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HB 279 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **279**

AN ACT establishing a pilot program for New Hampshire citizen emergency response teams.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hagan, Rock 4; Rep. Itse, Rock 10; Rep. Devine, Rock 4; Rep. Dumaine,
Rock 4

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes establishing a pilot program for New Hampshire citizen emergency response teams in Rockingham county.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

1 IV. It shall be the responsibility of the Rockingham county citizen emergency response team
2 assistant supervisor to train and coordinate the task assistant supervisors and, with the assistance
3 of the task assistant supervisors, to develop training manuals for the task teams.

4 V. It shall be the responsibility of the task assistant supervisors to train the volunteers in
5 each of the task teams.

6 107-E:3 Pay and Allowances. Members of the Rockingham county citizen emergency response
7 team shall receive no pay or other form of compensation from the state.

8 107-E:4 Equipment; Acceptance of Surplus Equipment Permitted. The state shall not be
9 required to supply equipment or uniforms to the Rockingham county citizen emergency response
10 team. The state may supply equipment or clothing to the Rockingham county citizen emergency
11 response team which is considered surplus or obsolete by the national guard or which is donated by a
12 service organization. The Rockingham county citizen emergency response team may apply for grants
13 and donations to pay for equipment and supplies. The Rockingham county citizen emergency
14 response team may also apply to the armed forces of the United States of America and other
15 departments of the state of New Hampshire for surplus equipment.

16 107-E:5 Acceptance of Gifts Prohibited. The acceptance of gifts, donations, gratuities, or
17 anything of value by any individual member of the emergency response team from any individual,
18 firm, association, or corporation, by reason of such membership is prohibited. Violation of this
19 section may be cause for dishonorable discharge from further service as a member of the emergency
20 response team.

21 107-E:6 Administration. The Rockingham county citizen emergency response team shall have
22 sole authority and responsibility to administer, prepare, and otherwise maintain all records of
23 personnel and materiel through volunteer administrative staff.

24 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 279

BILL TITLE: establishing a pilot program for New Hampshire citizen emergency response teams.

DATE: January 29, 2013

LOB ROOM: 205 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:**

Time Adjourned:

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. J. MacKay, Harding, Donovan, French, J. Tilton, Sherman, Andrews, Ahern, Helmstetter, Ticehurst, Jane Hunt, DiMartino, McMahon, B. Nelson, S. Schmidt, Emerson, Meaney, Lebrun, Culbert, Martel and Kotowski.

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TESTIMONY

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Rep. Dan Itse, Co-sponsor of bill

His vision for NH is that NH has the structure to handle an emergency themselves – something country-wide – does not want the federal government to help in emergencies. This is totally volunteer.

Rick Cricenti, DHHS – Opposes this bill.

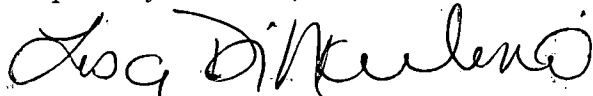
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Domenic DiNatale, Director for Emergency Response Team, Volunteer NH

He opposes this bill because we (NH) has 22 certified teams (response teams). These teams are trained. NH has 4000 AmeriCorps to help in an emergency. NH Citizen Core program is also trained to assist in event of an emergency. Citizen Core – language for this in Homeland Security.

Samantha Brann, Greater Portsmouth Medical Core and Exeter Citizen Core
They support first responders. She is not taking a position on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Lisa DiMartino, Clerk

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Testimony

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Department of Health & Human Services
Talking Points
Rick Cricenti, Director
The Emergency Services Unit

Two emergency organizations that DHHS coordinates response for:

Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) – brief description

16 organizations in NH

Volunteer based – Over 600 volunteer members

Federal funding – Hospital Preparedness Program

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Homeland Security Grants

All but one coordinated by the Public Health Regions

14 Public Health Regions funded by DHHS via contract to local communities

Metropolitan Medical Response System – brief description

1 Strike force in NH

58 Advanced medical Volunteers

Partners with Vermont and Maine Task Forces

Department of Homeland Security primary funder today

Public Health Emergency Preparedness also funding projects

Response in NH during an incident is based on National Response Framework. Framework resulted primarily from terrorist attack of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina.

