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HB 509 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0241

09/04

HOUSE BILL

509

AN ACT requiring the department of administrative services to provide the New Hampshire Department of American Legion with office space.

SPONSORS: Rep. Graham, Hills 7; Rep. Shurtleff, Merr 11; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock 5; Rep. Theberge, Coos 3; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Rausch, Dist 19

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of administrative services to provide the New Hampshire Department of American Legion with office space, free of charge, in a state-owned building located in Concord.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Division of Plant and Property Management; Office Space for
2 New Hampshire Department of American Legion. Amend RSA 21-I:11 by inserting after paragraph
3 X the following new paragraph:

4 X-a. Provide the New Hampshire Department of American Legion, a private nonprofit
5 organization, office space, free of charge, in the state-owned building located at 25 Capitol Street in
6 Concord, New Hampshire or another state-owned building located in Concord.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendments

Public Works and Highways
February 13, 2013
2013-0333h
09/01

Amendment to HB 509

1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to
2 read as 3:

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4 2 Repeal. 1921, 175, relative to providing permanent headquarters in the state house for the
5 New Hampshire Department of the American Legion, is repealed.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 509

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Recess
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2/13/13
w/extra time*

BILL TITLE: requiring the department of administrative services to provide the New Hampshire Department of American Legion with office space.

DATE: February 5, 2013

LOB ROOM: 201 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:10 am

(please circle if present)

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Maureen Mann

Rep. Maureen Mann,
Clerk

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Testimony

HB 509
American Legion Provision of Office Space within State Owned Buildings
2/5/2013

Mr. Chairman and fellow members of the committee, my name is Michael Connor and I work for the Department of Administrative Services where I serve as the Director of Plant and Property Management. I am here today to testify in support of HB 509.

The American Legion owned land where the State House Annex is currently located and in 1921 the legislature approved legislation (laws of 1921, Chapter 175) that authorized and directed the Governor and Council to provide office space and related heat and lights in the State House for the department of the American Legion.

Through the years they have moved from the State House and they are currently located on the fourth floor of the State House Annex.

This legislation will provide authorization to the Department of Administrative Services to provide office space at no cost to the New Hampshire Department of American Legion at any state owned building located in Concord.

We are currently renovating the Anna Philbrook Center located on the Governor Hugh Gallen Office Park for use by several state agencies. The American Legion would like to relocate their offices once the renovations are completed so that they can be located in a space with better parking and accessibility to the veterans that they serve. This legislation will allow that to occur and provide office space at no cost to the American Legion for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration. I will be glad to answer any questions.

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CHAPTERS 174, 175,

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CHAPTER 174.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF AUD RUSSELL.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

THAT the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be and the same ^{Appropriation in favor of} be paid to reimburse him for expenses and losses sustained by him as a result of his automobile being run into by a truck belonging to the state highway department on August 7, 1920, in the town of Andover.

[Approved April 5, 1921.]

CHAPTER 175.

JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS IN THE STATE HOUSE FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

THAT the governor and council are hereby authorized and directed to assign to the New Hampshire department of the American Legion suitable and permanent apartments in the state house and to fit up the same and to furnish light and heat and care therefor. The governor is authorized to draw his warrant for the purpose herein specified out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved April 5, 1921.]

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American Legion assigned apartments in state house.

American Legion

State House Annex

Current Legislation

LAWS OF 1921, CHAPTER 175

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Representative Graham,

You asked whether there are any records available that show the legislative intent of the NH Laws of 1921, Chapter 175, a joint resolution providing for permanent headquarters in the State House for the State of New Hampshire Department of the American Legion. Unfortunately, I was unable to find any committee records for that year. There were also no relevant house or senate journal records.

I'm sorry I couldn't find any helpful information. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Anne

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HB 509

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee

For the record I am Rep. John A. Graham, Hills District 7, which is the town of Bedford. Truth in lending (or at least testifying) time, I am also the treasurer for the American Legion here NH.

The genesis of this bill is actually quite simple. As many of you know as part of the Capital Budget we have been renovating buildings at the Gallen Office Park (the old state hospital grounds). One of the buildings being renovated will be used to provide space for various boards, councils and committees of the state – thereby reducing the amount of revenue needed for rent or leases for these entities... During one briefing on this building I noticed that one small office suite had no planned occupants.

