

HB 585-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***585-FN***

AN ACT relative to screening law enforcement officer candidates for steroids and requiring law enforcement officers to be screened for steroids in complaints involving the use of excessive force.

SPONSORS: Rep. Love, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the employing agency to screen each candidate for a law enforcement position for the presence of testosterone boosting steroids. The bill also requires screening a law enforcement officer for steroids in complaints involving use of excessive force.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to screening law enforcement officer candidates for steroids and requiring law enforcement officers to be screened for steroids in complaints involving the use of excessive force.

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

1 1 New Subdivision; Drug Screening for Use of Excessive Force Complaints. Amend RSA 105 by
2 inserting after section 19 the following new subdivision:

3 **Drug Screening for Use of Excessive Force Complaints**

4 105:20 Drug Screening for Use of Force Complaints. As part of the agency's complaint review
5 process, a law enforcement agency shall perform a drug screening for anabolic steroids and other
6 testosterone-boosting steroids any on any officer who is the subject of a use of excessive force
7 complaint.

8 2 Police Standards and Training Council; Education and Training Required. Amend RSA 106-
9 L:6, IV to read as follows:

10 IV. The council shall require that all uncertified part-time and full-time police officers, state
11 corrections officers, and probation-parole officers, prior to assuming their duties, successfully pass a
12 medical examination including a drug screening administered under the direction of a licensed
13 physician according to protocols adopted by the council. ***The drug screening shall include***
14 ***screening for anabolic and testosterone-boosting steroids, provided that any such officer***
15 ***who demonstrates a medically-approved and prescribed use for an anabolic or***
16 ***testosterone-boosting substance shall be exempt from this screening requirement. The***
17 ***council shall forward the results of the drug screening to the officer's employing agency.***
18 ***The employing agency shall rescind the employment offer for any officer who fails the drug***
19 ***screening and does not have a medically-approved exception.*** Such examination, when
20 conducted, shall be valid for a period of one year for purposes of application for employment.

21 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 585-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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AN ACT relative to requiring steroids be tested for as part of the pre-employment drug screening process for law enforcement candidates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill, **as introduced**, as it is awaiting information from the Police Standards and Training Council. The Council was contacted on 12/19/22. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the House Clerk's Office.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Police Standards and Training Council