Responses are locally driven in NH. That is a strong foundation that we operate under and have operated under.

Unity of effort is prime concern. We respond together under the National Response Framework with a defined Command Structure that is well practiced today.

Part of the Framework is that there are 15 Emergency Support Functions in New Hampshire. DHHS is the lead for two. Emergency Support Function 8, Health and

Medical is our primary concern here today. We are also the lead for Emergency Support Function 6, Mass Care and Sheltering.

Governor can declare a state of emergency.

RSA 4:45

Most recent – Hurricane Sandy

Commissioner of DHHS can declare a Public Health Incident.

RSA 508:17-a

Most recent – Hepatitis C outbreak at Exeter Hospital.

Activated our local Multi-Agency Coordinating Entity

Used volunteers from all over NH – over 200! Not just Rockingham County
Coordinated by Joint Incident Command at Exeter and DHHS

State (Department of Safety) Coordinates Emergency Management and response for all of the state.

Fewer layers

Goes down to a local response

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Emergency Management System.

This should, at a minimum be vetted through them. During the past session, we (DHHS, both Public Health and The Emergency Services Unit) appeared before them. Positive reviews on how we are approaching our incident response.

"Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Domenic J. DiNatale Jr., I am the Director of Emergency Services at Volunteer NH and the State Coordinator for NH Citizen Corps and CERT, Community Emergency Response Teams. I am speaking in opposition to House Bill 279, an act establishing a PILOT program for NH citizens emergency response teams.

While I commend the committee for recognizing the need for, and support of, such a team, "there is no need to establish a pilot program as called for in this bill, because they are already established and functioning in Rockingham County and throughout New Hampshire as CERT, Community Emergency Response Team one of several programs within the Citizen Corps family.

New Hampshire has 22 CERTs registered on the National CERT website, found at www.citizencorps.gov. In addition to these response teams, New Hampshire also has 16 Medical Reserve Corps Teams, 14 Volunteers in Policing programs (VIPs) and 1 Fire Corps – all Citizen Corps Partner Programs, that recruit, train, and organize volunteers with response support functions. These organizations also help to make sure that their trained volunteers are NIMS (National Incident Management System) trained and ready to respond. Although not a part of Citizen Corps, NH also has a trained volunteer animal response team, NH DART, and almost 4000 AmeriCorps members capable of augmenting our Citizen Corps partners.

Since 2005, NH Citizen Corps has received almost \$1M in "ear-marked" funds through the Department of Homeland Security Grant to establish and support over 40 Community Emergency Response Teams and train close to 3500 NH Citizens in the 20 hour FEMA CERT course. In Rockingham County, teams from Salem, Londonderry, Derry, Kingston and Greater Exeter have been established, are active, participate in exercises and continually answer the call to serve during a disaster. While not every citizen remains an active team member, NH Citizen Corps has always promoted for our citizens to take care of themselves, then their neighbors, community, town, and state. A task that I am proud to say has been recognized by Department of Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Agriculture and the Department of Administrative Services to mention a few. NH Citizen Corps, in accordance with Chapter 21 –P: 48, is also an active member, and appointee since 2007, to the Governor's Advisory Council on Emergency Preparedness and Security, (ACEPS). There is also specific language in RSA 281-A:2, VII(a)(8) that addresses Citizen Corps members status when called to serve.

The FEMA CERT program trains citizens to safely assist their families, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone who needs help during a local, regional or widespread emergency when professional responders may not be able to reach everyone as soon as help is needed. The 20 hour, 10 module curriculum, SM-317, is delivered nationwide as a baseline core competency to any citizen interested in preparing themselves for a disaster or volunteering to become an active member of a local, regional or statewide team.

