
NH lawmakers take up gay marriage repeal

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CONCORD, N.H.—A big crowd is expected in Concord, N.H., when the House Judiciary Committee considers two bills that would repeal New Hampshire's same-sex marriage law.

The sponsor of one bill, House Republican Leader D.J. Bettencourt, has said he will ask the committee to hold the bills until next year so lawmakers can focus on fiscal issues. But the sponsor of the second bill believes it would be better to vote on the issue this year.

Democratic Gov. John Lynch has said he will veto a repeal bill if it reaches his desk. Republicans hold supermajorities in both the House and Senate which would be enough to override a veto if the GOP caucus was united in repealing gay marriage.

The law has been in effect a little over a year.

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