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SENATE BILL ***389***

AN ACT establishing levels of licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.

SPONSORS: Sen. Wheeler, Dist 21; Sen. McCarley, Dist 6; Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. Below, Dist 5; Rep. Taylor, Straf 11; Rep. Lent, Straf 8

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes levels of licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Two

AN ACT establishing levels of licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.

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

1 Levels of Licensure; Alcohol and Drug Counselor License. RSA 330-C:9 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

330-C:9 Licenses.

I. The board shall issue a clinical supervisor license or an alcohol and drug counselor license, whichever is appropriate, to an applicant who files an application, pays the required fee, and meets the qualifications established under RSA 330-C:8.

II. An applicant shall prove to the board's satisfaction all of the following:

(a) For licensure as an alcohol and drug counselor level I who shall be licensed to conduct an independent practice of alcohol and drug counseling:

(1) 6,000 hours or 3 years of supervised alcohol and drug counseling practice of which at least 2 years or 4,000 hours shall be post master's degree award.

(2) A master's degree in behavioral sciences, including a supervised counseling practicum which meets the requirements of the board or such equivalent educational credits as may be established by the board.

(3) Passing of written and/or oral tests as required by the board.

(b) For licensure as an alcohol and drug counselor level II who shall be licensed to practice alcohol and drug counseling under clinical supervision:

(1) 6,000 hours or 3 years of supervised alcohol and drug counseling practice.

(2) 270 hours of training and education in alcohol and drug counseling as specified by the board.

(3) 300 hours of supervised practical training, which may be included as part of the requirements under subparagraph (b)(1).

(4) Completion of an approved program of education, including a supervised counseling practicum which meets the requirements of the board.

(5) Passing of written and/or oral tests as required by the board.

(c) For licensure as a clinical supervisor (LCS) who shall be licensed to provide clinical supervision for level I and level II alcohol and drug counselors:

(1) A master's degree in behavioral sciences, including a supervised counseling practicum which meets the requirements of the board.

(2) Current license as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

(3) 10,000 hours' experience as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

(4) 4,000 hours of experience as a clinical supervisor in alcohol and drug specialty, which may be included as part of the experience requirements under subparagraph (c)(3).

(5) 30 hours of training/education in clinical supervision covering assessment, evaluation, counselor development, management, administration, ethics and professional responsibility.

(6) Completion of a minimum of 200 hours face-to-face clinical supervision by a LCS.

(7) Passing of written test as required by the board.

(d) The board shall establish mandatory face-to-face clinical supervision as defined in RSA 330-C:3, VI for licensed alcohol and drug counselors level I and level II, as well as LCS.

(e) The board may establish other reasonable classifications for alcohol and drug counselors, as it finds necessary and appropriate, taking into consideration different levels of education, training, work and supervisory experience.

(f) United States citizenship or status as a legal resident alien.

(g) Absence of a sanction from NAADAC The Association of Addictions Professionals, or from a state agency for a violation of a code of ethics, or other related state board sanctions which shall be waived by the board upon presentation of satisfactory evidence that such sanction does not impair the availability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by this chapter. The applicant shall bear the burden of proving that the sanction does not impair the applicant's ability to conduct with safety to the public the practices authorized by this chapter.

(h) That the applicant has not been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction. A person may be licensed in spite of a felony conviction if the board, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence, finds that such conviction does not impair the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by this chapter. The applicant shall bear the burden of proving that the conviction does not impair the applicant's ability to conduct with safety to the public the practices authorized by this chapter.

(i) That the applicant has not been declared mentally incompetent by any court, or, if so declared, that there has been a subsequent court determination that the applicant is competent.

(j) Freedom from the use of any controlled substance or any alcoholic beverage to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the applicant to conduct with safety to the public the practices authorized by this chapter. The applicant shall bear the burden of proving that the applicant is free from use of any controlled substance or any alcoholic beverage that impairs the applicant's ability to conduct with safety to the public the practices authorized by this chapter.

