

SB 204-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0889

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SENATE BILL        ***204-FN***

AN ACT            requiring trauma kits to be available in state-owned buildings.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Rep. Soucy, Merr. 21; Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE:        Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires that trauma kits be available in state-owned buildings. The bill also establishes a dedicated fund in the department of safety, division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services to purchase the trauma kits.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT requiring trauma kits to be available in state-owned buildings.

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

1 1 New Subdivision; Emergency Medical and Trauma Services; Trauma Kit. Amend RSA 153-A  
2 by inserting after paragraph 33 the following new subdivision:

3 Trauma Kit

4 153-A:33-a Trauma Kit.

5 I. A trauma kit shall be installed and readily available in all state-owned buildings.

6 II. In this section, "trauma kit" means a first aid response kit that contains at least all of the  
7 following:

8 (a) One tourniquet.

9 (b) One bleeding control bandage.

10 (c) One pair of nonlatex protective gloves and a pen type marker.

11 (d) One pair of scissors.

12 (e) Instructional documents developed by the Stop the Bleed national awareness  
13 campaign of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the American College of  
14 Surgeons Committee on Trauma, the American Red Cross, the Committee for Tactical Emergency  
15 Casualty Care, or any other partner of the United States Department of Defense.

16 III. Medical materials and equipment similar to those described in subparagraphs I(a) to (d),  
17 and any additional items that are approved by the local EMS medical control, as defined in RSA 153-  
18 A:2, XV(a), may be included as supplements in addition to the items described in subparagraphs I(a)  
19 to (d), if they adequately treat a traumatic injury and can be stored in a readily available kit.

20 IV. Nothing in this section shall require a property manager or person employed by a  
21 property managing entity on behalf of the state to respond to an emergency with the use of trauma  
22 kits.

23 V. This section shall not apply to a state-owned building that is vacant or under construction  
24 or renovation.

25 153-A:33-b Liability Limited. Any person who, in good faith and without compensation, renders  
26 emergency care by the use of a trauma kit shall not be liable for civil damages for any acts or  
27 omissions unless the acts or omissions were grossly negligent or purposeful.

28 153-A:33-c Trauma Kit Fund. There is established in the department of safety, division of fire  
29 standards and training and emergency medical services a trauma kit fund, which shall be kept  
30 separate and distinct from all other funds. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually  
31 appropriated to the division for the purposes of this subdivision. With the approval of the

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1 commissioner, the division may accept in the name of the state funds from any source, including  
2 gifts, grants, and donations, for the purpose of purchasing the trauma kits described in this  
3 subdivision. All expenditures from the fund shall be made available to the public upon request.

4 2 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Trauma Kit Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by  
5 inserting after subparagraph (387) the following new subparagraph:

6 (388) Moneys deposited in the trauma kit fund established in RSA 153-A:33-c.

7 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**SB 204-FN- FISCAL NOTE**  
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AN ACT requiring trauma kits to be available in state-owned buildings.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**     State             County             Local             None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$27,200 - \$88,000	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Trauma Kit Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other -			

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill requires a trauma kit be installed and readily available in all state-owned buildings and creates a dedicated fund for purchasing said kits within the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services.

Based on information provided by the Department of Administrative Services and Department of Safety, trauma kits under this bill may cost anywhere between \$80 and \$200 (depending on kit type needed at each location) and there are approximately 340 to 440 locations (including state leased buildings, such as liquor stores) for which a trauma kit would be required. Therefore, this bill would have an initial cost between \$27,200 (\$80 kit X 340 locations) and \$88,000 (\$200 kit X 440 locations). This initial cost is assumed to be incurred in FY 2024, however upkeep and replacement of units in FY 2025 and each year thereafter is indeterminable as those costs cannot be estimated at this time.

It should be noted this bill provides neither an appropriation nor a source of funds for the new dedicated fund for the purchase of any trauma kits.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Administrative Services and Department of Safety

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**March 29, 2023**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Executive Departments and Administration to which was referred SB 204-FN,**

**AN ACT requiring trauma kits to be available in state-owned buildings. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Jeffrey Goley**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>Executive Departments and Administration</b>
Bill Number:	<b>SB 204-FN</b>
Title:	<b>requiring trauma kits to be available in state-owned buildings.</b>
Date:	<b>March 29, 2023</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would require a trauma kit to be installed and readily available in state owned buildings. Included in the kit would be a tourniquet, bleeding control bandage, pair of non-latex gloves, marking pen, pair of blunt end scissors, and instructional documents. It also establishes a dedicated fund within the Department of Safety, division of fire standards and training and EMS, as well as a trauma kit placement committee within the department to identify the state owned buildings for installation along with criteria for order of placement. Hemorrhage is the third leading cause of death in NH. These kits will allow an individual with minimal training and the assistance of a 911 operator to control the bleeding prior to EMS arrival.

Vote 16-0.

