

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB120

Bill as Introduced

SB 120 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0885

10/04

SENATE BILL

120

AN ACT

relative to physician assistant medical services through the Manchester Veterans Administration Medical Center.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3

COMMITTEE:

Health and Human Services

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Approved: July 23, 2021
Effective Date: September 21, 2021

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Health and Human Services

Sen Jeb Bradley, Chair
Sen James Gray, Vice Chair
Sen Kevin Avard, Member
Sen Tom Sherman, Member
Sen Rebecca Whitley, Member

Date: February 10, 2021

HEARINGS

| Wednesday | 02/10/2021 | |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|
| (Day) | (Date) | |
| Health and Human Services | REMOTE 000 | 8:30 a.m. |
| (Name of Committee) | (Place) | (Time) |
| 8:30 a.m. | SB 120 | relative to physician assistant medical services through the Manchester Veterans Administration Medical Center. |
| 8:45 a.m. | SB 121 | relative to a state-based health exchange. |
| 9:00 a.m. | SB 123 | relative to copayments for COVID-19 testing. |
| 9:30 a.m. | SB 132-FN | adopting omnibus legislation relative to COVID-19. |

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 120

Sen. Sherman
Sen. Gray

Sen. Bradley
Sen. Soucy

Sen. D'Allesandro
Rep. Knirk

Rep. Marsh

SB 121

Sen. Rosenwald
Rep. Bartlett

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Rep. Weber

Sen. Sherman
Rep. Hunt

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SB 123

Sen. Sherman
Sen. Whitley

Sen. Cavanaugh
Sen. Hennessey

Sen. Perkins Kwoka
Rep. Marsh

Sen. Rosenwald
Rep. Woods

SB 132-FN

Sen. Prentiss

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

Jeb Bradley
Chairman

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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SB 120, relative to physician assistant medical services through the Manchester Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Hearing Date: February 10, 2021

Time Opened: 8:35 a.m.

Time Closed: 8:41 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Bradley, Gray, Avard, Sherman and Whitley

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill modifies the requirements for out-of-state physician assistants and state-licensed physician assistants to offer medical services through the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

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Who supports the bill: Senator Sherman, District 24; Senator Gray, District 6; Kevin Grady, State Veterans Advisory Committee; Paula Minnehan, NH Hospital Association; Steven Alexakos, NH Society of Physician Assistants; Linda Martino, NHSPA/NHMS; Michael Padmore, NH Medical Society; Richard LaFlame.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Sherman, District 24

- Senator Sherman outlined the problem that this bill addresses:
 - The VA employs physicians from all over the country and they rotate through the VA facilities. Physician assistants (PA) work under physicians. There are physicians, with out of state licenses, supervising NH PAs. This bill addresses this issue in RSA: 328(d)(2)(a).
- This bill allows NH PAs to be supervised by physicians in the VA system with out-of-state licenses in good standing in their prospective state.

- Senator Bradley asked, would you believe your bill is an adjunct to a bill I sponsored a few years ago, to allow physicians to use their out of state license to practice in New Hampshire in the VA system?
- Senator Sherman said, yes, thank you for your work on that.

Linda Martino, NH Society of Physician Assistants & NH Medical Society

- Ms. Martino said she supported SB 120.

Kevin Grady, State Veterans Advisory Committee

- Mr. Grady said, this bill cleans up language and allows more medical professionals to practice in the VA system in New Hampshire. This bill would keep our medical professionals in compliance.

Steven Alexakos, NH Society of Physician Assistants (provided written testimony)

- Mr. Alexakos said he supported SB 120 and referred the committee members to his written testimony.

Richard LaFlame, Veteran

- Mr. LaFlame said he works at the VA in NH and that he was representing himself only, and not speaking on behalf of the VA.
- Mr. LaFlame said the VA needs more staff members to provide care and improve access to care.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

Speakers

| Name | Title | Representing | Position | Testifying |
|---------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Grady Kevin | A Member of the Public | State Veterans Advisory Committee | Support | Yes |
| Sherman Senator Tom | An Elected Official | SD24 | Support | Yes |
| Alexakos Steven | A Member of the Public | The New Hampshire Society of Physician Assistants and Myself | Support | Yes |
| Martino Linda | A Member of the Public | Myself NHSPA NHMS | Support | Yes |
| LaFlame Richard | A Member of the Public | Myself | Support | Yes |
| Minnehan Paula | A Lobbyist | NH Hospital Association | Support | No |
| Padmore Michael | A Lobbyist | NH Medical Society | Support | No |
| Gray Senator James | An Elected Official | Senate District 6 | Support | No |

