

# Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

*Cameron Lapine 271-2104*

**HB 94-FN**, relative to licensure renewal dates for certain governing boards under the office of professional licensure and certification.

**Hearing Date:** March 17, 2021

**Time Opened:** 9:05 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:10 a.m.

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

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill revises the procedure and timeframe for license renewals of allied health professionals, body art practitioners, podiatrists, chiropractors, acupuncturists, and veterinarians.

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**Sponsors:**

Rep. McGuire

Rep. T. Lekas

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**Who supports the bill:** Representative Carol McGuire (Merrimack – District 29), Tina Kelley (the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification), and Representative Tony Lekas (Hillsborough – District 37).

**Who opposes the bill:** Robin Vogt.

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

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Representative Carol McGuire**

**Merrimack – District 29**

- Representative McGuire said that HB 94 is a request of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC).
- Rep. McGuire said that HB 94 changes some of the renewal dates for certain licenses from a specific date to two years after the license was issued.
- Rep. McGuire said the changes in HB 94 would be convenient for OPLC administrative staff, oversight board staff, and the licensed professionals by making the renewal date at a notable time. She also said that there would be no need to prorate continued education, as the new renewal dates would be in line with the continued education timeline.
- Rep. McGuire said that some OPLC boards were strongly in favor of HB 94, some were reluctantly in favor, but none were opposed.

- Rep. McGuire said that HB 94 passed House Executive Departments and Administration unanimously and passed the House on the Consent Calendar.

### **Tina Kelley**

#### **OPLC**

- Ms. Kelley said that OPLC supports HB 94.
- Ms. Kelley said that renewals are currently done in either June or December. Due to the increasing number of licensed professionals in New Hampshire, this creates a surge that is unmanageable for OPLC staff. She said that HB 94 would standardize renewal dates and spread them out across the year.
- Ms. Kelley said that there will be extensive time to transition to the new renewal system with a one-time prorated fee.
- Senator Reagan asked how many boards already operated on the two-year renewal system and how many still needed to be moved over.
  - Ms. Kelley said that HB 94 was the start of the transition. She said that a couple of boards may already be on a two-year renewal system but she was not certain.

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

**Neutral Information Presented:** None.

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