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Floor Amendment to SB 533-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention,
4 treatment, and recovery, making supplemental appropriations to the commission
5 and the New Hampshire housing finance authority, and repealing the license
6 requirement for carrying a concealed pistol or revolver.
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8 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 12 with the following:

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10 13 Pistols and Revolvers; License to Carry. Amend RSA 159:6 to read as follows:

11 159:6 License to Carry.

12 I.(a) The selectmen of a town, the mayor or chief of police of a city or a full-time police
13 officer designated by them respectively, the county sheriff for a resident of an unincorporated place,
14 or the county sheriff if designated by the selectmen of a town that has no police chief, upon
15 application of any resident of such town, city, or unincorporated place, or the director of state police,
16 or some person designated by such director, upon application of a nonresident, shall issue a license
17 to such applicant authorizing the applicant to carry a loaded pistol or revolver in this state for not
18 less than 4 years from the date of issue, if it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear
19 injury to the applicant's person or property or has any proper purpose[, and that the applicant is a
20 suitable person to be licensed], ***unless the applicant is prohibited by New Hampshire or***
21 ***federal statute from possessing a firearm.*** Hunting, target shooting, or self-defense shall be
22 considered a proper purpose. The license shall be valid for all allowable purposes regardless of the
23 purpose for which it was originally issued.

24 (b) The license shall be in duplicate and shall bear the name, address, description, and
25 signature of the licensee. The original shall be delivered to the licensee and the duplicate shall be
26 preserved by the people issuing the same for [4] **5** years. When required, license renewal shall take
27 place within the month of the [fourth] **fifth** anniversary of the license holder's date of birth
28 following the date of issuance. The license shall be issued within 14 days after application, and, if
29 such application is denied, the reason for such denial shall be stated in writing, the original of
30 which such writing shall be delivered to the applicant, and a copy kept in the office of the person to
31 whom the application was made. The fee for licenses issued to residents of the state shall be \$10,

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1 which fee shall be for the use of the town or city granting said licenses; the fee for licenses granted
2 to out-of-state residents shall be \$100, which fee shall be for the use of the state. The director of
3 state police is hereby authorized and directed to prepare forms for the licenses required under this
4 chapter and forms for the application for such licenses and to supply the same to officials of the
5 cities and towns authorized to issue the licenses. ***The form shall require no more information***
6 ***than was required on the state of New Hampshire application for pistol/revolver license,***
7 ***form DSSP 85, as revised in December 2009.*** No other forms shall be used by officials of cities
8 and towns. The cost of the forms shall be paid out of the fees received from nonresident licenses.

9 II. No photograph or fingerprint shall be required or used as a basis to grant, deny, or
10 renew a license to carry for a resident or nonresident, unless requested by the applicant.

11 ***III. The availability of a license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver under this***
12 ***section or under any other provision of law shall not be construed to impose a prohibition***
13 ***on the unlicensed transport or carry of a firearm in a vehicle, or on or about one's person,***
14 ***whether openly or concealed, loaded or unloaded, by a resident, nonresident, or alien if***
15 ***that individual is not otherwise prohibited by statute from possessing a firearm in the***
16 ***state of New Hampshire.***

17 14 Pistols and Revolvers; Reciprocity. RSA 159:6-d is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

18 159:6-d Reciprocity. The director of the division of state police shall negotiate and enter into
19 reciprocal agreements with other jurisdictions to recognize in those jurisdictions the validity of the
20 license issued under RSA 159:6. The director shall apply to every jurisdiction with which
21 New Hampshire does not have a reciprocity agreement, at least once every 5 years to obtain
22 recognition in those jurisdictions of the license issued under RSA 159:6. Any such agreement
23 executed shall not expire unless an expiration date is required under the statutes of the reciprocal
24 jurisdiction.

25 15 Repeal. RSA 159:4, relative to requiring a license to carry a concealed pistol or revolver, is
26 repealed.

27 16 Effective Date.

28 I. Sections 13-15 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

29 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes in the membership, organization, duties, meetings, and reports of the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery, and establishes that the commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the governor and the general court.

The bill makes supplemental appropriations to the commission and the New Hampshire housing finance authority.

The bill also:

- I. Increases the length of time for which a license to carry a pistol or revolver is valid.
- II. Allows a person to carry a loaded, concealed pistol or revolver without a license provided such person is not otherwise prohibited by law.
- III. Repeals the requirement to obtain a license to carry a concealed pistol or revolver.