Wearing my Legion hat I realized that this suite might offer an opportunity for the Legion. Currently the Legion occupies a small 3 room suite in the State House Annex. Since 1921, please refer to the handout of the laws of 1921, the state has been required to provide this space.

However it would be advantageous to the Legion to move to the Gallen Park. Advantageous primarily to our employees, but also to anyone who might have business with the Legion headquarters. And here I am referring obviously to the parking situation around the state house complex. As an aside, it would also save the Legion some money since we do provide a small stipend to our employees to help offset the cost of parking.

When I approached Admin Services about the idea of the Legion moving from the Annex to another state owned building they begin some informal talks with the Legion and have reached an agreement in principal concerning the move. However, existing law specifically states that the Legion will be housed in the state house. It was suggested to me that the best alternative would be to update the law to allow the state to continue its support in another location within Concord, and that it be made a part of the RSA's and not chapter law – so that it could be more readily found in the future.

In summary, this bill merely updates existing law and does not change the relationship of the state of NH and the American Legion.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 509 recessed until 2/13/13 noontime

BILL TITLE: requiring the department of administrative services to provide the New Hampshire Department of American Legion with office space.

DATE: Feb 12, 2013

LOB ROOM: 201

Amendments:

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| Sponsor: Rep. Ramsey | OLS Document #: 2013 | 0333h |
| Sponsor: Rep. Waterhouse | OLS Document #: | |
| Sponsor: Rep. | OLS Document #: | |

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

Moved by Rep. Graham

Seconded by Rep. Gionet

Vote: 19-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.) withdraw until 2/13/13 when we get an amendment.

Moved by Rep. Graham

Seconded by Rep. Hammon

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

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: yes

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Maureen R. Mann, Clerk

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PH Date: 2 / 5 / 2013 Exec Session Date: 2 / 12 / 2013

Motion: OTP/A Amendment #: 2013-0333h

| MEMBER | YEAS | NAYS |
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| Campbell, David B, Chairman | ✓ | |
| Cloutier, John R, V Chairman | ✓ | |
| Ramsey, Peter E | ✓ | |
| Mann, Maureen R, Clerk | ✓ | |
| Irwin, Virginia | ✓ | |
| Ebel, Karen E | ✓ | |
| Hammon, Marcia | ✓ | |
| Higgins, Patricia C | ✓ | |
| Jack, Martin L | ✓ | |
| Piper, Wendy A | ✓ | |
| Ratzki, Mario F | ✓ | |
| Graham, John A | ✓ | |
| Chandler, Gene G, | ✓ | |
| Gionet, Edmond D | ✓ | |
| McConkey, Mark E | ✓ | |
| Waterhouse, Kevin K, | ✓ | |
| Tilton, Franklin T | ✓ | |
| Kolodziej, Walter | ✓ | |
| Friel, William G | ab | |
| Milz, David E | ✓ | |
| TOTAL VOTE: | 19-0 | |

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 14, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS to
which was referred HB509,

AN ACT requiring the department of administrative
services to provide the New Hampshire Department of
American Legion with office space. Having considered
the same, report the same with the following
amendment, and the recommendation that the bill
OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. John A Graham

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

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| Committee: | PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS |
| Bill Number: | HB509 |
| Title: | requiring the department of administrative services to provide the New Hampshire Department of American Legion with office space. |
| Date: | February 14, 2013 |
| Consent Calendar: | YES |
| Recommendation: | OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT |

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill is a simple update of existing chapter law and does not change the relationship of the state of New Hampshire and the American Legion. Chapter 175, the Laws of 1921, requires that the state provide office space free of charge to the American Legion "in the State House." The Legion currently occupies office space in the State House Annex, and working with Administrative Services, is planning to move from there to similar space at the Gallen Office Park. The bill will allow that move to take place without violating existing statutes. The amendment deletes existing chapter law so that there will not be any confusion over which location takes precedence when this bill becomes law.

Vote 19-0.

Rep. John A Graham
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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Cc: Committee Bill File

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Public Works & Highways

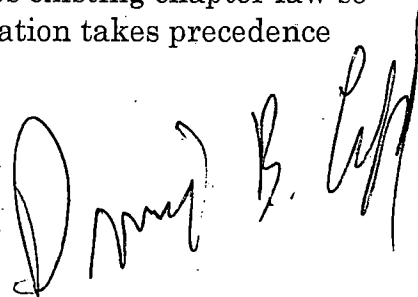
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HB 509 OTP/A

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