At the end of 2012, nearly 2,200 CERT Programs across the U.S. registered on the National Citizen Corps and CERT website and have recorded over 1.2 million volunteer hours with their CERT.s

According to FEMA records, Nationally, 65% of local or regional programs have used their Teams in multiple actual emergencies. In NH, every CERT since 2005 has been deployed in some capacity to each of our 13 disasters to support:

- Damage assessment and reporting
- Basic search & rescue
- Evacuation and traffic management
- Distribution of time-sensitive information
- Staff support at Emergency Operations Center
- Shelter Operations & Management
- First aid
- Recovery operations
- Debris Removal
- Animal Sheltering
- and recently provided support for the Exeter Hep C clinics.

NH Community Emergency Response Teams have been recognized by FEMA Region 1, and at the National Citizen Corps HQ as some of the best.

"I urge the committee to report Inexpedient to Legislate on House Bill 279.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am happy to answer any questions from members of the committee and I have copies of my testimony."



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) New Hampshire CERTs

Name of Program: Greater Franklin-Bristol CERT Program

Point of Contact: Donna Quinn

Phone Number: 6039340177

E-mail address: bristolcert@yahoo.com

Website address: <http://www.gfbcertmrc.com>

Brief Description: The Greater Franklin-Bristol Regional CERT program provides both logistical and human resource support to the 14 communities of the region. We are looking for additional volunteers of all backgrounds to join our regional team. We are currently utilized by our local police and fire officials to open shelters, provide traffic control, and provide general support at the request of the emergency management directors.

Name of Program: Goffstown CERT

Point of Contact: Susan Jutras

Phone Number: 6034974858

E-mail address: goffstowncert@hotmail.com

Website address: <http://www.goffstowncert.org>

Brief Description: We have 100% backing by our supporting sponsor Goffstown PD. They strongly support the Citizen Corps/CERT programs. We are utilized in both emergency and non-emergency events. We also have an officer core and staff for day to day operations and emergency events. We have a Director, Logistic, Operations and Training Officers, as for staff we have a PIO, Administrative Assistant, Medical Coordinator, Lead Amateur Radio Operator and 6 team leaders. By having this combo no one person is overrun with work.

Name of Program: Greater Concord CERT

Point of Contact: Daniel Andrus

Phone Number: 6032303801

E-mail address: dandrus@concordnh.gov

Name of Program: Chesterfield Regional CERT

Point of Contact: Chuck Hildreth

Phone Number: 8023801823

E-mail address: mastereagle1@hotmail.com

Name of Program: NH Wing Civil Air Patrol

Point of Contact: Paul Mondoux

Phone Number: 6034291239

E-mail address: dos@nhwgcap.org

Website address: <http://nhwgcap.org/>

Brief Description: NH Wing Civil Air Patrol is a State Wide CERT CAP flies more than 85 percent of all federal inland search-and-rescue missions directed by the Air Force. Provides Ground and Air Support to Local, State and Federal Government and Agencies. Has multiple levels of Ground members ranging from CERT to Full SAR Ground Teams. NH Wing has developed a exceptional reputation within the Region and Nation Wide in support of Emergency Service, Disaster Relief and now Aerial Imagery

Name of Program: Columbia Emergency Response Team**Point of Contact:** Richard Johnsen**Phone Number:** 6032375500**E-mail address:** rick@columbianh.org**Website address:** <http://www.columbianh.org>

Brief Description: Columbia's Citizen Corps mission is: to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make Columbia safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds. In addition, the CCC will work with town officials, first responders and Citizen Corps groups in neighboring communities to identify volunteer opportunities and match those opportunities with skilled volunteers.