III. The board shall license any applicant who is similarly in another state, provided that other state's licensing requirements are substantially equivalent to or greater that those of this state.

2 Rulemaking; "Commissioner" Changed to "Board." Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 330-C:8, I to read as follows:

I. The [~~commissioner~~] ***board*** shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:

3 Applicability.

I. Upon the effective date of this act, all currently licensed alcohol and drug counselors who do not meet the minimum requirements for a level I counselor shall hold a "provisional license" as a level II counselor for a period of no more than 5 years from the effective date of this act in order to obtain the necessary credits with an approved program of education, including a supervised counseling practicum which meets the requirements of the board.

II. Upon the effective date of this act, persons who are currently licensed clinical supervisors who do not have a master's degree shall hold a "provisional license" as a level II counselor for a period of no more than 5 years from the effective date of this act in order to obtain the necessary credits with a recognized master degree program in behavioral science.

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

Committee Minutes

Date: January 30, 2002 (recessed until February 06, 2002)
Time: 1:00 PM (3:31 on 02/06/02)
Room: 104,LOB

The Senate Committee on Executive Departments and Administration held a hearing on the following:

Senate Bill 389 establishing levels of licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.

Members of Committee present:

Senator Russell Prescott
Senator Robert Flanders
Senator Gary Francoeur
Senator Sylvia Larsen
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

The Chair, Senator Russell Prescott, opened the hearing on Senate Bill 389 by calling on Senator Katherine Wheeler.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: Thank you, Mister Chair and members of the committee. Thank you for being here to listen to the testimony. I'm clearly not nearly as good at mobilizing the troops as Senator Johnson is, considering the hearing we had yesterday afternoon. I didn't, (sic) I didn't call people, but I thought they were aware of the hearing.

But I'll give you the background of it and why I think its important. A few years ago, and this is all a blur, so I can't tell you what year. But we've had studies on what kinds of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse was available in this state and was there enough treatment.

And in the course of that study committee, one of the things that came out was that we have people who are licensed alcohol and drug counselors. Acronymically known as LIDAC. And they provide, I think, very good services for many people.

But they weren't being recognized by insurance companies as being a provider that could be reimbursed for providing treatment. This has been one of the frustrations I think many of us have felt with the health insurance

system, is that sometimes, its only the higher paid providers that are reimbursed, and not the lower paid. Which doesn't make a lot of sense. I took us a long time to get clinical social workers to be reimbursed instead of just going to a psychiatrist. You don't always need a psychiatrist or psychologist. Sometimes you need exactly this level of these LIDACs.

So I put in a bill, and I think it was last year rather than two years ago, I put in a bill for third party reimbursement for a licensed alcohol and drug counselors. They were the one group that got left out of an omnibus bill we had for licensure reimbursement a few years ago. The one group of counselors.

In the course of working on that bill, and having hearings for it, I realized that their level of licensure didn't meet their own standards. Their own standards that they had in their mind of what their standard should be. Because currently, they don't require a masters degree to be licensed. And all the other counseling professions require at least a masters degree.

So I wholly amended my third party reimbursement bill to be a licensure bill. But that was pretty confusing, because that was in insurance. And suddenly its going from third party reimbursement in insurance, to licensing which would normally be over in this committee.

So ultimately that bill just didn't go anywhere because it had been an amendment and not filed as a, (sic) as a bill first (sic) the first time around.

So in April, I re-filed it as a licensure bill. This is the, (sic) wording in this is what I was given by the licensed alcohol and drug counselors for what they would like to see.

Also happening on a parallel track, is the so called Mental Health Parody Bill that is now passed the House and will be coming to the Senate. And in that bill, it recognizes licensed alcohol and drug counselors as being ones that should be reimbursed for. I don't know whether they've put in a number of treatments, how many you can have. You'll find all that out later when that bill comes over. But they are recognized in the Parody Bill.

