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HOUSE BILL **492**

AN ACT relative to military and historic re-enactments and commemorations.

SPONSORS: Rep. Welch, Rock 13; Rep. Weyler, Rock 13; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20;
Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires military and historic re-enactors to obtain permission from the fire department and comply with the state fire code and amends a section heading to remove an obsolete reference.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Fifteen

AN ACT relative to military and historic re-enactments and commemorations.

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

1 94:1 Unauthorized Use of Firearms and Firecrackers. Amend RSA 644:13, II and III to read as
2 follows:

3 II. For the purposes of this section~~[-“compact part”]~~:

4 (a) **“Blank ammunition” means a cartridge loaded with propellant and a wad,**
5 **but no projectile.**

6 (b) **“Compact part”** means the territory within a town or city comprised of the
7 following:

8 ~~(a)~~ (1) Any nonresidential, commercial building, including, but not limited to,
9 industrial, educational, or medical buildings, plus a perimeter 300 feet wide around all such
10 buildings without permission of the owner.

11 ~~(b)~~ (2) Any park, playground, or other outdoor public gathering place designated by the
12 legislative body of the city or town.

13 ~~(c)~~ (3) Any contiguous area containing 6 or more buildings which are used as either
14 part-time or permanent dwellings and the spaces between them where each such building is within
15 300 feet of at least one of the others, plus a perimeter 300 feet wide around all the buildings in such
16 area.

17 III. Paragraph I shall not apply to the firing or discharge of a cannon, gun, pistol, or other
18 firearm within the compact part of a town or city for the following events, provided that the person
19 responsible for organizing the event notifies the police department ~~[and]~~ **and the fire department**
20 **prior to** the following events **using blank ammunition:**

21 (a) The celebration of, or practice for the celebration of, military events, military
22 funerals, national holidays, or other military or veterans commemorations, conducted by
23 United States armed forces personnel; or

24 (b) Military re-enactors registered with the secretary of state’s office **and who meet the**
25 **requirements of the state fire code pursuant to RSA 153:5;** or

26 (c) Funerals or commemorative events conducted by law enforcement agencies, fire
27 departments, emergency medical services, or other public safety agencies, **or official veterans**
28 **organizations including but not limited to the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign**
29 **Wars.**

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1 94:2 Unauthorized Use of Firearms and Firecrackers; Section Heading Amended. Amend the
2 section heading of RSA 644:13 to read as follows:

3 644:13 Unauthorized Use of Firearms [~~and Firecrackers~~].

4 94:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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6 Approved: June 5, 2015

7 Effective Date: August 4, 2015