Name of Program: Weare CERT**Point of Contact:** Paul King**Phone Number:** 6032899420**E-mail address:** Paulkingemd@yahoo.com**Name of Program:** New Boston CERT**Point of Contact:** Victor Parrish**Phone Number:** 6036601933**E-mail address:** vparrish@creativeinfo.net**Website address:** <http://newbostoncert.com/default.aspx>

Brief Description: We are the assistants to the first responders. We most often get to the scene and establish traffic flow control. We have a business meeting on the 2nd Thursday's of every month. It is our goal to conduct short training sessions on the meeting days and at least one additional training activity per month

Name of Program: Londonderry ALERT**Point of Contact:** Rich Semaski**Phone Number:** 6035052284**E-mail address:** semaski@comcast.net

Brief Description: Londonderry CERT/ALERT is a group of highly trained volunteers. Our core is Search and Rescue as directed by LFD or LPD, but train and respond for a variety of emergencies. Our ongoing and evolving training reflects what the Londonderry Police and Fire departments utilize us for. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at the Londonderry Police Department Community room starting at 7PM Sharp. Visit us at WWW.londonderryalert.org

Name of Program: Strafford County CERT**Point of Contact:** Samantha Brann**Phone Number:** 6033350168**E-mail address:** sbrann@hscstrafford.org**Website address:** <http://healthandsafetycouncil.org/volunteers.php>

Brief Description: The mission of the Strafford County Citizen Corps is provide a trained volunteer contingent to strengthen public health, emergency response and community preparedness.

Name of Program: LOUDON CERT**Point of Contact:** Faith Stevens**Phone Number:** 6037985215**E-mail address:** fsfiasco@yahoo.com**Name of Program:** Sunapee Regional Community Emergency Response Council**Point of Contact:** Howard Sargent**Phone Number:** 6037632311

E-mail address: howardsargent@myfairpoint.net

Name of Program: Greater Exeter Citizen Corps

Point of Contact: Kenneth Berkenbush

Phone Number: 6037736131

E-mail address: kberkenbush@town.exeter.nh.us

Brief Description: To provide the public with proper training to help public safety officials in the event of a natural disaster and or large scale event.

Name of Program: Lakes Region Community Emergency Response Team

Point of Contact: Kathleen Merriam

Phone Number: 6035282145

E-mail address: kmerriam@lrpph.org

Website address: <http://www.lrpph.org/html/LR-CERT.html>

Brief Description: Our CERTeam serves 9 towns and works closely with each of the local police and Fire Departments. Our monthly trainings are most often provided by our emergency responders. This shared training has fostered an interdependency that works well in our communities. We have 28 active members. We are unique in that one of our local fire departments gave us an old ambulance that we gutted and rebuilt (our CERT mobile) to hold the equipment needed to respond to nearly any situation.

Name of Program: New Ipswich CERT

Point of Contact: James Hicks

Phone Number: 6038784515

E-mail address: emergencymgmt@townofnewipswich.org

Brief Description: New Ipswich CERT actively participates in training and emergency preparedness for members and the community at large. If you are interested in joining, or wish to inform us of special skills or needs in your household, please contact us. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Name of Program: Pelham CERT

Point of Contact: Richard Hanegan

Phone Number: 6032355682

E-mail address: ffhanegan@pelhamfire.com

Name of Program: Salem NH CERT

Point of Contact: Elliot Fair

Phone Number: 6034753977

E-mail address: Elliot_Fair@adp.com

Name of Program: Brookline Emergency Response Team (BERT)

Point of Contact: Wesley Whittier

Phone Number: 6036726216

E-mail address: wes@brookline.nh.us

Name of Program: Nashua CERT

Point of Contact: Justin Kates

Phone Number: 6035893260

E-mail address: katesj@nashuanh.gov

Website address: <http://www.nashuanh.gov/emvolunteer>

Brief Description: For more information about Nashua CERT, visit <http://www.nashuanh.gov/emvolunteer> To register for CERT, visit: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGRuVG4yVDJyTmdZOXozLVFfRnVBRUE6MQ>

