

Bill as Introduced

SB 102 - AS INTRODUCED

2011 SESSION

11-0974
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SENATE BILL

102

AN ACT

establishing a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Barnes, Jr., Dist 17; Sen. Lambert, Dist 13;
Rep. Baldasaro, Rock 3; Rep. Lundgren, Rock 3; Rep. Tamburello, Rock 3;
Rep. Theberge, Coos 4

COMMITTEE:

Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven

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1 3 Duties. The commission shall study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and
2 traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and
3 Afghanistan. The commission shall develop a plan of action to aid such soldiers and veterans.

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5 the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member.
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SB 102 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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1 84:1 New Chapter; Commission on the Effects of Service-Connected Post-Traumatic Stress
2 Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 115-C the following
3 new chapter:

4 CHAPTER 115-D

5 COMMISSION ON THE EFFECTS OF SERVICE-CONNECTED
6 POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

7 115-D:1 Commission Established. There is established a commission to study the effects of
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10 115-D:2 Membership and Compensation.

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7 (n) One representative of the New Hampshire veterans' home, appointed by the
8 chairman of the board of managers of the veterans' home.

9 (o) One representative of the army national guard, appointed by the adjutant general.

10 (p) One representative of the army reserve, appointed by the adjutant general.

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13 III. In appointing members to the commission, the appointing authorities shall give priority
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19 115-D:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from
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21 member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of
22 this section. Nine members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

23 115-D:5 Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for
24 proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
25 senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1, 2011.

26 84:2 Repeal. RSA 115-D, relative to a commission to study the effects of service-connected post-
27 traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, is repealed.

28 84:3 Effective Date.

29 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect May 1, 2012.

30 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

31 Approved: May 16, 2011

32 Effective Date: I. Section 2 shall take effect May 1, 2012.

33 II. Remainder shall take effect May 16, 2011.

Amendments

Amendment to SB 102

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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7 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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13 Amend subparagraph I of section 2 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (l) the following new
14 subparagraph:

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17 advisory committee, appointed by the chairman of the state veterans' advisory committee.
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19 Amend section 2 of the bill by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

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21 III. In appointing members to the commission, the appointing authorities shall give priority
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25 Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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Health and Human Services
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2011-0296s

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Committee Minutes

AMENDED
SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Senator Jeb Bradley Chairman
 Senator Tom De Blois V Chairman
 Senator Molly Kelly
 Senator Gary Lambert
 Senator Andy Sanborn

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Date: January 26, 2011

HEARINGS

Thursday

2/3/2011

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LOB 102

1:00 PM

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Comments: In addition to SB 51, hearings for Senate Bills 93, 95, and 102 have been added to schedule for February 3rd.

1:00 PM	SB51	relative to the establishment of a state leadership team to resolve issues concerning certain adults with developmental disabilities who may present a degree of risk to the community.
1:20 PM	SB93	relative to pharmacist administration of vaccines.
1:40 PM	SB102	establishing a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.
2:00 PM	SB95	establishing a committee to study youth sports concussions.

Sponsors:

SB51

Sen. Amanda Merrill

Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

Sen. Molly Kelly

SB93

Sen. John Gallus

Rep. Ross Terrio

Rep. Frank Case

Rep. Kenneth Kreis

Rep. Herbert Richardson

SB102

Sen. Sharon Carson

Rep. David Lundgren

Sen. John Barnes, Jr.

Rep. Daniel Tamburello

Sen. Gary Lambert

Rep. Robert Theberge

Rep. Alfred Baldasaro

SB95

Sen. Matthew Houde

Sen. Sylvia Larsen

Sen. Lou D'Allesandro

Sen. David Boutin

Sen. Molly Kelly

Sen. Sharon Carson

Sen. Amanda Merrill

Robyn Dangora 271-7585

Sen. Jeb Bradley

Chairman

Health and Human Services Committee

Hearing Report

TO: Members of the Senate

FROM: Robyn Dangora, Legislative Aide

RE: Hearing report on SB 102 – establishing a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

