

HB 417 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **417**

AN ACT                establishing a commission to study creating a New Hampshire plan for Alzheimer’s disease.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Long, Hills 42

COMMITTEE:          Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study creating a New Hampshire plan for Alzheimer’s disease.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                                Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~  
                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Thirteen*

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to study creating a New Hampshire plan for Alzheimer's disease.

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

1            1 New Subdivision; Commission to Study Creating a New Hampshire Plan for Alzheimer's  
2 disease. Amend RSA 161-F by inserting after section 80 the following new subdivision:

3                    Commission to Study Creating a New Hampshire Plan for Alzheimer's Disease  
4            161-F:81 Commission Established; Duties; Report.

5            I. There is established a commission to study creating a New Hampshire Plan for  
6 Alzheimer's disease. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

7                    (a) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house  
8 of representatives.

9                    (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

10                    (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

11                    (d) The attorney general, or designee.

12                    (e) A representative of the Alzheimer's Association, appointed by the association.

13                    (f) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.

14                    (g) The following persons appointed by the governor:

15                            (1) A person who has Alzheimer's disease.

16                            (2) A caregiver of a person who has Alzheimer's disease.

17                            (3) A representative of the nursing facility industry.

18                            (4) A representative of the assisted living industry.

19                            (5) A representative of the adult day care services industry.

20                            (6) An Alzheimer's disease researcher.

21                    (h) A representative of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association, appointed by  
22 the association.

23                    (i) A researcher with Alzheimer's-related expertise in basic transitional, clinical, or drug  
24 development science.

25            II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
26 attending to the duties of the commission.

27            III.(a) The commission shall develop a New Hampshire plan for Alzheimer's disease and  
28 shall recommend legislation for implementing the plan. In developing the plan, the commission  
29 may:

30                            (1) Review other states plans for Alzheimer's disease.

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1                   (2) Survey persons with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias for purposes of  
2 having proper estimates of the number of persons in the state with such disease.

3                   (3) Study existing services, resources, and capacity, including but not limited to the:

4                         (A) Type, cost, and availability of dementia services.

5                         (B) Dementia-specific training requirements for long-term care staff.

6                         (C) Quality care measures for residential care facilities.

7                         (D) Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to persons with  
8 Alzheimer’s disease.

9                         (E) Availability of home and community-based resources for persons with  
10 Alzheimer’s disease and respite care to assist families.

11                        (F) Inventory of long-term care dementia care units.

12                        (G) Adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with  
13 behavior disorders associated with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia.

14                        (H) Assisted living residential options for persons with dementia.

15                        (I) State support of Alzheimer’s disease research through New Hampshire  
16 universities and other resources.

17                   (4) Determine state policies or responses that are necessary, including, but not  
18 limited to, directions to provide clear and coordinated services and supports to persons and families  
19 living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and strategies to address any identified gaps  
20 in services.

21                   (b) The commission may solicit information from any source the commission deems  
22 relevant to its development of the state plan.

23                   IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The  
24 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting  
25 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members of  
26 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

27                   V. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation to  
28 the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate  
29 clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013.

30                   2 Repeal. RSA 161-F:81, relative to creating a New Hampshire plan for Alzheimer’s disease, is  
31 repealed.

32                   3 Effective Date.

33                        I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2013.

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