I don't think that that means we shouldn't do this. I still think that we want to make sure that people are licensed to the level that they feel they should be, with the appropriate educational qualifications.

So that's why I'm still comfortable bringing this forward to you. And you'll notice on page two, number two under A. Its says a master's degree in

behavioral sciences, including a supervised counseling practicum. And I think that, (sic) that for me is the most important part of, (sic) of this bill.

I can't speak to whether it should be 6,000 hours for three years, or 270 of training. That is what I was given as what they felt their training should be, that would be comparable to what it is in other states.

So, I can't speak to the, (sic) the particulars of the bill. I can certainly make sure that we have somebody here representing them, next time. I'm surprised they aren't here today.

But, I guess that's about all I can tell you. I think its an important licensure bill, because these are counselors that we are going to recognize in other ways.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Thank you. Any questions?

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: Mister Chairman? These people who walk into AA meetings and so forth, what effect is that, (sic) this going to have on them? Are they going to have to have this (sic)qualifications to go down to the Presbyterian church on Sunday nights and do what they do?

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: Not unless they are currently licensed alcohol and drug counselors and want to keep that title, rather than changing it. This will effect anybody calling himself or herself a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. I don't know whether people who run AA meetings are necessarily...

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: I don't either.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: ...that person. This is for a profession that wants to have these qualifications. So its been requested by the LIDAC people.

And it doesn't it, (sic) doesn't stop the you from being an AA leader, it could, if its something similar to Weight Watchers, you don't have to have any kind of a degree to do it. You, (sic) you go through maybe you just go through AA, their own internal training, to be a leader.

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: Mister Chairman. I, (sic) I just recently learned a lot of changes are going on, where in not too many, (sic) not too many months or years ago if someone went into AA, they stayed for thirty days. And now they're doing it just over weekends. And then, discharging them home to be, (sic) to go to AA meetings and so forth.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: Oh, you mean for insurance coverage?

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: Yes.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: Oh yes. Yes. This, I don't believe that this bill has any impact on, (sic) on that.

But what you're talking about was something that came out a few years ago in the study committee, when we found out how different treatment is now, for alcohol and substance abuse. That the in-patient treatment that we used to think was a good idea, insurers don't feel its valid enough any more.

And I, (sic) that's an important debate. I don't think it, (sic) it effects this. But I know that I wouldn't think that out-patient treatment would be appropriate in a crisis situation.

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: If I remember, last year your bill included them being covered under insurance.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: That's how the bill started out. Third party reimbursement for LIDAC. And you heard it in insurance.

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: I did.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: And it was totally baffling when I wholly amended it. And so, that's why we're starting it the right way this time. With a new bill, in ED&A.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Senator Eaton?

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: Excuse me. Did I understand you to say that you'd like to keep this open so some other people could come testify at another date?

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: I guess I would, because I'm a little startled that they're not here. So perhaps I have greater faith in people's calendar reading ability then, (sic) then I should. So if you wouldn't mind, I, (sic) I would like the opportunity to, (sic) to get some LIDAC people here.

(muffled)

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: ...please come forward and address the committee. That'd be great.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: Thank you very much.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Thank you, Senator Wheeler.

Joyce Heck: My name is Joyce Heck, and I'm the assistant director of the Division of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention and Recovery.

So the question is about does this bill effect someone who (muffled) going to be a leader or support person within an AA organization. And the answer is no.

AA does not normally characterize itself as a treatment organization per se. It's a support organization. So they would not be holding themselves out as counselors per se, in this sense of, (sic) of the legislation. So it should not effect AA meetings at all.

When you were talking about weekend programs, I'm wondering if, (sic) if you were referring to the impaired driver education program?

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: No. I was referring to, Dublin for example, before, unfortunately they went bankrupt, the program there was in on a Friday, out on a Monday. Unless that that was what the insurance would pay. (mumbled) state insurance.