HEARING DATE: February 3, 2011

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT: Senator Bradley, Senator De Blois, Senator Lambert, Senator Sanborn, Senator Kelly

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT: No one

Sponsor(s): Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Barnes, Jr., Dist 17; Sen. Lambert, Dist 13; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock 3; Rep. Lundgren, Rock 3; Rep. Tamburello, Rock 3; Rep. Theberge, Coos 4

What the bill does: This bill establishes a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Who supports the bill: Senator Barnes, Dist. 17; Scott Colby, New Hampshire Medical Society; Steven Wade, Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire; Mary Morin, New Hampshire Office of Veterans Services/Women Veterans of America, NH Chapter 41; Ed Josephson, New Hampshire State Veterans Advisory Committee—SUAC

Who opposes the bill: None

Summary of testimony received:
The hearing opened at 2:20 PM

Senator Sharon M. Carson, D. 14: Prime Sponsor

●This is the third time this bill has come forward. It passed 2 sessions ago and a commission was formed, which issued an interim report, but more time was needed to further study the topic. In 2008, the bill was once again passed, though no action was taken to establish a commission.

●This fall New Hampshire sent over 1,000 National Guardsmen to serve in the war on terrorism and it is important to now fully address the issue.

●There has been a lot of evidence from studies conducted by private organizations and the Department of Defense of the types of traumatic stress and traumatic brain injuries being suffered by our service men and women.

-In New Hampshire, a soldier committed suicide a few months ago after returning home from the war as a result of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

●It is our duty and responsibility to protect those who serve our state and our nation. We need a unified system, to support these servicemen and women when they return home.

●This bill will establish a commission to look at this issue, look at the resources New Hampshire has, and come up with a plan to help them.

●Senator Kelly asked: In the past 2 attempts to complete this commission has it been difficult to get people together and if so would you like to extend the date of the report passed December 1, 2011?

-Response: In 2008, many people tracking the bill called to ask why no action was taken. I talked to the Speaker of the House but it appears that no committee was formed, or if it was no meetings were called. When the first commission was formed many people wanted to be involved, including Sen. Janeway who attended every meeting, and many mental health professionals. Once a committee is formed and a chair chosen, attendance should not be a problem.

●Senator Bradley asked: Can this issue be addressed by any existing commission?

-Response: Though we are in a continual process of consolidating commissions, I know of none willing to take on this issue at this time. This commission has a definitive ending date and should have recommendations that can be implemented in the next legislative session.

●Senator Bradley asked: Would you be willing to add a representative of veteran service organizations to the commission.

-Response: Yes.

Steven Wade, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire

●In support, represents families and caregivers of service members who sustain brain injuries as well children and adults who sustain brain injuries

●Three issues need to be addressed by this commission that were not addressed by the original commission

(1) Latency: results of brain injury sometimes take up to 10 years post-injury to show. A strategy for dealing with latency should be addressed by a commission.

(2) Co-occurring Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): this needs to be addressed more to create strategies and support systems.

(3) Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: If multiple concussions add onto one another they can create a serious brain injury. Symptoms are often difficult to detect physically, they are cognitive like behavioral changes.

•Senator De Blois asked: Why is the commission limited to soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, why not expand it to include all combat veterans returning from war?

-Response: We would support and applaud the expansion. Traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of the two most recent wars because of the IED blasts. There is a range of others not currently covered, like those sustaining injuries at training camp at home.

Senator John S. Barnes, Jr., D. 17

•Co-sponsor, the bill should be expanded to include veterans from other wars beyond Iraq and Afghanistan as well as those who sustain injuries while in training.

Ed Josephson, New Hampshire State Veterans Advisory Committee

•In support, the committee comprises 16 veteran organizations, 2 senators and 2 representatives and strongly supports the legislation for a third time

•Would like the members of the previous commission to remain on new commission to share knowledge, insight, and experience.

•Supports expanding the commission to encompass all veterans

•Senator Bradley suggested that the bill be amended to include all service men and women, not just those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also suggested adding 2 additional members from the Veterans Advisory Council to the commission, and allowing for continuity of commission members from the previous commission.

