LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Bill as Introduced

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SENATE BILL

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relative to the authority of state police employees.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen.

Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Hinch, Hills. 21; Rep. Shurtleff, Merr. 11

COMMITTEE:

Judiciary

ANALYSIS

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Approved: July 05, 2017

Effective Date: September 03, 2017

Amendments

Sen. Bradley, Dist 3 February 16, 2017 2017-0504s 10/05



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Sen. Bradley, Dist 3 March 1, 2017 2017-0672s 04/08

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III. No civil liability shall lie against the state or any state actor for any violation of this section as long as the individual was acting in good faith pursuant to this section and not in a wanton or reckless manner.

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

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2017-0672s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill grants state police employees the authority to enforce motor vehicle laws and regulations relative to the transportation of hazardous materials.

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Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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32 33 1 Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this act is to enhance the ability of the New Hampshire state police to patrol our state highways and protect the public, support other law enforcement agencies and to reduce civil liability, by ensuring that the laws defining state police jurisdiction are unambiguous and comprehensive. As the population increases and tourism grows, local and state law enforcement agencies are increasingly called upon to work in a coordinated and cooperative manner to address the public safety needs of this state, particularly in the areas of impaired driving enforcement and stemming the flow of illegal drugs traveling into New Hampshire on our roadways. This act shall ensure there are no jurisdictional limitations on that cooperative law enforcement effort. This act is not intended to limit the critical role that local law enforcement agencies play in protecting public safety in their respective communities.

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106-B:12 Authority and Duties of Police Employees. Police employees shall be ex-officiis constables throughout the state[, shall patrol the highways, enforce the highway traffic laws and regulations, enforce the motor vehicle laws relative thereto]. They shall have statewide authority to enforce all provisions of RSA title XXI relative to motor vehicle laws and fenforce the regulations relative to the transportation of hazardous materials, pursuant to RSA 106-A:18 and RSA 106-B:15[, and]. The director, division of state police, shall report to the director, division of motor vehicles, all violations of and prosecutions under the motor vehicle laws. Police employees shall have general power to enforce all criminal laws of the state and to serve criminal processes and make arrests, under proper warrants, in all counties. They shall not serve civil processes. No police employee shall act, be used or called upon for service within any town in any industrial dispute unless actual violence has occurred therein, and then only upon order of the governor. When any police employee shall apprehend any person who has committed or attempted to commit a felony the director shall immediately make a report to the attorney and the sheriff of the county and the chief of police of the municipality in which the offense was, or was suspected of being, committed and such cases shall be investigated and prosecuted by said county officials with the cooperation of said police employees.

- 3 Jurisdiction of Police Employees. Amend RSA 106-B:15 to read as follows:
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- I. Police employees have *primary* jurisdiction on all turnpikes, toll roads, *limited access*highways, and interstate highways and nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the

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2017-0765s

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE Judiciary

Sen Sharon Carson, Chair Sen Bette Lasky, Vice Chair Sen Harold French, Member Sen William Gannon, Member Sen Martha Hennessey, Member

Date: January 19, 2017

HEARINGS

Tuesday			ı	01/24/2017	
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9:00 a.m.	SB 9	relative t assault d		sensual sexual activity in sexual	
9:20 a.m.	SB 20	relative	to liquid chromatograph tests fo	or intoxication.	
9:40 a.m.	SB 67	relative t	to the authority of state police e	employees.	
10:00 a.m.	SB 68	relative to sentencing for violations of probation.			
10:20 a.m.	SB 70	relative to disclosure of expert testimony in civil cases.			
Sponsors: SB 9 Sen. Avard Rep. Hoell SB 20 Sen. D'Allesandro SB 67	·	Sen. Birdsell Rep. LeBrun	Sen. Giuda Rep. Kotowski	Rep. Burt	
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Senate Judiciary Committee

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SB 67, relative to the authority of state police employees.

Hearing Date:

January 24, 2017

Time Opened:

9:34 a.m.

Time Closed:

10:01 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Lasky, French, Gannon and

Hennessey

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill grants state police employees the authority to enforce motor vehicle laws and regulations relative to the transportation of hazardous materials on all state roads.

Sponsors:

Sen. Bradley

Sen, D'Allesandro

Sen. Soucy

Sen. Carson

Rep. Hinch

Rep. Shurtleff

Who supports the bill: Senator Carson; Senator D'Allesandro; Captain Matt Shapiro, Department of Safety; Attorney Ann Rice, NH Attorney General; Marc Beaudoin, NH Troopers Association; Bob Blaisdell, NH Troopers Association;

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: Chief Glen Drolet, NH Chiefs of Police

Summary of testimony presented in support: Senator Bradley

- Was approached by the Attorney General's Office with a problem that needs careful resolution.
- Currently, the state police only have jurisdiction on state highways and in towns with less than 3,000 residents, and therefore, there are certain times state police are not covered by liability protection.
- Firstly, this bill ensures that our state troopers have the kind of liability protection that they need in this day and age.
- Secondly, with the drug crisis going on and the success of the Granite Hammer Program, this bill allows for jurisdiction authority and coordination.
- Local police chiefs have reached out to discuss the bill and they still have some concerns.
- Requests that the Committee wait to exec on this bill in order to allow for further discussion and a potential amendment.
- Local and state agencies need to work together in coordination for public safety and to ensure that there are not restrictions on cooperation between the jurisdictions.

