

## New Hampshire Legislation Votes To Make Quaker Parrots Legal

**New Hampshire bill 651, which will make quaker parrots legal to own and sell, passed the N.H. House and now moves onto the N.H. Senate.**

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Quaker parrots are illegal to own in several states in the U.S.

The New Hampshire House voted on March 30, 2011 to allow the possession and sale of quaker parrots in the state. (It rejected a proposal that would have legalized the birds already in the state.) The bill has now moved to the New Hampshire senate and, currently, there are no hearings scheduled.

In February 2011, the New Hampshire's Fish & Game department started enforcing a little-known rule, which deemed quaker parrots (*Myiopsitta monachus*) illegal to own or sale. Many in the avian community were shocked to learn this, and they quickly began efforts to help quaker parrots and breeders of New Hampshire. The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) sent a comment letter to the NH Fish & Wildlife Regulations, asking for the quakers parrots of New Hampshire to be considered domesticated.

In early March 2011, legislation was introduced in the New Hampshire General Court by representatives Jeanine Notter, Lisa Scotsas, Joseph Pitre, Kevin Avard, Sean Cox, Gregory Hill and Lenette Peterson.

Quaker parrots are illegal to own in several states because naturalized flocks considered crop pests. In other states, they are illegal because of their habit of naturalized quaker parrots building nests on power converters can be a fire hazard. The Birds of A Feather Avicultural Society is provided information about the bill on their website. Stayed tuned to BirdChannel.com for more information.

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