Hearing closed at 2:38 PM

Funding: N/A

Action: Pending

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[file: SB 102 report]

Date: 2/4/2011

Speakers

Testimony



S.V.A.C.

**New Hampshire
State Veterans Advisory Committee
(SVAC)**

Chairman

Peter S. Burdett

Vice Chairman

Bobby Broneske

Secretary

John Symington

Chairman Emeritus

Dr. Griffin T. Dalianis

Legislative Members**Senators**

To be named

Representatives

Al Baldasaro

Robert Theberge

Voting Organizations

American Legion

Disabled American
Veterans

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Military Order of the
Purple HeartVietnam Veterans of
AmericaReserve Officer
AssociationMilitary Officers
Association of America

Air Force Association

National Guard
Association of NH

Rolling Thunder

Marine Corps League

Air Force Sergeants'
Association

NH Army Retiree Council

Women Veterans of
AmericaCombat Veterans
Motorcycle Association

Senator Jeb Bradley

Chairman

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

January 11, 2011

Subject: The SVAC position on SB 140: establishing a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The SVAC met on February 8th and voted unanimously to support SB 140 with the changes discussed at the Executive Session following the hearing on February 3rd.

We during our discussions the suggestion was made to consider adding to the commission a representative on the New Hampshire Veterans Home. The rationale for this suggestion is the anticipated expansion of the scope of the commission's work to cover all veterans and the reality of the Veterans Home's considerable experience with the emergence of latent post-traumatic stress disorder among its residents.

Please contact our Chairman, Peter Burdett or me if there are any questions. Peter may be reached at 778-4251 and me at 770-6003.

Sincerely,

Legislative Subcommittee Chairman
NH State Veterans Advisory Committee

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Commission on PTSD and TBI
SB 102, ~~Ch~~ 115-D, Laws of 2011
RSA Ch. 84

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Interim Commission Report

DATE: November 22, 2011

TO: Honorable John H. Lynch, Governor
Honorable William O'Brien, Speaker of the House
Honorable Peter Bragdon, President of the Senate
Honorable Karen O. Wadsworth, House Clerk
Tammy L. Wright, Senate Clerk
Mr. Michael York, State Librarian

FROM: Jo Moncher, Chairman, Commission on PTSD and TBI

SUBJECT: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder & Traumatic Brain Injury
Interim Commission Report on SB 102
Chapter 115-D, Laws of 2011

Senate Bill 102

Established a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered in the line of duty by members of the armed forces and veterans.

Meetings

The Commission had its organizational meeting on September 7th, 2011 where Jo Moncher was nominated to serve as Chairman and Mary Morin was nominated to serve as Secretary. Since that meeting, the Commission has met twice and will be meeting monthly.

Purpose of the Commission

The Commission has agreed to do more than "study the effects of PTSD and TBI" and will be taking a more proactive role in identifying gaps and goals to address this issue, as well as making recommendations for proposed legislation.

Findings & Activities

Commission Message

The Commission acknowledges the heroic services veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as NH's older veteran population, have rendered to our country, and cannot state strongly enough the obligation our nation and New Hampshire owes to those men and women who have been injured as a result of their service. The hidden injuries of combat, including post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, can be severe and lifelong, and require a comprehensive, coordinated, and funded system of services and support. While there are promising programs to assist veterans with TBI and PTSD, and their families, in general resources are fragmented. Some veterans don't know about, and have trouble accessing treatment and services, and some veterans fall through the cracks.

