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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – The House of Representatives voted today [221-132](#) to pass [SB 193-FN](#), which helps protect both firefighters and residents from harmful, outdated, and often ineffective flame retardant chemicals. **Representative Edward Butler (D-Hart's Location)**, Chair of the House Commerce Committee, released the following statement:

“Clarifying our laws regarding flame retardant chemicals in upholstered furnishings is important to all of our constituents as well as our firefighters. I’m encouraged to see the House give bipartisan support to this important policy.

Though our firefighters have good protective equipment it still doesn’t provide 100% protection against the harmful effects of flame-retardant chemicals in residential fires. These chemicals are also no longer needed, as once thought, to slow the ignition of a fire. It past time to prevent further use of such chemicals.”

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