Name of Program: Bedford CERT**Point of Contact:** Ronald Michaud**Phone Number:** 6034725113**E-mail address:** bedfordcert@comcast.net**Website address:** <http://www.bedfordnhcert.org>**Brief Description:** The Bedford CERT Team registered with the State, March, 2012 now up and running in 3 months. We thank the Town of Bedford for their uninterrupted support, while this Team was created. Our EM plans to use his CERT Team for Emergency Sheltering, Traffic Control during Disasters. We believe Training is KEY in keeping the TEAM interested and well prepared for any Emergency situation.**Name of Program:** Pemi Baker CERT**Point of Contact:** Donna Quinn**Phone Number:** 6035364000**E-mail address:** dquinn@midstatehealth.org**Website address:** <http://www.greaterplymouthmrc.com>**Brief Description:** The Pemi Baker CERT team is a new unit that is committed to supporting our local communities and public safety officials in times of need.**Name of Program:** MIAMMO**Point of Contact:** Mark Boynton**Phone Number:** 6036731545**E-mail address:** mboynton@amherstnh.gov**Brief Description:** MIAMMO CERT has been active helping town departments with emergency response and preparedness. In addition to these tasks the MIAMMO CERT has been active in the community helping with and participating to raise awareness of the regional team that serves the communities of Milford, Amherst, Mont Vernon and Lyndeborough.

Greater Exeter Citizen Corps & Greater Portsmouth Medical Reserve Corps 2012 Report

Summary

The Greater Exeter Citizen Corps and the Greater Portsmouth Medical Reserve Corps are cadres of trained volunteers who support first responders during emergencies, as well as promote emergency preparedness within 23 Rockingham County communities in the Seacoast Public Health Region. Combined, the programs have a total of 85 volunteers, and are one of the most active nation-wide.

Outreach & Education

The following trainings opportunities were offered to area residents, partners and GECC/GPMRC members in 2012:

- Family Preparedness Workshops: 150 residents attended 13 Family Preparedness Workshops sponsored by GECC/GPMRC at local Senior Centers, Libraries, and Community Centers, Nursing Homes, and businesses.
- Advanced Partner Trainings: Offered 2 advanced training opportunities to partner healthcare agencies, with Continuing Education credits.
- Community Emergency Preparedness Class: We offered a Community Emergency Preparedness Class in collaboration with Exeter Hospital and the Exeter Fire Department. 22 local residents participated the class and 18 earned certificates of completion.
 - This 5 week class follows the CERT curriculum as developed by FEMA and the Emergency Management Institute, and is accredited through the NH Fire Academy. It includes:
 - Disaster Preparedness
 - Fire Safety
 - Light Search & Rescue
 - Incident Command Systems
 - Disaster Psychology
 - Safety Strategies Involved in a Terrorist Incident
 - First Aid & CPR (American Heart Association certification)
- Advanced Member Training: Offered 8 advanced training opportunities to GECC/GPMRC members, as well as those who have participated in the Community Emergency Preparedness Class.
 - Incident Command Systems 100
 - National Incident Management Systems 700
 - Volunteer Reception Center
 - Infant CPR
 - Community Vaccination Clinics
 - Autism 911
 - Traffic Control
 - Psychological First Aid
 - Holiday Fire Safety
- Local/State Conference: Offered members the opportunity to attend local and state conferences
 - Mass Fatality Training
 - NH Emergency Preparedness Conference
 - FEMA Youth Preparedness Workshop
 - NH Emergency Volunteer Preparedness Conference
- Drills/Exercises: Members participated in a regional Shelter Operations drill, and were offered the opportunity to participate in other Seacoast Public Health drills and exercises.
- Statewide Advertisement: GECC/GPMRC recruited new members through the NH Pharmacists Association newsletter, NH Nursing News & Physicians Bi-Monthly with a total outreach of over 28,000
- Outreach Events: Members participated in 2 outreach events in Exeter and Portsmouth to promote emergency preparedness and enhance public awareness of GECC/GPMRC.

