

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB445

Bill as Introduced

SB 445 - AS INTRODUCED

2020 SESSION

20-2836

11/01

SENATE BILL **445**

AN ACT relative to residency of children of members of the armed forces.

SPONSORS: Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Rep. Massimilla, Graf. 1; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock. 5; Rep. Cleaver, Hills. 35; Rep. Packard, Rock. 5

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that children of members of the armed forces may retain their New Hampshire residency for purposes of a driver's license during a period of a parent's active deployment.

This bill is a request of the division of motor vehicles.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty

AN ACT relative to residency of children of members of the armed forces.

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

1 1 Drivers' Licenses; Members of Armed Services; Federal Employees; Spouses; Residency.

2 Amend RSA 263:5-b, II to read as follows:

3 II. A resident of this state shall not be considered as having lost residence when the sole
4 reason for the person's absence is that he or she is accompanying his or her spouse *or parent* on a
5 United States armed forces deployment outside the state of New Hampshire or state department or
6 other federal agency assignment abroad.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Transportation

Sen David Watters, Chair
 Sen Regina Birdsell, Vice Chair
 Sen Martha Hennessey, Member
 Sen Melanie Levesque, Member
 Sen Ruth Ward, Member

Date: January 7, 2020

HEARINGS

	Tuesday	01/14/2020
	(Day)	(Date)
Transportation		Legislative Office Building 103 1:00 p.m.
(Name of Committee)		(Time)
1:00 p.m. SB 413		authorizing the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains to issue decals for multi-use decal plates.
1:15 p.m. SB 445		relative to residency of children of members of the armed forces.
1:30 p.m. SB 446		relative to airport fees for transportation network companies.
1:45 p.m. SB 471		relative to funds for the division of veterans services.
2:00 p.m. SB 472		establishing a committee to study gold star family decals.
2:15 p.m. SB 473		relative to certificate of boating safety.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 413

Sen. Watters
 Rep. Levesque

Sen. Levesque
 Rep. Mulligan

Sen. Hennessey
 Rep. Walz

Sen. Chandley
 Rep. Altschiller

SB 445

Sen. Carson
 Sen. Giuda
 Rep. Packard

Sen. Birdsell
 Rep. Massimilla

Sen. Ward
 Rep. Baldasaro

Sen. Watters
 Rep. Cleaver

SB 446

Sen. Cavanaugh

SB 471

Sen. Birdsell
 Rep. Edwards

Sen. Giuda

Sen. Carson

Sen. Gray

SB 472

Sen. Birdsell
 Rep. Edwards

Sen. Carson
 Rep. Baldasaro

Sen. French

Sen. Watters

SB 473

Sen. Birdsell

Sen. Ward

Sen. Watters

Rep. Torosian

Sonja Caldwell 271-2117

David H Watters
Chairman

Senate Transportation Committee

Sonja Caldwell 271-2117

SB 445, relative to residency of children of members of the armed forces.

Hearing Date: January 14, 2020

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Watters, Birdsell, Hennessey, Levesque and Ward

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill provides that children of members of the armed forces may retain their New Hampshire residency for purposes of a driver's license during a period of a parent's active deployment.

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Sponsors:

Sen. Carson

Sen. Birdsell

Sen. Ward

Sen. Watters

Sen. Giuda

Rep. Massimilla

Rep. Baldasaro

Rep. Cleaver

Rep. Packard

Who supports the bill: Sen. Carson, Sen. Giuda, Jeff Oberdank (DMV), Sen. Watters, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Ward, Kevin Grady (State Veterans Advisory Comm.), Warren Perry (Dept. of Military Affairs & Veterans Services)

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented:

Sen. Carson explained that this bill came from a study committee. The committee learned that the State of NH does a phenomenal job supporting military members with license issues and are far head of other states. However, children of active duty military personnel go where their parents go and the law didn't expressly address them. This bill will ensure that they don't lose their residency when accompanying their parents on active duty.

Jeff Oberdank of the Driver Licensing Bureau at the DMV said this is a housekeeping measure to include all family members that would travel with military members as they travel around world. The DMV follows the federal soldiers and sailors act, which provides that one can keep their original address as long as they are on active duty.

Kevin Grady, representing the State Veterans Advisory Committee, which speaks for the veteran community, said his committee voted unanimously in support of the bill. The veteran community is on board with this.

Sen. Hennessey asked if this is just for the purposes of a driver's license. She asked if it would make you a resident of the state in all aspects or just for a driver license.

Mr. Grady said that military members have a state of legal residence that remains their residence of record while in the military and traveling anywhere in the world.

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 16, 2020

Speakers

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Date 1/14/20

Time 1:15 p.m.

Public Hearing on SB445

(relative to residency of children of members of the armed forces.)

Please check box(es) that apply.

SPEAKING FAVOR OPPOSED

NAME (Please print)

REPRESENTING

Kevin Gady State Veterans Advisory Committee

WARREN PERRY DEPT MIL AFFAIRS + VETS SUGS

Voting Sheets

Senate Transportation Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2019-2020 Session

Bill # SBL445

Hearing date: 1/14/20

Executive Session date: 1/14/20

Motion of: OTR Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Watters, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Birdsell, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Hennessey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Levesque	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: CONSENT Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Sen. Levesque	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

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Sen. Levesque	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reported out by: Birdsell

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred SB 445

AN ACT

relative to residency of children of members of the
armed forces.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Regina Birdsell
For the Committee

This bill provides that children of members of the armed forces may retain their New Hampshire residency for purposes of a driver's license during a period of a parent's active deployment. While New Hampshire does an excellent job of supporting active duty military members with drivers' license issues, a recent study committee found that the law didn't specifically include the children of active duty military personnel. This bill will ensure that those children don't lose their NH residency status when traveling with their parents who are on active duty deployment.

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FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION

SB 445, relative to residency of children of members of the armed forces.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Regina Birdsell for the committee.

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of SB445

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to residency of children of members of the armed forces.*Official Docket of SB445.:*

Date	Body	Description
1/8/2020	S	To Be Introduced 01/08/2020 and Referred to Transportation; SJ 1
1/7/2020	S	Hearing: 01/14/2020, Room 103, LOB, 01:15 pm; SC 2
1/15/2020	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 01/30/2020; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 4
1/30/2020	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 01/30/2020; SJ 2
2/3/2020	H	Introduced 01/09/2020 and referred to Transportation HJ 2 P. 59
6/30/2020	H	Vacated and Laid on Table MA VV 06/30/2020

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: SB 445

Senate Committee: Transportation

Please include all documents in the order listed below and indicate the documents which have been included with an "X" beside

Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

- Bill version as it came to the committee
- All Calendar Notices
- Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)
- Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing
- Hearing Report
- Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____
___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____

- Executive Session Sheet
- Committee Report

Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____
___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____

Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

- Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):
- Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)
- Governor's Veto Message

All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

___ as amended by the senate ___ as amended by the house
___ final version

Completed Committee Report File Delivered to the Senate Clerk's Office By:

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Committee Aide

8/6/20

Date

Senate Clerk's Office _____