Attorney Ann Rice (NH Attorney General) (provided written testimony)

This bill will protect criminal prosecutions and charges, and eliminate liability

- questions for state police
- Motor vehicle enforcement is critical to the safety of NH's citizens and it is essential
 to stop the flow of drugs into the state.
- Currently, in municipalities with more than 3,000 residents state police have
 jurisdiction if a trooper witnesses a crime, is in pursuit of a suspected law violation, in
 search of someone wanted for a crime, when traveling through, when acting as an
 agent of the department of motor vehicles to enforce certain rules, or when
 specifically requested to act by another law enforcement agency.
- This law is in place to minimize competitive friction between law enforcement agencies and to ensure criminal laws get enforced.
- The law has worked well in the past, but now that the population has grown and the world has become more litigious, problems have arisen.
- State police routinely patrol Rts. 101, 209, 125, 16, etc which go in and out of municipalities with more than 3,000 residents.
- There is implied permission that the state police have the authority to be there and no one is currently trying to push them out.
- Increasingly though, people are asking for the location data from the motor vehicle locator in the troopers' vehicles and determining if they were in an over 3,000 town at the point of the charge.
- There have been instances where charges have been dismissed due to this technicality.
- This bill will only allow for motor vehicle law enforcement across the state, and not criminal enforcement.
- A similar change was made to the fish and game laws back in 2014
- The last part of the bill makes it clear that so long as the trooper is acting in good faith there is no liability.
- This is not meant to alter in the relationship between local and state police, as it is simply eliminating barriers.
- There are some concerns about this from local police and everyone is working together to address those concerns.

Senator D'Allesandro

- In Manchester, when the state police have asked to come in they have had a wonderful and cooperative relationship.
- Drugs are moving up and down those highways and there are situations that occur over these town borders.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

None.

Neutral Information Presented:

Chief Glen Drolet (NH Chiefs of Police)

- The relationship between local and state police has never been better
- The Chiefs recognize the concerns the state police and want to work on this bill with them
- Want to ensure any changes in the law are done correctly
- Both sides are working together achieve this while maintaining the appropriate authority
- Requests a delay on the voting, so that they can continue to work on the bill

Future Action: Pending

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 25, 2017

Speakers

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Date: 01/24/2017

Time: 9:40 a.m. Public Hearing on SB 67

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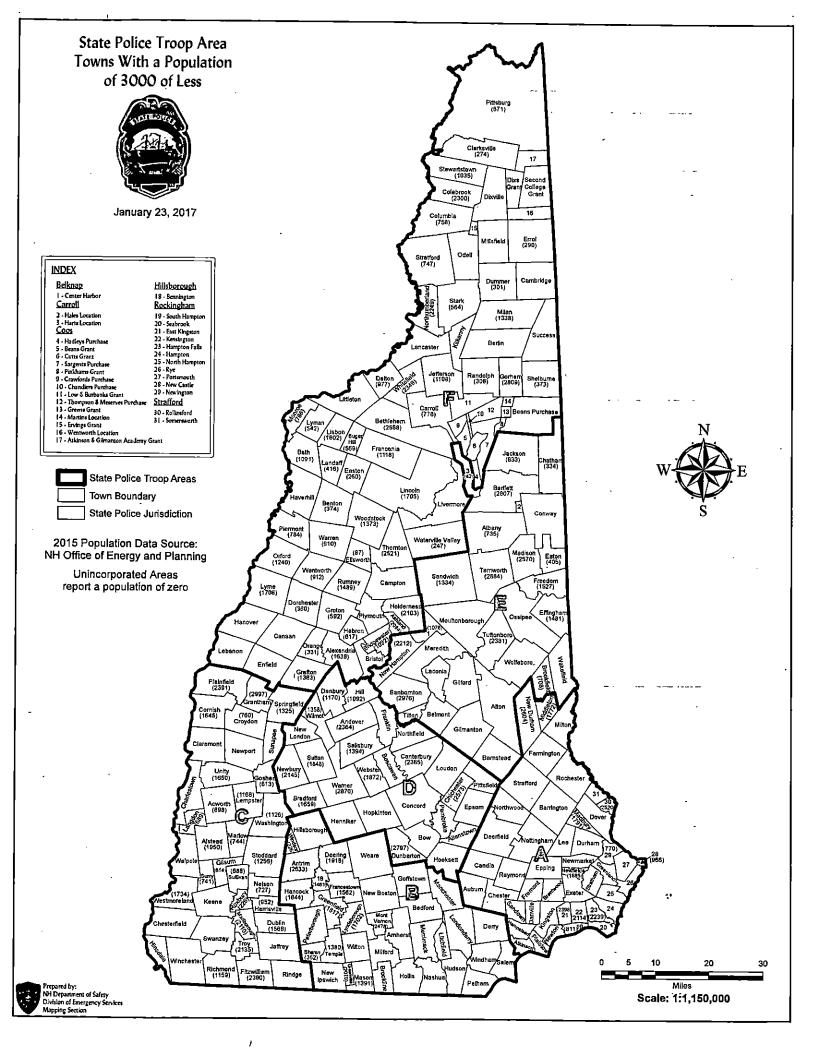
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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred SB 67

AN ACT

relative to the authority of state police employees.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF:

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AMENDMENT # 0765s

Senator Harold French For the Committee

This bill grants state police employees the authority to enforce motor vehicle laws and regulations relative to the transportation of hazardous materials on all state roads. The Committee amended the bill with the help of the NH police force and the state police to ensure that jurisdictional authority was appropriately respected.

Jennifer Horgan 271-3092

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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		Docket of sb67
01/18/2017	S	Introduced 01/05/2017 and Referred to Judiciary; SJ 4
01/19/2017	S	Hearing: 01/24/2017, Room 100, SH, 09:40 am; SC 7
03/08/2017	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment # 2017-0765s, 03/16/2017; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 14
03/16/2017	S	Committee Amendment # 2017-0765s, AA, VV; 03/16/2017; SJ 9
03/16/2017	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2017-0765s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 03/16/2017; SJ 9
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