

Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5
Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19
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Floor Amendment to HB 1279

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

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3 AN ACT relative to the use of physical force in defense of a person and relative to
4 authorization of seclusion or restraint during a personal safety emergency by a
5 physician, physician associate, or advanced practice registered nurse.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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9 2 New Hampshire Mental Health Services System; Treatment Rights; Seclusion or Restraint.

10 Amend RSA 135-C:57, V to read as follows:

11 V. Freedom from seclusion or physical or pharmacological restraint. ***Notwithstanding any***
12 ***state law to the contrary***, seclusion or restraint shall be administered only ***by order of a***
13 ***physician, physician associate, or an APRN*** with the consent of the person, who has made an
14 informed decision, or as a form of emergency treatment imposed by law or by rules, adopted by the
15 commissioner under RSA 541-A.

16 3 Effective Date.

17 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

18 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Modifies the standard for when force can be used against someone likely to use unlawful force in the commission of a felony.

II. Authorizes a physician, physician associate, or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) to order seclusion or restraint during a personal safety emergency at New Hampshire hospital and other designated receiving facilities.