

# Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

*Cameron Lapine 271-2104*

**HB 117**, relative to the use of force at New Hampshire national guard facilities.

**Hearing Date:** March 24, 2021

**Time Opened:** 9:04 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:09 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Carson, Reagan and Prentiss

**Members of the Committee Absent:** Senators Ricciardi and Cavanaugh

**Bill Analysis:** This bill specifies circumstances for the use of force at New Hampshire national guard facilities.

This bill is a request of the Adjutant General.

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**Sponsors:**

Rep. Graham

Sen. Giuda

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**Who supports the bill:** Kevin Grady (State Veterans Advisory Committee), Warren Perry (Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services), Lucinda Hope, Senator Bob Giuda (Senate District 2), Ruth Larson, Nikki Fordey, and Richard DeMark.

**Who opposes the bill:** Ronald Garnett.

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

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator Sharon Carson**

**Senate District 14**

- Senator Carson introduced HB 117 on behalf of Representative John Graham, who was unable to attend the hearing.

**Kevin Grady**

**State Veterans Advisory Committee (SVAC)**

- Mr. Grady said that SVAC takes positions on bills affecting veterans.
- Mr. Grady said that HB 117 was originally HB 1420 (2020), which passed the House but died on the table in the Senate, before it was rolled in omnibus HB 1234 (2020) and was vetoed.

- Mr. Grady said that HB 117 is not gun legislation or force protection policy. He said that the Adjutant General sets the force protection policy and it is confidential.
- Mr. Grady said that HB 117 aligns the language in statute with existing federal guidance and SVAC unanimously supports HB 117, as it did with HB 1420 (2020).
- Mr. Grady said that there is a nationwide movement for total integration between active forces, guard forces, and reserve forces. He said that HB 117 is a step towards everyone training to the same level.

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

**Neutral Information Presented:** None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 25, 2021