Activations & Events

The Greater Exeter Citizen Corps and Greater Portsmouth Medical Reserve Corps support local fire, police and municipalities during emergencies and local events. The teams were activated 5 times in 2012 to assist in a variety of responses:

- Shelter: GECC/GPMRC were activated to help staff the North Hampton shelter during Hurricane Sandy
- Medical Testing Sites: The GECC/GPMRC coordinated the volunteer response to Hepatitis C, coordinating over 50 volunteers per shift per day (2 shifts over 2 days) in the Stratham Clinic.
- 5K Races: Members were activated by the Hampton Falls Fire Department to assist with the LoziLu Mud Run to assist with First Aid and course safety

Organizational Information

The Greater Exeter Citizen Corps and Greater Portsmouth Medical Reserve Corps have built and enhanced relationships with partners and key stakeholders in the Seacoast Public Health Region, as well as maintained contractual obligations in 2012.

- Contractual reporting obligations GECC/GPMRC has met and maintained include:
 - Monthly profile updates on the Medical Reserve Corps website
 - Quarterly Reports to the NH Citizen Corps Office
 - Bi-annual profile updates on the CERT and Citizen Corps websites
- GECC/GPMRC distributes a Monthly Report to members, partner agencies, key stakeholders and state agency partners
- GECC/GPMRC are active participants in Seacoast Public Health Network Regional Coordinating Council.
- GECC/GPMRC have been active members in the development of the Regional Seacoast Sheltering Plan, and the Seacoast Public Health Network's Regional Sheltering Drill
- GECC/GPMRC has promoted recognition of excellent volunteer service by nominating and recognizing members through the Spirit of NH Service Award, and holding an annual Volunteer Appreciation event.
- GECC/GPMRC utilizes the NHResponds database for the recruitment and registration of new volunteers, credentialing of healthcare professionals, tracking volunteer trainings, and activate volunteers during an emergency response.

Funding

The Greater Exeter Citizen Corps and Greater Portsmouth Medical Reserve Corps are supported through a variety of funding sources.

- The programs are supported with funding through the following grant programs:
 - Citizen Corps Program – US Department of Safety
 - Division of the Civilian Medical Reserve Corps
 - NH DHHS – Public Health Emergency Planning, Hospital Preparedness Program
- In 2012, we received over \$2,500 worth of in-kind donations in facilities, trainers, and copying and training materials from local fire departments, municipalities, hospitals and other partners.
- GECC/GPMRC has applied for a combined \$40,000 in grant funding to support the program and special initiatives of the programs in 2012.

VII. (a) "Employee", with respect to public employment, means:

(1) Any person in the service of an employer, as defined in RSA 281-A:2, IX, including members of the general court, under any express or implied voluntary contract of hire and every elected or appointed official or officer of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof while performing official duties.

(2) Any person who is a call firefighter or special police officer, volunteer or auxiliary member of a fire or police department, ambulance or rescue service, or the state police, whether paid or not paid. For the purposes of this chapter, such a person shall be deemed to be an employee of the political subdivision of the state in which the department is organized.

(3) Any person who is a regularly enrolled volunteer member or trainee of the emergency management corps of this state as established under the state emergency management act. For the purposes of this chapter, such a person shall be deemed to be an employee of the state.

(4) Any person who fights a forest or other type of fire and who is either voluntarily under the direction of those authorized to give direction in the fighting of fires or who is under statutory compulsion to fight fires pursuant to RSA 227-L:11 and 227-L:13, or RSA 154:7, 8, and 9. For the purposes of this chapter, such a person shall be deemed to be an employee of the state with respect to fires fought under the provisions of RSA 227-L and deemed to be an employee of the municipality in which the fire is fought with respect to fires fought under the provisions of RSA 154.

(5) Any person who assists in a search for or an attempted rescue or rescue of another pursuant to RSA 206:26, XII, after January 1, 1982, and who is voluntarily under the direction of those authorized to give direction in searching for or attempting to rescue or rescuing another. A person who assists in the search for or attempted rescue or rescue of another shall, solely for the purposes of this chapter and not otherwise, be deemed to be an employee of the state with respect to such activity. Any payments required to be made as a result of this paragraph shall be a charge against the general fund.

