

# NH Cannabis Bills 2025 Status Report

Bill #	Title	Sponsors and Status
HB 51	<b>Relative to Hemp-derived Cannabinoids and The Definition Of Cannabis In Therapeutic Cannabis.</b> <i>This bill would enable ATCs to expand their product offerings by utilizing non-intoxicating cannabinoids (e.g. CBD, CBG, and CBN) derived from hemp. ATCs would be required to have hemp-derived cannabinoids tested by an independent lab before using them to make products for patients.</i>	Rep. Wendy Thomas; Rep. Suzanne Vail; Rep. Heath Howard  <b>Passed House HHSEA Committee 17-0. Passed House on consent calendar in voice vote. Senate Judiciary Committee voted 3-1 against. Pending in full Senate.</b>
HB 53	<b>Permitting Qualifying Patients and Designated Caregivers to Cultivate Cannabis For Therapeutic Use.</b> <i>The House has now passed versions of this bill 12 times since 2009. The Senate passed it in 2019, but it was vetoed by the governor.</i>	Rep. Wendy Thomas; Rep. Jim Kofalt; Rep. Heath Howard  <b>Passed House HHSEA Committee 13-4. Passed House 328-42. Senate Judiciary Committee voted 3-1 against. Pending in full Senate.</b>
HB 54	<b>Allowing Alternative Treatment Centers to Operate For-profit.</b> <i>NH is the only state that still requires medical cannabis businesses to be non-profits. Since ATCs are not recognized as non-profits by the federal government, this policy has resulted in significantly increased costs for both businesses and patients.</i>	Rep. Wendy Thomas; Rep. Heath Howard; Rep. Suzanne Vail  <b>Passed House HHSEA Committee 18-0. Retained by House Finance, Language added to House budget (HB 2).</b>
HB 75	<b>Legalizing Cannabis For Persons 21 Years Of Age or Older.</b> <i>This bill would legalize unlimited possession, production, and sale of cannabis for adults with no regulation of sales.</i>	Rep. Kevin Verville  <b>House CJPS Committee voted 9-7 against. House rejected committee report 167-190 and passed bill in voice vote. Senate Judiciary Committee voted 3-1 against. Pending in full Senate.</b>
HB 186	<b>Relative to The Legalization and Regulation Of Cannabis and Making Appropriations</b>	Rep. Jared Sullivan; Rep. Heath Howard

	<b>Therefor.</b> <i>Similar to HB 639 from 2023, this bill would legalize cannabis for adults and set up an independent Cannabis Commission to regulate cannabis sales.</i>	<i>House Commerce Subcommittee voted 7-0 to retain. Retained for consideration later in 2025.</i>
HB 196	<b>Relative to Annulling Certain Cannabis Offenses.</b> <i>This bill would improve NH's process for annulling previous offenses for cannabis possession, including by waiving the fees.</i>	Rep. Jonah Wheeler and others <i>Passed House CJPS Committee 13-0. Passed House in voice vote. Pending in Senate Judiciary.</i>
HB 198	<b>Relative to Legalizing Certain Quantities Of Cannabis and Establishing Penalties For The Smoking or Vaping Of Cannabis In Public.</b> <i>This bill would legalize limited possession of cannabis for adults with no retail sales.</i>	Rep. Jared Sullivan; Rep. Heath Howard; Rep. Jonah Wheeler <i>Passed House CJPS Committee 9-7. Passed House 208-125.</i>
HB 190	<b>Relative to Therapeutic Cannabis Possession Limits.</b> <i>Purchasing and possession limits for registered patients would be increased from 2 ounces to 4 ounces. This would allow patients who have difficulty traveling to make fewer trips to dispensaries.</i>	Rep. Heath Howard and six other representatives; Sen. Suzanne Prentiss <i>Passed House CJPS Committee 14-0. Passed House in voice vote.</i>
HB 380	<b>Relative to penalties for criminal violations of the therapeutic use of cannabis.</b> <i>This bill would eliminate the extra felony penalty for diverting therapeutic cannabis (selling cannabis is a felony in NH).</i>	Rep. Suzanne Vail and five other representatives <i>House CJPS Committee voted 9-6 against. House overturned this report and passed the bill.</i>
HB 301	<b>Relative to Cultivation Locations For Alternative Treatment Centers.</b> <i>This bill would allow ATCs to operate a greenhouse, subject to all the rules and regulations that apply to current ATC production facilities.</i>	Rep. Suzanne Vail <i>Passed House HHSEA Committee 18-0. Passed House in voice vote.</i>