

RELEASE: In Monumental Bipartisan Vote, House Overrides Governor Sununu's Veto of HB 455

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – The House of Representatives voted today 247-123 to override Governor Sununu's veto of [HB 455](#), abolishing capital punishment in New Hampshire. Prime Sponsor of the legislation **Representative Renny Cushing (D-Hampton)** released the following statement:

"It is a historic day in the New Hampshire House. After decades of hard-fought bipartisan advocacy for change in our criminal justice system, today the House stands strong against capital punishment."

"Today is particularly emotional for me. I feel uniquely familiar with the experience of what one feels in the aftermath of murder. I know that the all too common notion that capital punishment will provide relief to a victim's family is flawed, because nothing can alleviate the grief a victim's family feels. It is time that we recognize as a state that the Government should not be perpetuating a cycle of grief and advocating for the killing of its citizens. If violence triumphs, we all lose. Today we win."

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