

GREATER NASHUA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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THE "BOTTOM LINE" LEGISLATIVE REPORT

A Weekly Report From the Chamber on Issues Affecting You in the State Capital

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THE WEEK JUST PAST...

Huge Victory For Technology (HB 203)

The Senate voted 16-6 to amend **HB 203**, which would have stymied radio frequency identification device (RFID) technology to a Commission to look at the use of radio frequency technology in the private and public sectors, its benefits and potential privacy implications.

The Commission is a very prudent way for the legislature to move forward on RFID, as there are many, many benefits of the technology in the controlling of inventory in the global retail supply chain, eliminating counterfeit drugs, monitoring criminals and healthcare records, to name a few. The Senate vote was a totally bipartisan vote with all eight Democrats and eight Republicans joining forces to not limit technology in its infancy. Big thanks going to Chamber member Nashua Corporation for its leadership on this issue.

Identity Theft Bill Passes Senate (HB 1660)

The Senate passed an amendment to **HB 1660**, the security breach bill. The amendment requires "prompt determination that the information has been or will be misused." The notification of the breach to the affected individuals shall be "as soon as possible." The Attorney General's Office and the regulator (if applicable) shall also be notified of the breach. Notice shall be provided *via* written notice, electronic notice, telephone notice, or a substitute notice is acceptable, such as posting on the website, notice in statewide media or e-mail, if the cost of notice would exceed \$5,000 or the affected individuals exceed 1,000.

If the House agrees with the Senate amendment and **HB 1660** becomes law, it will be effective January 1, 2007.

Other Interesting Senate Votes

HB 1452. Health insurance will now cover bone marrow testing for donation. The bill is now off to Governor Lynch for signature. Nashua Senators Foster and Gottesman, as well as Representative Rosenwald, were instrumental in getting this bill passed.

HB 1433. The moratorium on burning construction and demolition waste by incineration extended to December 31, 2007. The moratorium does not apply to municipal incinerators.

THE WEEKS AHEAD...

April 18, 2006

HB 1555 (cost drivers in providing health care) - Hearing - 10:15 a.m.,
LOB 101 <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2006/HB1555.html>

HB 1627 (assessment of open space land) - Hearing - 3:15 p.m., LOB 102
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2006/HB1627.html>

HB 1751 (penalties for failure to have workers' compensation coverage) -
Hearing - 10:35 a.m., LOB 102
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2006/HB1751.html>

HB 1752 (requiring notice regarding the classifications of employee and
independent contractor) - Hearing - 10:55 a.m., LOB 102
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2006/HB1752.html>

SB 267 (definition of employee and clarifying the criteria for exempting
workers from employee status) - Subcommittee Work Session - 9:00 a.m.,
LOB 305 <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2006/SB0267.html>

SB 314 (establishing minimum renewable standards for energy portfolios) -
Full Committee Work Session - 11:00 a.m., LOB 304
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2006/SB0314.html>

SB 386 (large groundwater withdrawals) - Full Committee Work Session -
10:00 a.m., LOB 305
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2006/SB0386.html>

April 19, 2006

HB 1305 (authorizing cities to adopt certain bylaws & ordinances relative to
businesses obtaining city permits) - Hearing - 11:00 a.m., SH 103
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2006/HB1305.html>

HB 1474 (unemployment compensation contribution rates and benefits) -
Hearing - 11:50 a.m., SH 100
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2006/HB1474.html>

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