Rep. Jeffrey Goley  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Executive Departments and Administration

**SB 204-FN**, requiring trauma kits to be available in state-owned buildings. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jeffrey Goley for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would require a trauma kit to be installed and readily available in state owned buildings. Included in the kit would be a tourniquet, bleeding control bandage, pair of non-latex gloves, marking pen, pair of blunt end scissors, and instructional documents. It also establishes a dedicated fund within the Department of Safety, division of fire standards and training and EMS, as well as a trauma kit placement committee within the department to identify the state owned buildings for installation along with criteria for order of placement. Hemorrhage is the third leading cause of death in NH. These kits will allow an individual with minimal training and the assistance of a 911 operator to control the bleeding prior to EMS arrival.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 204-FN**

**BILL TITLE:** requiring trauma kits to be available in state-owned buildings.

**DATE:** March 29, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 306-308                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:00 p.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 1:30 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. C. McGuire, Simon, Sirois, T. Lekas, Bailey, True, T. Dolan, Abare, Gerhard, Grote, P. Schmidt, Goley, Schuett, F. Davis, Fitzpatrick and S. Gould

**Bill Sponsors:**

Sen. Prentiss

Sen. Birdsell

Sen. Altschiller

Sen. Ricciardi

Rep. Soucy

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

Sen. Fenton

Sen. Soucy

Sen. Chandley

Rep. S. Pearson

Sen. Whitley

Sen. Rosenwald

Sen. Carson

Rep. Proulx

**TESTIMONY**

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

- Sen. Prentiss
  - SD-5
  - Sponsor and in support of SB204. Believes this would create a quicker treatment time for trauma. Like AED's that are in our government buildings, a trauma kit would help save lives.
- Rep. Proulx
  - Hillsborough 15
  - In favor of SB204.
- Alexandria Briggs
  - NH. Committee of Trauma
  - In favor of SB204. Spoke about the importance of "Stop the Bleed" and the importance of these kits.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep Shane Sirois, Clerk

# House Remote Testify

## Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill SB204 on 2 Support: 33 Oppose: 2 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No
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DeMark, Richard	Meredith, NH demarknh114@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No
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Altschiller, Senator Debra	SD24, NH kevin.condict@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No

Daniel Richardson

Maybe you should require people to know where the facility manager hid the Trauma Kit?

Maybe you should require at least one building occupant know how to use the Trauma Kit?

State of New Hampshire

Senate Bill 204

March 29, 2023

David J. Hirsch, MD

16 Rachel Way

Bedford, New Hampshire

To the Representatives of the New Hampshire House,

Please accept this letter in support of Senate Bill 204, which would establish the placement of emergency bleeding control kits in state buildings.

As an introduction to my professional background, I started my career as a Firefighter/EMT, and eventually became an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physician. I also hold the unique position of being the only EMS Physician in New Hampshire that is also a certified police officer. In these roles, I provide training and operational medical support to local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. I have devoted my career to emergency services, and have trained thousands of public safety officers and military personnel in emergency medical and trauma care.

Almost 10 years ago, I had the unfortunate opportunity to experience first-hand how immediate hemorrhage control can save lives. I was stationed at the finish line medical tent for the Boston Marathon Bombing, and was one of the first rescuers to arrive at the first bombing site within minutes of the blast. Although this was a terrible tragedy with 280 victims and 3 immediate fatalities, I learned how immediate bleeding control could help save the lives of everyone who was transported to the hospital. There was also a large contribution from bystanders with prior medical training, but they had to rely on improvised bleeding control techniques like t-shirts due to the lack of commercial bleeding control kits.

Hemorrhage continues to be a major problem in the US, as 60,000 Americans die from hemorrhage per year. Hemorrhage due to trauma is the leading cause of death for individuals under 45. While hemorrhage is the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death overall in US, closer to home it is an even larger problem, and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in New Hampshire.

In my daily work in an ER in northern New Hampshire, I see multiple types of injuries that cause serious bleeding. These incidents are not primarily victims of violent crime or assault, as we are fortunate to live in a low crime state. Many common causes of bleeding include kitchen accidents, work related incidents, recreational injuries, and car accidents.


Often in rural parts of the state, EMS resources are under staffed, under supported, and have extended response times. Just a few weeks ago, one of our local EMS services closed due to staffing and funding challenges. Given the increasing strain on the EMS system, and that a person can bleed to death from a serious injury within 3 to 5 minutes, bystander care is even more essential and can save a person's life before EMS can even arrive.

There is already a robust local support system available to provide subject matter expertise and training for this program. Simple techniques can be taught to the public which can stop bleeding and decrease preventable deaths until patients can receive definitive trauma care. There has been a large push within public safety over the past 10 years for training in bleeding control techniques which have been learned during recent military conflicts. This provides an opportunity for partnership with and support from public safety agencies and local hospitals for training, support and local EMS medical direction.

In my experience, in a true emergency, people want to help each other. If passed, this bill will help give the citizens of New Hampshire the tools to be able to potentially save lives.

Please support Senate Bill 204 and contact me if I can provide any additional information or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hirsch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David J. Hirsch, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS

Emergency Medical Services Physician

Deputy Sheriff

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 204-FN**

**BILL TITLE:** requiring trauma kits to be available in state-owned buildings.

**DATE:** March 29, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 306-308

**MOTIONS:** **OUGHT TO PASS**

Moved by Rep. Goley

Seconded by Rep. P. Schmidt

Vote: 16-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Shane Sirois, Clerk



2023 SESSION

Executive Departments and Administration

Bill #: SB 204 Motion: OTP AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 3-29-23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
McGuire, Carol M. Chairman	✓		
Simon, Matthew J. Vice Chairman	✓		
Lekas, Tony	✓		
Bailey, Glenn	✓		
<del>Santonastaso, Matthew</del>			
True, Chris	✓		
Dolan, Tom	✓		
Abare, Kimberly L	✓		
Gerhard, Jason	✓		
Sirois, Shane A	✓		
Grote, Jaci L.	✓		
Schmidt, Peter B.	✓		
Goley, Jeffrey P.	✓		
Schuett, Dianne E.	✓		
<del>O'Brien, Michael B.</del>			
<del>Wilhelm, Matthew B.</del>			
Davis, Fred E.	✓		
Fitzpatrick, Daniel W	✓		
Gould, Sherry L	✓		
<del>Smith, Juliet L</del>			
TOTAL VOTE: <u>THE CHAIR</u>			

16-0