

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

5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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

19 2 New Subdivision; Cross Border Drug Interdiction Program. Amend RSA 21-P by inserting  
20 after section 67 the following new subdivision:

21 Cross Border Drug Interdiction Program

22 21-P:68 Cross Border Drug Interdiction Program. The commissioner of safety shall establish a  
23 cross border drug interdiction program which shall consist of state troopers and narcotics  
24 investigation unit detectives to perform drug interdiction work, targeted at, but not limited to,  
25 stemming the flow of illegal drugs into the state of New Hampshire. This effort is aimed at  
26 combating the opioid crisis facing the state through the collaborative efforts of uniform,  
27 investigative, and forensics lab services in an ongoing, cross border enforcement activity.

28 3 Appropriations; Department of Safety; Cross Border Drug Interdiction Program.

29 I. The sum of \$1,155,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 is hereby appropriated to  
30 the department of safety for the purposes of hiring 5 additional state troopers who shall be assigned  
31 exclusively to perform drug interdiction work in accordance with the cross border drug interdiction  
32 program established in RSA 21-P:68. Of the amount appropriated, \$700,000 shall be expended in

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1 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and \$455,000 shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June  
2 30, 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**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.