

## New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

### Fiscal Note Quick Guide

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**HB 1498**, *relative to establishing a state short term rental registry.*

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

#### **Requiring short-term rentals to be licensed and registered for taxes on meals and rooms.**

The proposed legislation amends RSA 78-A:4, I by adding “short-term rental” operators to those who are required to register the name and address of each place of business in the state with the DRA. Current RSA 78-A:3, XXIII defines "short-term rental" to mean the rental of one or more rooms in a residential unit for occupancy for tourist or transient use for less than 185 consecutive days. Short-term rental includes occupancy rental through hotels and motels.

The proposed amendment to RSA 78-A:4, IV requires the license information of short-term rentals be shared with local municipalities. The DRA suggests additional language be included to specify the frequency of the sharing and the method of the sharing.

Under current law, short-term rental operators are required to obtain a M&R license from the DRA. Current law requires each operator to obtain an M&R license. Room facilitators are required to register with the DRA and obtain an M&R license and owners of short-term rental properties who do not use a room facilitator are required to register and obtain an M&R license.

To the extent that the proposed legislation requires the owner who uses a room facilitator to also register and obtain an M&R license, the proposed legislation will be revenue neutral because all properties of short-term rentals would already have been included in either the owner’s or the room facilitator’s registration and license. The proposed legislation does not expand or reduce taxable occupancy.

At present, room facilitators obtain only a single license that covers all the rental locations that is being facilitated. This amendment clarifies that a room facilitator shall register with the DRA the name and address of short-term rental location and obtain a license for each rental location it operates.

The DRA would be responsible for updating all necessary forms and electronic management system related to this proposed legislation.

The proposed legislation shall be effective July 1, 2024.

The amended legislation repeats the words “this information” on lines 26 and 27 of page 2, the DRA recommends removing the second instance of “this information”.