

CHAPTER 52  
SB 29 - FINAL VERSION

2023 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***29***

AN ACT relative to repealing the statute relating to police matrons.

SPONSORS: Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the statute relative to police matrons.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                      relative to repealing the statute relating to police matrons.

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

1            52:1 Police Officers and Watchmen; References to Police Matrons Removed. Amend RSA 105:1 to  
2 read as follows:

3            105:1 Appointment. The selectmen of a town, when they deem it necessary, may appoint special  
4 police officers who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the selectmen, or until their successors  
5 are chosen or appointed. The selectmen may designate one of the police officers as chief of police or  
6 superintendent and as such officer the chief of police or superintendent shall exercise authority over and  
7 supervise or superintend other police officers, [police matrons,] watchmen, or constables appointed under  
8 the provisions of this chapter, and said police officers, [police matrons,] watchmen, or constables shall be  
9 accountable and responsible to said chief of police or superintendent. The designation as chief of police  
10 by the selectmen may be in the form of a contract specifying that the authority of the designee ceases on  
11 the date stated in the contract, regardless of whether a successor has been designated. Nothing herein  
12 shall be construed to preclude or prevent a town from electing constables or police officers at an annual  
13 town meeting pursuant to the provisions of RSA 41:47.

14            52:2 Repeal. RSA 105:5, relative to police matrons, is repealed.

              52:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 01, 2023  
Effective Date: July 31, 2023