Accomplishments

- The Commission has reviewed the Commission on PTSD and TBI – Interim Report (HB 1335, Ch.257:1, Laws of 2008).
- The Commission has reviewed the Recommendations presented from the NH Military & Civilian TBI Collaborative.
- The Commission has filed an LSR to extend the Commission from May 2012 to May 2013.
- The Commission has extended its membership according to recommendations from HB 1335 Interim Report, as well as Commission Recommendations.
- The Commission has identified the following goals to be researched, discussed and possibly addressed:
 - Survey to all Veterans and Family Members – to learn more about their health care, perception of issues, and ability to access care
 - Data Collection & Analysis – Although NH has access to limited national data on veterans with PTSD and TBI, our State does not have actual data regarding veterans with PTSD and TBI who reside in NH. As a starting point, the Commission will research the possibility of securing data for veterans who served post 9-1-1.
 - Screening – Once the survey to all veterans is completed, the Commission will review the survey results and identify possible screening initiatives
 - Education and Outreach – The Commission will identify focus populations for education and outreach, including law enforcement and hospital emergency rooms.
 - Identification, Development and Coordination of PTSD and TBI programs, services, and sites for treatment and follow up.

Membership & Representation

- Captain Chris Aucoin, Law Enforcement, State Police Operations
- Barbara Bonney, White River Junction VA Medical Center
- Commandant Barry Conway, NH Veterans Home
- Pastor Joseph Dichiario, State Veterans Advisory Committee
- Representative Daniel Donovan, House of Representatives
- Julia Freeman-Woolpert, Disabilities Rights Center
- Phil Girard, Brain Injury Association of NH
- Jim Hinson, Governor's Commission on Disabilities, NH Vocational Rehabilitation
- Dr. Louis Josephson, Riverbend Community Health Center
- Senator Gary Lambert, Senate
- Stella Lareau, Manchester VA Medical Center
- Major Allen Laughlin, US Marine Corps Reserve, Wounded Warrior Regiment
- Representative Frank McCarthy, House of Representatives
- Jo Moncher, NH Department of Health and Human Services
- Mary Morin, Office of Veteran Services
- LTC Steph Riley, US Air National Guard
- CPT Kate Roberts, Army Reserve
- Dr. Nicole Sawyer, NH Psychological Association
- Representative Robert Theberge, State Veterans Advisory Committee
- Dennis Viola, U.S. Department of Labor
- Captain Kent Wyman, NH Army National Guard

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: February 11, 2011

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred Senate Bill 102

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan..

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

AMENDMENT # 0296s

Senator Molly Kelly
For the Committee

Robyn Dangora 271-7585

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

Docket of SB102

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) establishing a commission to study the effects of service-connected post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered in the line of duty by members of the armed forces and veterans.

Official Docket of SB102:

Date	Body	Description
1/19/2011	S	Introduced and Referred to Health and Human Services, SJ 3 , Pg.36
1/26/2011	S	Hearing: 2/3/2011, Room 102, LOB, 1:40 p.m.; SC9
2/14/2011	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment # 2011-0296s , NT, 2/23/11; SC12
2/23/2011	S	Committee Amendment 0296s, NT, AA, VV; SJ 7 , Pg.74
2/23/2011	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 0296s, NT, MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 7 , Pg.74
2/23/2011	S	Passed by Third Reading Resolution; SJ 7 , Pg.77
3/16/2011	H	Introduced and Referred to State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs; HJ 28 , Pg.882
3/22/2011	H	Public Hearing: 4/7/2011 10:30 AM LOB 203 ==Executive Session To Follow==
4/7/2011	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #1368h for April 13 (Vote 12-0; RC); HC 31 , PG.1041
4/7/2011	H	Proposed Committee Amendment # 2011-1368h ; HC 31 , PG.1052
4/13/2011	H	Amendment #1368h Adopted, VV; HJ 37 , PG.1299-1300
4/13/2011	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment #1368h: MA RC 347-1; HJ 37 , PG.1299-1302
4/20/2011	S	Sen. Bradley Concurs with House Amendment 1368h, MA, VV; SJ 13 , Pg.270
5/4/2011	H	Enrolled
5/4/2011	S	Enrolled; SJ 16 , Pg.318
5/19/2011	S	Signed by the Governor on 05/16/11; Chapter 0084 I. Section 2 Effective 5/1/12 II. Remainder Effective 05/16/11

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Other Referrals

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By COMMITTEE AIDE

Robyn (by Susan)