It was a friend of mine who he wanted to stay another week. But I'm learning now that that's what they're doing. Four days and then home. And you go through AA for the rest of your, (sic) the rest of your support.

Joyce Heck: Many times treatment facilities will encourage someone to take any of a number of avenues of aftercare which might be support groups like AA. Many also suggest that in addition to further out-patient counseling. Ya know, it depends on a treatment organization...

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: Its unfortunate. We had two very nice facilities in Dublin, and both of them are closed now.

Recorder: May I ask your name again?

Joyce Heck: Joyce Heck. H-E-C-K.

Recorder: And what is your...?

Joyce Heck: I'm the assistant division director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Recovery. It's a long name.

Recorder: Did you write that out on the thing?

Joyce Heck: Oh no I didn't.

Recorder: Thank you.

Joyce Heck: Of course I should do that.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: I've been spelling your name wrong for years. I thought it was Hacht.

Joyce Heck: No, its just plain old Heck.

Recorder: But you wouldn't think it was hack, that's why.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Any questions from the committee? Senator D'Allesandro?

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Thank you, Mister Chairman. Do, (sic) do we have any licensed alcohol counselors now?

Joyce Heck: Yes.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: And, (sic) and what's the, (sic) what's the process by which they get, (sic) they get licensed...?

Joyce Heck: There, (sic) there is, (sic) there is a licensure bill now. And it requires 6,000 hours of experience. A certain number of its supervised. It does not require people even to have a bachelors degree actually.

So there is not an education requirement. It is an experiential requirement. But there are, and I'm thinking there are 300 some, that number may be way off, but there, ya know, there are a lot of licensed alcohol and, (sic) and drug counselors now.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Okay. Further question?

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Yes.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: So we've never had an educational requirement. Its basically been a practical situation. I'm thinking of the Billy Levetts of the world.

Joyce Heck: Well I don't know Billy Levett.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: He's an alcohol counselor.

Joyce Heck: Okay. I, (sic) I think when the licensure board was first enacted through legislation, it wanted to take advantage of, (sic) of people who were recovering. And who perhaps did not have a certain educational degree, but through, (sic) through some training through their own experience would be valuable counselors to someone who is experiencing problems. And I think that's why they did not put an educational component into it at that point.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Further question? Would, (sic) would all of those people be grandfathered under this legislation?

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: There's not a grandfather clause right now. I, (sic) I was reading it again. There's a, (sic) a temporary license. And, (sic) and I don't know for how long you could have the temporary license. I had a question about that also. This is the group that gave me the award. So they do exist.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Yeah. I, (sic) I just wondered what the, (sic) what the, (sic) what the process was. Because it, (sic) it seems to me, years ago, we went, (sic) we went through this kind, this situation. In the 70's. When, (sic) prior to Geraldine Sylvester taking the job at (OAGA), who was her precursor?

Joyce Heck: I believe it was Joe Diamond.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Joe and Peter, wasn't Peter Goats over there also, for a while?

Joyce Heck: I don't, that's before my time...

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: So, (sic) so, (sic) so Joe, (sic) Joe had it. Then, (sic) then we had the office. And we were licensing people...

Joyce Heck: Well first they were certified. And then I'm not sure whether its three or four years ago, five years ago maybe, the licensure law was, (sic)

was enacted. And in addition to the hours of experience doing counseling, there's a written test, there's an oral test.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Right.

Joyce Heck: They have to make a case presentation to the board. It, which has a review process. Ya know, resumes, there's some extensive documentation its, (sic) its just not education based.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Right.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: Could I correct myself at some point?

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Certainly.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: I was thinking about the next bill. Its very confusing having them both close together. There still is a bill grandfather clause for this bill.

But if you look at the applicability thing on page three at the bottom, it does say that those who are currently licensed and don't meet the minimum requirement will hold a provisional license for five years. Giving them time to meet the requirements.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Okay. I guess my, (sic) my concern with that, Katie, if I might, Mister Chairman, is that some, (sic) some of some license counselors now are fairly along in age.