Testimony



February 7, 2020

Senate Health and Human Services Committee Room 101
36 North State Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

We thank you for taking the time to consider the proposed language changes to RSA 328-D:2-a,(I) as submitted in SB 120. As you are aware, New Hampshire is unique. We are proud that nearly one in ten of its citizens are veterans, and several thousand continue to serve in the Armed Forces. The lack of a full-service Veterans Administration Hospital or full-service military treatment facility requires much of the care to be performed by the dedicated multidisciplinary group of providers within the Manchester VAMC system.

As you may know, RSA 328-D:2-a, (I) allows for Physician Assistants that are licensed in other states to work within the Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) system in NH under the jurisdiction of the federal government within the scope of their employment, and are not otherwise subject to New Hampshire state licensure laws for Physician Assistants. This meaningful statute was meant to improve access to care for our veterans and other at-risk populations by assisting in recruiting new staff and decreasing administrative burdens.

Unfortunately, the RSA does not allow for a federally-employed VA physician who is licensed outside of New Hampshire to serve as the Registered Supervising Physician (RSP) for a Physician Assistant working in the VAMC system who chooses to be licensed in New Hampshire (As per current Board of Medicine MED 600 rules, in order for a PA to maintain a valid NH license, they must have an RSP and ARSP who is licensed in NH). This small but impactful oversight has caused unforeseen hardship on a number of providers in the Manchester VAMC system who have found it difficult, if not impossible, to find NH licenced physicians within their specialties in the VA system to serve as their RSP/ARSP for the purposes of maintaining their NH license.

The proposed language changes in SB 120 will relieve the affected providers in the VA system of the unintended burdens caused by this oversight, while allowing the federally required collaborative relationships between them to continue without fear of liability.

We thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Steve Alexakos, PA-C
President
New Hampshire Society of Physician Assistants

Malcolm Hawthaway, PA-C
Vice President

Dagan Cloutier, PA-C
Immediate Past President

Deanne Chapman, PA-C
Treasurer

Roseanne Washington, PA-C
Secretary

Linda Martino, PA-C
Legislative Co-chair

Sarah Leslie, PA-C
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Christina Dickey, PA-C
Member at Large

Craig Hricz, PA-C
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Beth Geraldts, PA-C
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Voting Sheets

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # SB 120

Hearing Date: 2/10/21

Executive Session Date: 2/10/21

Motion: OTP Vote: 5-0

| Committee Member | Present | Made by | Second | Yes | No |
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Reported out by: Sen. Sherman

Notes: _____

Committee Report

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SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, February 11, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **SB 120**

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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

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BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

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| Docket of sb120 | | |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 01/29/2021 | S | Introduced 01/06/2021 and Referred to Health and Human Services; SJ 3 |
| 02/05/2021 | S | Remote Hearing: 02/10/2021, 08:30 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 10 |
| 02/11/2021 | S | Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/18/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 11 |
| 02/18/2021 | S | Sen. Sherman Moved to Remove SB 120 from the Consent Calendar; 02/18/2021; SJ 5 |
| 02/18/2021 | S | Sen. Sherman Floor Amendment # 2021-0429s, RC 24Y-0N, AA; 02/18/2021; SJ 5 |
| 02/18/2021 | S | Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0429s, RC 24Y-0N, MA; OT3rdg; 02/18/2021; SJ 5 |
| 03/10/2021 | H | Introduced (in recess of) 02/25/2021 and referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs HJ 4 P. 48 |
| 04/06/2021 | H | Public Hearing: 04/13/2021 10:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/94103091494 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened. |
| 05/05/2021 | H | Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment # 2021-1187h (Vote 21-0; CC) HC 26 P. 8 |
| 06/03/2021 | H | Amendment # 2021-1187h: AA VV 06/03/2021 |
| 06/03/2021 | H | Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-1187h: MA VV 06/03/2021 |
| 06/10/2021 | S | Sen. Bradley Moved to Concur with the House Amendment, MA, VV; 06/10/2021; SJ 19 |
| 07/12/2021 | H | Enrolled (in recess of) 06/24/2021 |
| 07/12/2021 | S | Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/24/2021); SJ 20 |

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: SB 120

Senate Committee: HHS

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): none

- ___ - 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 # _____
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