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HOUSE BILL            ***1572-FN***

AN ACT                establishing a permanent subcommittee of the health and human services oversight committee relative to Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementia and requiring certain training and education programs regarding Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementia.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Long, Hills 42

COMMITTEE:          Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes a permanent subcommittee of the health and human services oversight committee relative to Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia.

II. Requires the department of health and human services to develop an educational program on Alzheimer’s disease and to include a link to the Alzheimer’s Association on the state website.

III. Requires the police standards and training council to provide training to the law enforcement community on 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 struckthrough~~].  
                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                    establishing a permanent subcommittee of the health and human services oversight committee relative to Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia and requiring certain training and education programs regarding Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia.

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

1                    67:1 New Section; Health and Human Services Oversight Committee; Permanent Subcommittee  
2 on Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Dementia. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section  
3 15 the following new section:

4                    126-A:15-a Subcommittee on Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Dementia.

5                    I. In addition to the subcommittees established under RSA 126-A:15, II, the health and  
6 human services oversight committee shall create a permanent subcommittee on Alzheimer's disease  
7 and other related dementia.

8                    II. Members of the subcommittee shall be as follows:

9                    (a) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
10 representatives.

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

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

13                    (d) The attorney general, or designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26                    (i) A representative of the Home Care Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the

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1 association.

2 (j) A representative of the board of nursing, appointed by the board.

3 III. The subcommittee shall:

4 (a) Review other states' plans for Alzheimer's disease.

5 (b) Survey individuals with Alzheimer's disease to more accurately estimate the number  
6 of persons in the state with the disease.

7 (c) Study existing services and resources, including but not limited to:

8 (1) The type, cost, and availability of dementia services.

9 (2) Dementia-specific training requirements for long-term care staff.

10 (3) Quality care measures across all care settings.

11 (4) Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to persons with  
12 Alzheimer's disease.

13 (5) Availability of home and community-based resources for persons with  
14 Alzheimer's disease and respite care to assist families and caregivers.

15 (6) Inventory of long-term care dementia care units and beds.

16 (7) Adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with  
17 behavior disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

18 (8) Assisted living residential options for persons with dementia.

19 (9) State support of Alzheimer's disease research through New Hampshire  
20 universities and other resources.

21 (d) Determine state policies and responses that are necessary to provide clear and  
22 coordinated services and supports to persons, families, and caregivers living with Alzheimer's  
23 disease and develop strategies to address any identified gaps in service.

24 (e) Establish a New Hampshire state plan for Alzheimer's disease and other related  
25 dementia as approved by the health and human services oversight committee.

26 IV. Beginning November 1, 2014, and each November 1 thereafter, the health and human  
27 services oversight committee shall submit an annual report to the chairperson of the health, human  
28 services and elderly affairs committee, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of  
29 the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library relative to:

30 (a) The status of implementation of the New Hampshire state plan for Alzheimer's  
31 disease and other related dementia.

32 (b) The subcommittee's findings and recommendations, including any recommendations  
33 for legislation.

34 67:2 New Paragraph; Commissioner of Health and Human Services; Alzheimer's Disease and  
35 Other Related Dementia. Amend RSA 126-A:5 by inserting after paragraph XXVI the following new  
36 paragraph:

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1           XXVII. The commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of the department of  
2 safety, the director of the police standards and training council, and the local chapter of the  
3 Alzheimer’s Association, shall develop an educational program on Alzheimer’s disease and other  
4 related dementia, for both the general public and special interest groups, including law enforcement.  
5 Depending upon available resources, additional information and input may be sought from the fish  
6 and game department, the adjutant general’s department, the board of medicine, the  
7 New Hampshire Medical Society, and other interested parties. The commissioner shall provide an  
8 interim report on or before January 1, 2015 with a final report on or before July 1, 2015 on the status  
9 of the implementation of the educational program to the oversight committee on health and human  
10 services established in RSA 126-A:13 and the subcommittee on Alzheimer’s disease and other related  
11 dementia established in RSA 126-A:15-a. The commissioner shall post a link to the local chapter of  
12 the Alzheimer’s Association on the department’s website.

13           67:3 New Section; Police Standards and Training Council; Alzheimer’s Disease and Other  
14 Related Dementia Training. Amend RSA 188-F by inserting after section 28 the following new  
15 section:

16           188-F:28-a Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Related Dementia Training. The director of the  
17 police standards and training council shall provide education and training to the law enforcement  
18 community on Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementia. The director may use the  
19 educational program developed in conjunction with the department of health and human services  
20 under RSA 126-A:5, XXVII and may include such additional components as may be appropriate to  
21 effectively assist law enforcement officers in responding to incidents involving persons with  
22 Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementia.

23           67:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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25           Approved: May 27, 2014

26           Effective Date: May 27, 2014