And they're not gonna get a bachelors degree at that point in time. Or a masters. But, (sic) but they're, (sic) they're good, (sic) they're good clinicians. They've done a good job over the years and have provided a, (sic) a very valuable service.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: I don't disagree with you. And that's one reason I, (sic) I would, (sic) that I'm sorry we don't have the, (sic) the actual people here today who hold these licenses so that they could address that. I would have no objection to it, to an experience clause in there.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Any further questions?

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: No. Thank you very much Mister Chairman.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Thank you very much for your testimony. Anybody else wish to testify on Senate Bill 389? As a request of the prime sponsor, we put this bill into recess. When would be the earliest time that we could reschedule? Would it be two or three weeks from now?

Recorder: Perhaps three weeks. Maybe two.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: But it is a Senate Bill.

Recorder: Right. So you know what we'll do, we'll maybe bump a House Bill, so, lets say two weeks.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Very good.

Recorder: Okay.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Two weeks from today, Senator Wheeler.

Senator Katherine W. Wheeler, D. 21: Thank you very much.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Thank you. So we will recess this hearing.

Hearing recessed until February 06, 2002

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: At this time I'd like to open up the public hearing on Senate Bill 389. Scheduled for 3:30 on the 6th of February 2002.

Its is now 3:31, and I would like to close the hearing on Senate Bill...

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: Oh wait a minute. Read those in.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: I will read, (sic)I will read those that signed up but not wishing to speak and that are not here.

Julie Williams from, (sic) on behalf of Senator Larsen, is in favor of the bill. Liam Cargill, on behalf of Senator D'Allesandro, is in favor of the bill. And Brian Burnham, on behalf of Senator McCarley, is in favor of the bill.

Are there any others that wish to speak on Senate Bill 389? Just please come forward and have a seat.

Christine Spaulding: Hi, I'm Chris Spaulding and I'm with the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention. And I'm sent here by Joyce Heck today.

And the division has changed its position from neutrality in support of this bill.

That's what I'm here to say.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Very good. Now, are you familiar with a, (sic) a letter written by the (sic) by Senator Wheeler concerning, oh no, that's not concerning that. This is bill 412.

Recorder: Yes, it does indicate 389 in this letter.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Okay. Very good.

Christine Spaulding: Yes. Joyce Heck told me about the letter, and had suggested that I see Ms. Wheeler prior to this to let her know that our position had changed. But I don't see her here.

Recorder: She did show up earlier, but had to leave.

Christine Spaulding: Yeah, and I was up in the DWI legislation at that time.

Recorder: Did you just, so was that, is it support?

Christine Spaulding: In support of the bill, yes.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Therefore, based upon Senator Wheeler's request to have help with certain subjects of the bill, are you familiar with those certain subjects of the bill?

Christine Spaulding: About the licensure grandfathering clause?

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: I'm asking you...

Christine Spaulding: I'm not familiar with all of the parts in that bill. I'm representing Joyce Heck today, and she asked, she was unable to be here. On her way to Berlin, and asked me to go from that bill down here...

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Then, this, (sic) this letter from Katie Wheeler asks us to make this bill inexpedient to legislate, based upon

her knowledge that, (sic) that she was not able to get help to make this a passable bill.

And based on that, I will write notes here that, (sic) that say we're waiting for Senator Wheeler then, to get back to us and see if she wants to work with you on this bill to make it a passable bill.

Christine Spaulding: Yes.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Very good. Thank you very much for your testimony. And that was Jacqui?

Christine Spaulding: No, that was Christine Spaulding.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: It was Christine Spaulding. I'd like to call Jacqui...

Jacqui Abikoff: Abikoff.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: ...Abikoff to speak.

Jacqui Abikoff: Yes. Good afternoon and thank you for this opportunity to speak.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Yes.

