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## **Senate passes SB 88 clarifying use of “Deadly Force” in NH**

(Concord) A bill clarifying a person’s right to use “deadly force” and display a firearm passed the state Senate today. SB 88 is the result of a Committee of Conference compromise that took several separate Senate and House bills and combined them in to one. The measure does not include any so-called “constitutional carry” provisions.

The bill’s prime sponsor, Sen. David Boutin, R-Hooksett, applauded the passage, giving tremendous credit to his fellow legislators for their dedication during a very arduous Committee of Conference process. He added, “This bill is a good compromise and promotes the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of New Hampshire.”

As amended, SB 88:

- Allows a person who is anywhere he or she has a right to be to use deadly force to protect oneself or a third person.
- Amends the definition of “non-deadly force” to include the act of producing or displaying a weapon
- Inserts a civil immunity provision for the use of force against a perpetrator in certain circumstances.
- Deletes the minimum mandatory sentencing requirement for felony convictions which include the possession, use, or attempted use of a firearm.

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