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**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** –Today, the New Hampshire House voted 199-134 to send a request to the NH Supreme Court seeking clarity on constitutional provision regarding the presence of legislators at House sessions. **House Majority Leader Doug Ley (D-Jaffrey)** released the following statement:

“Asking the NH Supreme Court if holding legislative sessions remotely is permissible under our Constitution is a fairly simple process, and I am glad the House voted to send the question to the Court today. Determining if the legislature can meet remotely without Constitutional amendment is important, as remote meetings during the ongoing pandemic would increase efficiently and save significant taxpayer funds. Nearly every House Republican voted against this simple request, again trying to obstruct the legislature from functioning. If Republicans had their way, we would go into next year’s session – which begins in less than four months – with no direction on this important question. I thank my Democratic colleagues and the three House Republicans who joined us in exploring ways to do the people’s work more efficiently and economically when unable to meet in our normal chamber.”

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