

# Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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**SB 60**, relative to chemical analyses of controlled drugs.

**Hearing Date:** January 24, 2017

**Time Opened:** 2:00 p.m.

**Time Closed:** 2:20 p.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Bradley, Avar, Gray, Fuller Clark and Hennessey

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill eliminates the requirement for notarization of the results of chemical analyses of controlled drugs and allows them to be signed under penalty of unsworn falsification.

This bill was requested by the department of safety.

**Sponsors:**

Sen. D'Allesandro

Sen. Lasky

Rep. Welch

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**Who supports the bill:** Rep. Dan Sullivan, Hills 8; Bob Blaisdell, NH Police Association, NH Troopers Association; Senator Bette Lasky, SD# 13; Timothy Pifer, State Police Forensic Laboratory; Peter Bartlett, NH Chiefs of Police

**Who opposes the bill:** None

**Who is neutral on the bill:** None

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Timothy Pifer - Lab Director, State Police Forensic Lab**

- Simple housekeeping bill.
- Back in the 1980's a law was passed requiring a lab report to be notarized to prevent lab technicians from having to travel around to all the courts whenever their report was used as evidence in a case.
- Supreme Court decisions said that lab reports were not business records and that suspects have the right to face their accusers so lab technicians can be required to come to court.
- Notarizing lab reports is no longer necessary and lab reports can just be signed

by the technician swearing to their authenticity.

- Notarizing every lab report has become more and more burdensome and removing the requirement to notarize will save a lot of time and allow the lab to process more efficiently.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None

**Neutral Information Presented:** None

**Future Action:** Ought to Pass

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 26, 2017