Jacqui Abikoff: My name is Jacqui Abikoff. I'm the president elect of the New Hampshire Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Association. And I'm also the chair of the (muffled) licensing board for alcohol and drug counselors.

And I'm here to speak in support of the bill. I'm here to, (sic) to say that alcohol (muffled) have a long history of taking their, taking their career and their profession seriously. And are pursing rigorous education to make sure that they have the highest level of educational training to be able to provide specific services to the drug and alcohol dependent population.

And in doing that, we've recognize that the field has changed over the years. And that the need for higher standards and recognition of those standards is necessary. And that's why we support the tier.

What we would ask is that the, (sic) the bill consider a grandfathering clause to allow for those, (sic) those clinicians who have been practicing for a, (sic) a good number of years. Who, some of them are considered leaders in their fields. Who are training other counselors in the treatment of alcohol and

drug. To allow them to petition for a, (sic) for a level one license, to continue to practice independently.

Traditionally this field has not had the opportunity of accessing formal training in alcohol and drug treatment. There are very few programs out there which provide masters level training. Specifically in treatment of alcohol and drug.

And so, the majority, a lot of our counselors who come up through the ranks, who've worked for many, (sic) many years in the field, have had to seek their training in more non-traditional manners. And to not honor that, and to not, (sic) and to not respect that, would, (sic) would just minimize the effort and the contribution that they've made to this field.

And so that's the one change that we'd ask. And that we, I apologize for the fact that we were not here last week. We were not aware that the last hearing, we weren't aware that it, (sic) it was happening. We were certainly willing to work with Senator Wheeler on, (sic) on drafting language that would make that possible. And a framework that would make that possible.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Very good.

Jacqui Abikoff: Thank you.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Thank you very much. Any questions from the committee? Thank you. Lebristine Spaulding.

Recorder: That would be Christine.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Christine. C-H. Okay. New Hampshire Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. You were the first to speak, before Jacqui.

Christine Spaulding: Yes.

Senator Russell E. Prescott, D. 19: Good. Thank you. Anybody else wish to speak on behalf of Senate Bill 389? Seeing none, we'll close the hearing on Senate Bill 389. Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica L. Cilley
Senate Secretary

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Date: 01/30/02 **Time:** 1:00 PM **Public Hearing on:** SB 389

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Date: 02/06/02 **Time:** 3:30 PM **Public Hearing on:** SB 389

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February 6, 2002

The Members of the Senate Executive Departments
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Re: SB 389 and SB 390

Dear ED&A Committee Members:

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE SENATE

To: Sen Prescott

From: Senator Katherine Wells Wheeler
Vice President - Operations
District 21

Date: Feb 6, 2002

Thank you very much for the courtesy & extending the hearing on SB 389, levels of licensure for alcohol and drug counselors. After the initial hearing, I spoke with some of the concerned parties and found little interest in pursuing this now. Unless a lot of people show up at 3:30, I suggest that you vote "ITL".

Thanks for your help.

Kate

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Committee Report

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: {Type FLOOR DATE}

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration

to which was referred Senate Bill 389

AN ACT establishing levels of licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.

VOTE: 3-1

Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution:
Resolved, that it is: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Senator Russell E. Prescott
For the Committee

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Bill Title: establishing levels of licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.

Date	Body	Description
1/2/2002	S	Introduced and Ref. to Executive Departments & Administration; SJ 1, Pg.10
1/23/2002	S	Hearing; January 30, 2002, Room 104, LOB, 1:00 p.m.; SC6A
2/4/2002	S	Hearing; === RECESSED === RECONVENE === February 6, 2002, Room 104, LOB, 3:30 p.m.; SC9
2/15/2002	S	Committee Report; Inexpedient to legislate, [02/20/02]; SC12
2/20/2002	S	Inexpedient to Legislate, MA, VV === KILLED ===; SJ 6, Pg.131

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