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HB 150 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

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Approved: April 23, 2021
Effective Date: April 23, 2021

Committee Minutes

AMENDED
SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Executive Departments and Administration

Sen Sharon Carson, Chair
Sen John Reagan, Vice Chair
Sen Denise Ricciardi, Member
Sen Kevin Cavanaugh, Member
Sen Suzanne Prentiss, Member

Date: March 10, 2021

HEARINGS

Wednesday	03/17/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Executive Departments and Administration	REMOTE 000	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m. HB 94-FN	relative to licensure renewal dates for certain governing boards under the office of professional licensure and certification.	
9:15 a.m. HB 70	authorizing certification for the microblading of eyebrows.	
9:30 a.m. HB 208	repealing RSA 323 regarding lightning rod dealers and salesmen.	
9:45 a.m. HB 301	relative to the compensation appeals board.	
10:00 a.m. HB 150	making a technical correction and a clarification in the law governing death benefits for emergency medical technicians and rescue squad members.	
10:15 a.m. HB 173-FN	requiring the independent investment committee of the New Hampshire retirement system to report investment fees.	

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

Sharon M Carson
Chairman

Sponsors:

HB 94-FN

Rep. McGuire

Rep. T. Lekas

HB 70

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Rep. Pitre

HB 173-FN

Rep. Schuett

Rep. Schultz

Rep. Ellison

Rep. M. Pearson

Rep. Merchant

HB 208

Rep. Yokela

HB 301

Rep. Seaworth

HB 150

Rep. Schuett

Rep. Goley

Rep. Soucy

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

HB 150, making a technical correction and a clarification in the law governing death benefits for emergency medical technicians and rescue squad members.

Hearing Date: March 17, 2021

Time Opened: 10:00 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:06 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Reagan, Ricciardi, Cavanaugh and Prentiss

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill makes a technical correction in the law governing death benefits for emergency medical technicians and rescue squad members. This bill also clarifies the definition of "rescue squad member."

Sponsors:

Rep. Schuett

Rep. Goley

Rep. Soucy

Who supports the bill: Representative Dianne Schuett (Merrimack – District 20), Representative Tony Lekas (Hillsborough – District 37), and Representative Jeff Goley (Hillsborough – District 8).

Who opposes the bill: Robin Vogt.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Dianne Schuett

Merrimack – District 20

- Representative Schuett said that HB 150 is a re-file for HB 1377 (2020) from Representative Mark Proulx, who moved out of his district and could not run again. HB 1377 (2020) was included in an omnibus bill which was vetoed for other reasons.
- Rep. Schuett said that HB 150 makes a technical correction to a law from 2019. Line 7 of HB 150 ensure the language is consistent across the rest of the paragraph and Line 16 of HB 150 is a request from the Fish and Game Department.

- Speaking for a second time, Rep. Schuett said that there was a fear that a volunteer person, as a part of a search and rescue group, would not be covered. She said that the language regarding recovering a lost person was removed to ensure that a person who wasn't an official rescue personnel would be covered.

Representative Tony Lekas

Hillsborough – District 37

- Representative Lekas is a member of House Executive Departments and Administration and wrote the Committee Report for HB 150.
- Rep. Lekas said that the change in Section 1 of HB 150 is a technical correction. He said that the list of beneficiaries appears in statute nine times and the section in Section 1 of HB 150 is the only place “emergency medical technicians, or rescue squad member” was left out. He said it was a drafting error.
- Rep. Lekas said that the change in Section 2 of HB 150 removed the reference to recovering a lost person. He said that there was a concern over how that applies and if the benefit would apply if a rescue squad member was sent out not for the recovery of a missing person but some other reason. Rep. Lekas said that the rescue squad member had been called out and should be included in the benefit.
- Senator Carson asked to clarify Section 2; she said that what it does is create a definition concerning what a rescue squad member is. She said that the language will be removed because rescue squad members are called out for many reasons, not just to recover lost people.
 - Rep. Lekas said that that was his understanding, as rescue squad members take some risk in going out to perform their duties.
- Senator Carson asked if, even though the phrase “to recover a lost person” is being removed, rescue squad members would still be covered for the benefit if they were injured or killed while recovering a lost person.
 - Rep. Lekas said that that was correct and that rescue squad members were covered in the original statute.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 18, 2021

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HB150 01

Support: 4 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>
Schuett, Dianne	dianne.schuett@leg.state.nh.us	603.224.0314	An Elected Official	Sponsor - (Merr. 20)	Support	Yes
Lekas, Tony	Rep.Tony.Lekas@gmail.com	603.305.5726	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 37	Support	Yes
Vogt, Robin	robin.w.vogt@gmail.com	603.969.5720	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Goley, Rep. Jeff	Not Given	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No

Testimony

HB 150: To the Chair and members of ED&A, some of you may recognize this bill as it was introduced last year as HB 1377, which passed House ED&A unanimously and was passed by the House on the Consent Calendar, but then was a victim of the Covid virus when it was folded into one of the omnibus bills which was ultimately vetoed. This bill only makes a technical correction to a law that was enacted in 2019. I would call your attention to the addition of language on line 7 "*emergency medical technician, or rescue squad member.*" This just makes the language in that line consistent with the rest of the paragraph. And on line 16, deletes the language "*to recover a lost person.*" This change was requested by the fish and game department. And I believe you have testimony from Ms. Monroe explaining that. I thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Rep. Dianne Schuett

Voting Sheets

**Senate Executive Departments and
Administration Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2021 Session**

Bill # HB 150

Hearing date: 3-17-21

Executive Session date: 3-17-21

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Carson, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Reagan, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Prentiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

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Sen. Prentiss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reported out by: Sen. Prentiss

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 18, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration

to which was referred **HB 150**

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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Suzanne Prentiss
For the Committee

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Docket of HB150

Docket Abbreviations

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Official Docket of HB150.:

Date	Body	Description
1/4/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Executive Departments and Administration HJ 2 P. 37
1/21/2021	H	Public Hearing: 01/27/2021 01:30 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/92995497899 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
2/5/2021	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 18-0; CC) HC 12 P. 5
2/24/2021	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV 02/24/2021 HJ 3 P. 8
3/4/2021	S	Introduced 03/04/2021 and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; SJ 7
3/10/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 03/17/2021, 10:00 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 15
3/18/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/25/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 16
3/25/2021	S	Ought to Pass: RC 24Y-0N, MA; OT3rdg; 03/25/2021; SJ 9
4/12/2021	S	Enrolled RC 24Y-0N, MA, (In recess of 04/08/2021); SJ 12
4/12/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 99
4/26/2021	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 04/23/2021; Chapter 4; Eff: 04/23/2021

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

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Final docket found on Bill Status

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- Hearing Report
- Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

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

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- Committee Report

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