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HOUSE BILL 1369

AN ACT relative to COVID-19 health and safety policies at New Hampshire performing

arts venues.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3; Sen. Sherman,

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COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that performing arts venues in New Hampshire have the authority to establish their own COVID health and safety policies.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT relative to COVID-19 health and safety policies at New Hampshire performing arts venues.

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

1 1 New Section; Communicable Disease; Performing Arts Venues. Amend RSA 141-C by 2 inserting after section 16-b the following new section: 3 141-C:16-c COVID-19 Health and Safety Policies at Performing Arts Venues. Notwithstanding 4 any other provision of law, upon the expiration of the state of emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the owners, operators, and promoters of performing arts venues located in New 5 6 Hampshire shall have the authority to establish COVID-19 policies, including mask requirements, 7 vaccine requirements, testing requirements, or a combination thereof, in order to protect patrons, 8 staff, performers, and the venue's financial investments. Any person acting in good faith to 9 administer or enforce a performing venue's COVID-19 health and safety policy shall be immune from 10 civil liability arising from such conduct.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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