



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

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The Honorable Judith Spang, Chairman
Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**RE: HB 1222, Pertaining to the Authority of the Commissioner of DES to Grant Permits
under the Shoreland Protection Act.**

Dear Chairman Spang:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 1222. This legislation, as proposed, further clarifies that the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) shall not be bound by a decision of any municipality to grant waivers or variances. The DES fully supports the clarification provided by this proposed legislation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this bill. Please feel free to call me at 271-2958, or Rene Pelletier at 271-2951, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,

Thomas Burack
Commissioner

cc: Representative J. Day
Representative Kepner