

**HB 1365 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE**

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HOUSE BILL **1365**

AN ACT relative to applications for licenses to carry a loaded pistol or revolver, relative to the composition of the board of dental examiners, and relative to membership of the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention.

SPONSORS: Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17; Rep. Thibault, Merr. 25; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. Giasson, Hills. 29; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. Tim Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 28; Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere, Rock. 30; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Prohibits pistol/revolver license application forms from requesting employment, personal references, or record disclosure information beyond what was required on the March 2017 version of form DSSP 85. This bill also updates the statute to reflect the released DSSP 85 form as of March 2017, and removes the prior reference to the version of the form from December 2009.

II. Mandates that one member of the board of dental examiners be a general dentist.

III. Adds 2 public members to the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention, one with expertise in gaming addiction and one in long-term recovery. The bill also makes the representative of the state's faith-based community a voting member of the commission.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to applications for licenses to carry a loaded pistol or revolver, relative to the composition of the board of dental examiners, and relative to membership of the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention.

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

1 1 Purpose. The general court finds that the pistol/revolver license application process must  
2 protect the privacy and constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens. This act ensures that the form  
3 used by licensing authorities collects only the information required by law and does not compel  
4 applicants to waive rights not mandated by statute.

5 2 License to Carry. Amend RSA 159:6, I(b) to read as follows:

6 (b) The license shall be in duplicate and shall bear the name, address, description, and  
7 signature of the licensee and the name, title, and signature of the person issuing the license. The  
8 original shall be delivered to the licensee and the duplicate shall be preserved by the people issuing  
9 the same for 5 years. When required, license renewal shall take place within the month of the fifth  
10 anniversary of the license holder's date of birth following the date of issuance. The license shall be  
11 issued within 14 days after application, and, if such application is denied, the reason for such denial  
12 shall be stated in writing, the original of which such writing shall be delivered to the applicant, and  
13 a copy kept in the office of the person to whom the application was made. The fee for licenses issued  
14 to residents of the state shall be \$10, which fee shall be for the use of the town or city granting said  
15 licenses; the fee for licenses granted to out-of-state residents shall be \$100, which fee shall be for the  
16 use of the state. The director of state police is hereby authorized and directed to prepare forms for  
17 the licenses required under this chapter and forms for the application for such licenses and to supply  
18 the same to officials of the cities and towns authorized to issue the licenses. The form shall require  
19 no more information than was required on the state of New Hampshire application for  
20 pistol/revolver license, form DSSP 85, as revised in [~~December 2009~~] **March 2017. The form shall**  
21 **not request or require disclosure of the applicant's occupation, present employer,**  
22 **employer's address, or personal references. The form shall not contain any consent or**  
23 **release language requiring the applicant to authorize disclosure of personal, employment,**  
24 **medical, psychiatric, or other records beyond what is expressly required on the state of New**  
25 **Hampshire application for pistol/revolver license, form DSSP 85, as revised in March 2017.**  
26 No other forms shall be used by officials of cities and towns. The cost of the forms shall be paid out  
27 of the fees received from nonresident licenses.

28 3 Dentists and Dentistry; Examining Board; Membership. Amend RSA 317-A:2, I to read as  
29 follows:

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1 I. There shall be a board of dental examiners consisting of 9 members,<sup>[5]</sup> including 6  
2 dentists, 2 dental hygienists, and one public member, each to be appointed by the governor, with the  
3 approval of the council, to a term of 5 years. One dentist member shall have a current permit to  
4 administer general anesthesia and deep sedation, **and one dentist member shall be a general**  
5 **dentist**. No member of the board shall be appointed to more than 2 consecutive terms. Only board  
6 members provided for in this paragraph shall have the authority to vote in board determinations.

7 4 Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention; Membership. Amend RSA  
8 12-J:1, I to read as follows:

9 I. ~~[Seven]~~ **Nine** public members, 2 of whom shall be professionals knowledgeable about  
10 alcohol and other drug misuse prevention, one of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one  
11 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president; 2 of whom shall be professionals knowledgeable  
12 about alcohol and other drug misuse treatment including reduction of societal and individual harm,  
13 one of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker  
14 of the house of representatives; 2 of whom shall be public members who are not professionals within  
15 the alcohol and drug misuse prevention and treatment system, one of whom shall be appointed by  
16 the senate president and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
17 representatives; **one member with expertise in gaming addiction, appointed by the governor,**  
18 and ~~[one member]~~ **2 members** in long-term recovery, appointed by the governor.

19 5 Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention; Membership. Amend RSA  
20 12-J:1, IV(b) to read as follows:

21 (b) A representative of the state's faith-based community, ~~[who shall be a nonvoting~~  
22 ~~member,]~~ appointed by the governor.

23 6 Effective Date.

24 I. Sections 1-2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

25 II. Section 3 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2026.

26 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.