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SENATE BILL ***131-FN-A***

AN ACT establishing a cross border drug interdiction program and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS: Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. French, Dist 7; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Innis, Dist 24; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Sen. Morse, Dist 22; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Woodburn, Dist 1; Rep. Hinch, Hills. 21; Rep. Shurtleff, Merr. 11; Rep. Rosenwald, Hills. 30; Rep. Chandler, Carr. 1

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

 This bill establishes a cross border drug interdiction program in the department of safety and makes appropriations for the purposes of the program.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

AN ACT establishing a cross border drug interdiction program and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1 212:1 Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this act is to allow the New Hampshire state police
2 to expand its operations in the area of interdicting all crimes and hazards being conveyed upon the
3 roadways of the state, to include stemming the flow of heroin and fentanyl into our communities.
4 This will be accomplished by permanently assigning additional troopers to the New Hampshire
5 state police mobile enforcement team (MET) initiative whose primary mission is to work with other
6 law enforcement partners in a cooperative, intelligence-based effort to disrupt drug trafficking and
7 combat the opioid epidemic. The additional troopers assigned to the MET initiative will be trained
8 on the complex and fluid nature of such investigations and will be current on all relevant law.
9 Initially, overtime will be used to allow the New Hampshire state police to expand its MET
10 initiative operations. This will prevent the reduction of current staffing levels essential to providing
11 other law enforcement services. Experienced troopers will be assigned to the MET initiative as
12 additional troopers are hired to replace them.

13 212:2 New Subdivision; Cross Border Drug Interdiction Program. Amend RSA 21-P by
14 inserting after section 67 the following new subdivision:

Cross Border Drug Interdiction Program

16 21-P:68 Cross Border Drug Interdiction Program.

17 I. The commissioner of safety shall establish a cross border drug interdiction program
18 which shall consist of state troopers and narcotics investigation unit detectives to perform drug
19 interdiction work targeted at, but not limited to, stemming the flow of illegal drugs into the state of
20 New Hampshire. This effort is aimed at combating the opioid crisis facing the state through the
21 collaborative efforts of uniform, investigative, and forensics lab services in an ongoing, cross border
22 enforcement activity.

23 II. The commissioner shall submit a semi-annual report to the governor, senate president,
24 and speaker of the house of representatives, which shall include measurable program results and a
25 detailed accounting of program funding and uses. The commissioner shall submit the first report on
26 or before December 15, 2017.

27 212:3 Appropriations; Department of Safety; Cross Border Drug Interdiction Program.

28 I. The sum of \$1,155,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 is hereby appropriated to

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1 the department of safety for the purpose of hiring 5 additional state troopers who shall be assigned
2 exclusively to perform drug interdiction work in accordance with the cross border drug interdiction
3 program established in RSA 21-P:68. Of the amount appropriated, \$700,000 shall be expended in
4 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and \$455,000 shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June
5 30, 2019.

6 II. The sum of \$940,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 is hereby appropriated to
7 the department of safety. This sum shall be expended in the biennium ending June 30, 2019 as
8 follows:

9 (a) \$352,300 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime for the state police
10 mobile enforcement unit, with no more than 50 percent of the appropriation expended in each fiscal
11 year.

12 (b) \$171,600 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime at the state forensic
13 lab as a result of increased caseloads attributable to the cross border drug interdiction program
14 established in RSA 21-P:68, with no more than 50 percent of the appropriation expended in each
15 fiscal year.

16 (c) \$416,100 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime at the state police
17 narcotics and investigations unit as a result of increased caseloads attributable to the cross border
18 drug interdiction program established in RSA 21-P:68, with no more than 50 percent of the
19 appropriation expended in each fiscal year.

20 III. The sum of \$2,400,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 is hereby appropriated
21 to the department of safety to disburse grants to county and local law enforcement agencies for the
22 purpose of funding overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers performing law
23 enforcement activities attributable to the substance abuse enforcement program established in RSA
24 21-P:66. This sum shall be expended in the biennium ending June 30, 2019, with no more than 50
25 percent of the appropriation expended in each fiscal year.

26 IV. For the appropriations made in this section, the governor is authorized to draw a
27 warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

28 V. All appropriations made in this act shall not lapse until July 1, 2019.

29 212:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 10, 2017
Effective Date: July 10, 2017

