACT relative to heating, agitating or other devices in public waters.

SPONSORS: Rep. Huot, Belk. 3

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits any heating, agitating, or other device from being placed in such a way so as to impede ingress or egress to the ice from any property other than the device owner. The bill also requires all persons installing such a device to post signs that warn of the device's location.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in
regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

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

1 37:1 Navigation; Harbors, Coast Survey; Heating, Agitating or Other Devices in
2 Public Waters, Safety Hazard. Amend RSA 270:33 to read as follows:
3 270:33 Heating, Agitating, or Other Devices in Public Waters; Safety Hazard. No
4 person shall put, place, operate, or cause to be put, placed, or operated in the waters of
5 this state any so-called heating, agitating, or other device which inhibits or prevents the
6 natural freezing of water, or forming of ice, and ***thereby*** impedes either the ingress or
7 egress to or from ***the*** ice ~~[by means of any public access thereto]~~ ***from any property other***
8 ***than that of the owner of the device.*** ~~[If the heating, agitating or other device is placed~~
9 ~~anywhere else, nearby signs shall likewise be placed to warn of possible danger.]~~ ***The***
10 ***person or persons responsible for the placement of the device shall ensure that warning***
11 ***signs are posted to warn of its location.*** Said signs shall read DANGER, THIN ICE and
12 shall be of sufficient size to be readable at a distance of not less than 150 feet, and shall
13 be visible from all directions and shall be equipped with reflectors and color-coded in a
14 pattern unique for this purpose only. The department of safety is hereby authorized to
15 establish said unique design and coloring and any homemade copies shall follow this
16 design and coloring. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by any law
17 enforcement agency under the direction of the department of safety pursuant to RSA
18 106-A:14 and the department of fish and game pursuant to RSA 206:26.

37:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 15, 2019
Effective Date: July 14, 2019