# SB 98 - AS INTRODUCED

# 2015 SESSION

15-0956 03/08

SENATE BILL 98

AN ACT relative to third party review required by the planning board.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Little, Dist 8; Rep. Cheney, Straf 17; Rep. Sterling,

Ches 14

COMMITTEE: Public and Municipal Affairs

# **ANALYSIS**

This bill allows a land use applicant to select the third party for review and consultation to the planning board as a condition of the applicant's liability for the third party's expenses.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 Third Party Review. Amend RSA 676:4-b, I to read as follows:
- I. A planning board reviewing a subdivision plat, site plan, or other land use application may require the applicant to reimburse the board for expenses reasonably incurred by obtaining third party review and consultation during the review process, provided that the review and consultation does not substantially replicate a review and consultation obtained by the zoning board of adjustment. The applicant shall only be liable for expenses under this paragraph if the planning board provides the applicant with a list of third parties approved by the board and allows the applicant the opportunity to select the third party to be engaged by the board.
  - 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.