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Governor Hassan's Statement on Sustained Veto of HB 582

CONCORD – Following the New Hampshire House of Representatives sustaining her veto of House Bill 582, Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement:

"New Hampshire's current concealed carry permitting law has worked well for nearly a century – safeguarding the Second Amendment rights of our citizens while helping to keep the Granite State one of the safest states in the nation. It is a permitting system that gives an important oversight role to local law enforcement while ensuring that an appeal process is in place if a permit is denied, a law that Republican Governor Mel Thomson said was 'a sensible handgun law.' I vetoed similar legislation earlier today, as well as essentially the same bill last year, and nothing has changed since. House Bill 582 would have been a step away from our appropriate and responsible policy, which continues to work well, and the elimination of this responsible, common-sense law would compromise the safety of our citizens."

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