

## State of New Hampshire

## DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER 33 HAZEN DR. CONCORD, N.H. 03305 603-271-2791

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August 2, 2019

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman Fiscal Committee of the General Court State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and the Honorable Council

State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

## **Requested Action**

Pursuant to Chapter 145, subparagraph I, (a), Laws of 2019, the Department of Safety (DOS), Division of State Police, retroactively requests approval to supplant the funds initially authorized in accordance with the Continuing Resolution in the amount of \$137,444.00, with General Funds, for the Permits and Licensing Unit. Effective upon the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Council for the period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. Funding Source: 100% General Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY2020 in the following account:

02-23-23-234010-29130000 Dept. of Safety - Division of State Police - Permits and Licensing

Class	<u>Description</u>	Current SFY 2020 Authorized		Requested Action		Revised SFY 2020 Adjusted Authorized	
003	Revolving Fund	\$	(137,444.00)	\$	137,444.00	\$	-
บบบ	General	\$	-	\$	(137,444.00)	\$	(137,444.00)
		\$	-	\$	(137,444.00)	\$	(137,444.00)
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010-500100	Personal Serv - Perm	\$	64,974.00	\$	-	\$	64,974.00
018-500106	Overtime	\$	6,250.00	\$	-	\$	6,250.00
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$	1,250.00	\$	-	\$	1,250.00
020-500215	Current Expense	\$	10,400.00	\$	-	\$	10,400.00
022-500255	Rents-Leases Other Than State	\$	700.00	\$	-	\$	700.00
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$	54.00	\$	-	\$	54.00
050-500109	Personal Serv - Temp	\$	13,812.00	\$	-	\$	13,812.00
060-500601	Benefits	\$	40,004.00	\$	-	\$	40,004.00
	Total	\$	137,444.00	\$	-	\$	137,444.00

## **Explanation**

This item is retroactive due to expenses having already been incurred, however, the Department is presenting this item at the earliest opportunity possible following the review of the Department's fiscal situation for SFY 2020.

The Permits and Licensing Unit of the Division of State Police performs background checks on individuals applying for non-resident concealed pistol licenses, armed and unarmed private investigator licenses, armed and unarmed security guard licenses, armed and unarmed bail bondsman licenses and for certificates of competency for the use of explosives. The Unit is also responsible for the licensing and auditing of all private investigator, security guard and bail bondsman agencies throughout the State.

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The Permits and Licensing Unit was funded with Criminal Records revenue for the SFY 2019 budget; however, per Chapter 242, Laws of 2018, effective July 1, 2019, Criminal Records revenue shall not be transferred or used to cover any cost of the Permits and Licensing Unit of the Division of State Police. Therefore, General Funds are being requested to supplant this area of State Police, as the funding reflected in HB 144 of the 2017 regular legislative session are unable to be utilized.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required of all Fiscal Committee item requests related to RSA 9:16-a, "Transfers Authorized", RSA 14:30-a,VI, "Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 from any Non State Source", or RSA 124:15, "Positions Authorized", and all emergency requests pursuant to "Chapter 145, subparagraph I (a), Laws of 2019, making temporary appropriations for the expenses and encumbrances of the State of New Hampshire":

- 1) Is the action required of this request a result of the Continuing Resolution for FY 2020? Yes, this is a result of the Continuing Resolution.
- 2) If this request is retroactive, what is the significance and importance of the action being effective from an earlier date? The item is retroactive, and the importance of the action being effective from the earlier date is due to the Permits and Licensing Unit continuing operation following July 1, 2019.
- 3) Is this a previously funded and ongoing program established through Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council action? (If so, include as an attachment the original documents as approved and cite the specific dates of authorization and end dates for each action as part of your answer to this question.) No.
- 4) Was funding for this program included in the FY 2018-2019 enacted Budget or requested and denied? The funding for this accounting unit was Criminal Records Funds in the FY 2018-2019 enacted budget; however, per Chapter 242, Laws of 2018, effective July 1, 2019 Criminal Records revenue shall not be transferred or used to cover any cost of the Permits and Licensing Unit of the Division of State Police.
- 5) Is this program, in total or in part, included in the vetoed FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget proposal currently pending for your department, or was it requested and denied? Yes, it was included in the vetoed FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget proposal currently pending for our department as general funded.
- 6) Does this program include either positions or consultants and, if so, are the positions filled, vacant, or have offers pending? (Please provide details for each position and note whether consultant contracts have been awarded.) This program includes positions that are currently all filled.
- 7) What would be the effect should this program be discontinued or not initiated as a result of this request being denied? The Permits and Licensing Unit would not be able to perform their functions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Safety