

Amendment to SB 131-FN-A

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the hiring of state troopers for drug interdiction work and making an  
4 appropriation therefor and relative to making an appropriation from the drinking  
5 water and groundwater trust fund to the department of environmental services to  
6 address drinking water contamination in Amherst.  
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8 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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10 2 Department of Environmental Services; Appropriation.

11 I. The sum of \$5,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the department of environmental  
12 services from the drinking water and groundwater trust fund established under RSA 6-D:1 for the  
13 purpose of financing the extension of an existing Pennichuck Water Company water line to an area  
14 of homes and businesses in Amherst, New Hampshire impacted by contamination with  
15 perfluorinated compounds. Such an extension is in the public interest and will provide the  
16 residents of the town of Amherst access to a safe drinking water resource as an alternative to  
17 contaminated public groundwater.

18 II. The department of environmental services is hereby authorized to lend up to \$5,000,000  
19 to Textiles Coated International, Inc. for purposes of construction of the waterline improvements,  
20 provision of service connections to the impacted properties, and decommissioning of impacted  
21 drinking water wells.

22 III. The loan shall be established by, and the issuance and servicing of the loan shall be  
23 performed by, the department of environmental services using the criteria of the state water  
24 pollution control revolving loan fund program authorized by RSA 486:14, using established rates  
25 and procedures, to the extent applicable and consistent with the intent of this paragraph.

26 IV. The loan shall not be made using funds from the state water pollution control revolving  
27 loan fund program authorized by RSA 486:14, and as such, shall not be subject to the federal  
28 requirements imposed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for such loans.

29 V. Loan repayment funds, including all interest, and any unused loan funds shall be  
30 deposited in the state's drinking water and groundwater trust fund established under RSA 6-D:1.

31 3 Effective Date.

32 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

33 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Makes an appropriation to the department of safety for the purpose of hiring 15 state troopers who shall be assigned exclusively to perform drug interdiction work.

II. Makes an appropriation from the drinking water and groundwater trust fund to the department of environmental services to address drinking water contamination in Amherst.