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February 3, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

### REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to continue the following full-time temporary positions, effective upon Governor and Council approval through March 25, 2026. **65% General Funds and 35% Highway Funds.**

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Position Number</b>
MISC LFE-PHY-SOC SC-3 (Forensic Scientist)	8T3208

Funding is available in the State Police Forensic Lab account in the SFY2025 operating budget and contingent upon availability and continued appropriations in SFY2026.

	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>
02-23-23-234015-56380000-050-500109 Part-Time Salary	\$19,354	\$45,266
02-23-23-234015-56380000-060-500601 Benefits	<u>\$12,155</u>	<u>\$29,321</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$31,509</b>	<b>\$74,587</b>

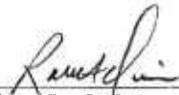
### EXPLANATION

The position's end date is March 25, 2025, and the Division of State Police seeks to extend this full-time position through March 25, 2026.

This position is a Forensic Scientist in the Forensic Biology Unit of the NH State Police Forensic Laboratory. The Forensic Biology Unit performs DNA analysis on biological evidence such as blood, semen, and saliva, left on items of evidence related to criminal investigations. The unit is responsible for analyzing evidence primarily in homicides, sexual assaults, assaults, burglaries and robberies, among other crimes.

In recent years, much attention has been paid to the timely analysis of sexual assault kits nationwide as well as in the State of NH. This position was created in SFY2024 for the purpose of addressing backlogs of requested DNA analyses and is critical to ensuring the lab can offer timely analyses for these violent crimes. During the SFY26/27 budget process, we requested this position to be converted into a permanent position, however in light of the budget challenges this request was not approved. As a result, we respectfully request this temporary position to be extended for an additional 12-months to continue to make every effort to address backlogged cases.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert L. Quinn  
Commissioner of Safety