

RELEASE: Senate Vote to Override Sununu Veto Abolishes Death Penalty in New Hampshire



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SENATE VOTE TO OVERRIDE SUNUNU VETO ABOLISHES DEATH PENALTY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – The Senate voted 16-8 today 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:

“The Senate vote today to finally abolish the death penalty in New Hampshire is a remarkable moment in our state’s history. Having been a part of this movement for the past 20 years, the outcome today to shift the narrative on criminal justice from violent punishment to humane treatment is overwhelmingly heartwarming for me.”

“I know firsthand that the pain and trauma from losing a loved one to violent crime will never dissipate. Today’s vote will ensure that this cycle of pain, which only creates more and more victims in its wake, will no longer be perpetuated by our state government. Abolishing capital punishment ensures that our state will never again eternalize the force of violence and will instead lead with powerful humanity.”

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