

RELEASE: House Backs Suicide Prevention Mandatory Waiting Period Legislation

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HOUSE BACKS SUICIDE PREVENTION MANDATORY WAITING PERIOD LEGISLATION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted 184-134 to pass [HB 1101](#), legislation establishing a mandatory waiting period on gun sales in New Hampshire with a few exceptions. **House Majority Leader Doug Ley, (D-Jaffrey)**, released the following statement:

“The rate of suicide in New Hampshire, which has increased by nearly 10% since 2018, is a public health crisis and does not discriminate. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among Granite Staters between the ages of 15 and 34, and across the country it affects our veterans at rates 1.5 times higher than non-veterans. Suicide impacts more than just the victim, but the victim’s friends, family members, coworkers, and neighbors alike in tremendous and lasting ways.”

“This legislation implements a 3-day waiting period for gun sales, a proven method to prevent acts of suicide and other impulsive acts of self-harm or violence. We cannot wait any longer to pass this critical legislation and I urge Governor Sununu to stand with Granite Staters impacted by the tragedy of suicide and sign this bill.”

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