(6) In the absence of any mutual aid agreement or other similar written agreement that specifically addresses the issue of workers' compensation benefits, any person who acts as an agent to the department of health and human services or the department of safety by providing assistance in response to a specific public health or public safety incident. Such person shall be deemed an employee of the state for the purposes of this chapter. In order to be eligible for workers' compensation benefits under this chapter the person shall have been specifically designated in writing as an agent by the commissioner of the department of health and human services or the commissioner of the department of safety, or their respective designees, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 508:17-a. This subparagraph applies only to such designated agents who are not receiving compensation from either the department of health and human services or the department of safety, other than possible reimbursement for expenses actually incurred for such services, such as travel expenses, but who may be receiving compensation from his or her regular employer or from any other source.

(7) Any member of the New Hampshire national guard while on state active duty.

(8) Any person who is officially designated by the governing body of a political subdivision as a volunteer in a New Hampshire citizen corps local council program that is organized, recruited, trained, supervised, and has been activated by an authorized political subdivision employee or official acting in his or her capacity as the emergency management director of the political subdivision.

Voting Sheets

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Donald L. LeBrun

Seconded by Rep. Charles E. McMahon

Vote: 16-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 16-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Lisa DiMartino, Clerk



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Moved by Rep. Rep LeBrun

Seconded by Rep. Mr Mahon

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Seconded by Rep.

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Rep. Jane J. Hunt, Clerk



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Report

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Amendment #: _____

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MEMBER

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NAYS

Mackay, James R, Chairman	✓	
Harding, Laurie, V Chairman	✓	
French, Barbara C	✓	
Donovan, Thomas E <u>Carey, Lorrie</u>	✓	
X Tilton, Joy K		
Andrews-Ahearn, E. Elaine	✓	
DiMartino, Lisa	✓	
X Helmstetter, Barbara S		
Hunt, Jane J, Clerk	✓	
Sherman, Thomas M	✓	
Ticehurst, Susan J	✓	
McMahon, Charles E	✓	
Emerson, Susan,	✓	
Kotowski, Frank R,	✓	
X Martel, Andre A		
LeBrun, Donald L	✓	
Culbert, Patrick L	✓	
Meaney, Richard E	✓	
Nelson, Bill G	✓	
X Schmidt, Stephen J		
TOTAL VOTE:	16	0

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Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 6, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES &
ELDERLY AFFAIRS to which was referred HB279,**

**AN ACT establishing a pilot program for New
Hampshire citizen emergency response teams. Having
considered the same, report the same with the following
Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO
LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Donald L LeBrun

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS
Bill Number:	HB279
Title:	establishing a pilot program for New Hampshire citizen emergency response teams.
Date:	January 30, 2013
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

In the opinion of the committee, HB 279 does not establish a need for additional emergency response teams. Homeland Security already has programs in place to address this issue. This bill adds nothing to those programs. Therefore, HB 279 is deemed to be unnecessary. We also heard from various organizations as to how this issue of response teams is currently administered and we believe New Hampshire is addressing it in a more than efficient manor.

Vote 16-0.

Rep. Donald L LeBrun
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS

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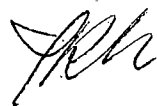
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Rep. Donald L. LeBrun
For the Committee
16-0 ITL CC

~~MINORITY REPORT~~

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs
 BILL NUMBER: 279
 TITLE: Establishing a pilot program for N.H. Citizen Emergency response Teams
 DATE: 01-30-13 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
- OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No. _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 16-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Rep. Paul LeBrun
 For the Minority

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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly
BILL NUMBER: HB279
TITLE: Establishing a pilot program for
New Hampshire citizen emergency response
teams.
DATE: Jan. 30, 2013 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
- OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No.

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

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minority

COMMITTEE VOTE: 14-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Rep. Donald LeBrun
For the Committee