

Bill as Introduced

HB 567 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

7Apr2021... 0276h

2021 SESSION

21-0703
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HOUSE BILL

567

AN ACT

permitting certain military personnel, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics to apply for licensure as a nursing assistant.

SPONSORS:

Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 6

COMMITTEE:

Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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2 Experience. Amend RSA 326-B by inserting after section 21 the following new section:

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8 and may apply for a license as a nursing assistant in New Hampshire. An applicant under this
9 paragraph shall:

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12 years;

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14 forth in this chapter, or, if such acts have been committed and would be grounds for disciplinary
15 action, the board has found, after investigation, that sufficient restitution has been made; and

16 (c) Meet other criteria as established by the board.

17 II. An individual licensed as an emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical
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**HB 567 FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2021-0276h)**

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation, as amended, has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2021 through 2024.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

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Approved: July 01, 2021
Effective Date: July 01, 2021

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Committee Minutes

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: April 15, 2021

HEARINGS

Wednesday	04/28/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Executive Departments and Administration	REMOTE 000	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m. HB 273	relative to the 50th anniversary of the passage of the 26th amendment, granting the right to vote to 18-21 year olds and celebrating youth voting and office holding.	
9:15 a.m. HB 345	establishing a license for mushroom harvesters.	
9:30 a.m. HB 509	relative to portraits and memorial objects in the state house, legislative office building, and Upham Walker house.	
9:45 a.m. HB 567	permitting certain military personnel, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics to apply for licensure as a nursing assistant.	
10:00 a.m. HB 631	relative to regulation of interpreters for the deaf, deaf blind, and hard of hearing.	

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3. Or iPhone one-tap: +13017158592,,97905915900# or +13126266799,,97905915900#
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<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/remotecommittee/senate.aspx>

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 273

Rep. Cushing

Rep. Conley

HB 345

Rep. Knirk

Rep. Fellows

Rep. Merchant

Rep. M. Murray

Rep. Bixby

Sen. Sherman

Sen. Bradley

HB 509

Rep. Wall

HB 567

Rep. S. Pearson

HB 631

Rep. M. Pearson

Rep. Woods

Rep. Nutter-Upham

Rep. Major

Rep. Guthrie

Rep. Rice

Sen. Birdsell

Sen. D'Allesandro

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

Sharon M Carson
Chairman

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

HB 567, permitting certain military personnel, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics to apply for licensure as a nursing assistant.

Hearing Date: April 28, 2021

Time Opened: 9:50 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:02 a.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill permits certain military personnel, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics to apply for licensure as a nursing assistant.

Sponsors:

Rep. S. Pearson

Who supports the bill: Representative Dianne Schuett (Merrimack – District 20) and Eric Pauer.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Sharon Carson

Senate District 14

- Senator Carson introduced HB 567 on behalf of Representative Stephen Pearson, who was not present at the time.

Senator Suzanne Prentiss

Senate District 5

- Senator Prentiss said that she supported HB 567.
- Senator Prentiss said that during the COVID-19 pandemic, an Emergency Order put

provisions in place to allow people with comparable skills to serve as licensed nursing assistants (LNAs). She said that HB 567 codifies that provision.

- Senator Prentiss said that HB 567 made sense, as it put military personnel in a position for a job opportunity.
- Senator Prentiss said that HB 567 was smart for the workforce and smart for healthcare.
- Senator Carson said that HB 567 identifies specific military occupational specialty codes for the Army and Air Force but noted that those codes change over time. She said that the General Court will need to be aware that whenever the Army or Air Force reorganize their codes, the statute will need to be changed.
 - Senator Prentiss said that that was a good point and that she would work with Rep. Pearson on an amendment to neutralize the language so that it lives over time.

Representative Stephen Pearson

Rockingham – District 6

- Representative Pearson said that the LNA situation is dire and was dire before the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Rep. Pearson said that the military designation shows that those individuals have undergone training with standards above and beyond the LNA standards and HB 567 would allow them to take the LNA exam without going through the typical training.
- Senator Carson reiterated her comments about the potential for change in the military codes referenced in HB 567. She asked if there was a different way to identify those occupational specialties without referencing the specific code, which may change. She said that she would work with Senator Prentiss on an amendment.
 - Rep. Pearson said that the intent is not to pigeonhole the language into a highly technical specification. He said that if the language needs to be loosened, it needs to be loosened. He said that he does not want the statute to need to be constantly amended.
- Senator Carson asked why HB 567 only references Army and Air Force personnel, when the Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard also have similar personnel.
 - Rep. Pearson said that there is no reason why additional service members were left out of HB 567. He said that there was a misunderstanding that the codes used in HB 567 were applicable across the armed services.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HB567 01

Support: 1 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>
Pauer, Eric	secretary@BrooklineGOP.org	603.732.8489	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No

Voting Sheets

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

Bill # ~~HB~~ 567

Hearing date: 4-28-21

Executive Session date: 5-19-21

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"/>
Sen. Ricciardi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Cavanaugh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Prentiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Sen. Prentiss

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration

to which was referred **HB 567**

AN ACT

permitting certain military personnel, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics to apply for licensure as a nursing assistant.

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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FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB567

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) permitting certain military personnel, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics to apply for licensure as a nursing assistant.

Official Docket of HB567.:

Date	Body	Description
1/12/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Executive Departments and Administration HJ 2 P. 54
2/22/2021	H	Public Hearing: 02/22/2021 10:30 am Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/97378434787 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
2/10/2021	H	Public Hearing on non-germane Amendment #2021-0276h : 02/22/2021 10:32 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/97378434787
3/10/2021	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0276h (Vote 19-0; CC) HC 18 P. 14
4/7/2021	H	Amendment #2021-0276h : AA VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 27
4/7/2021	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0276h: MA VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 27
4/7/2021	H	Reconsider (Rep. Osborne): MF VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 50
4/7/2021	S	Introduced 04/01/2021 and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; SJ 11
4/15/2021	S	Remote Hearing : 04/28/2021, 09:45 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 20
5/19/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 05/27/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 25
5/27/2021	S	Ought to Pass : MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/27/2021; SJ 17
6/25/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/24/2021); SJ 20
6/25/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/24/2021
7/6/2021	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 07/01/2021; Chapter 97; Eff: 07/01/2021

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 567

Senate Committee: ED+A

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 # ___

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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):

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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}

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