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SENATE BILL        ***340-FN***

AN ACT            requiring the insurance department to hold public information sessions and provide a comment period before approval of products to be sold on the health exchange.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6

COMMITTEE:      Commerce

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the insurance department to hold public information sessions and provide a comment period before approval of products to be sold on the exchange marketplace.

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                      Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                    requiring the insurance department to hold public information sessions and provide a comment period before approval of products to be sold on the health exchange.

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

1            201:1 New Section; Public Information Sessions and Comment Period Required. Amend RSA  
2 420-N by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

3            420-N:5-a Public Information Sessions and Comment Period Required. On or before June 15 of  
4 each year, and before the commissioner approves insurance products to be sold on a federally-  
5 facilitated exchange in New Hampshire, the commissioner shall hold at least 2 public information  
6 sessions, in different regions of the state concerning the proposed provider networks of insurance  
7 products proposed to be sold on the federally-facilitated exchange for the following calendar year.  
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, information regarding the proposed network of hospitals  
9 and essential community providers as defined in 45 CFR 156.235 included under any such insurance  
10 plan shall be made available to the public at or before these information sessions. This information  
11 shall be shared orally at the public information sessions and in writing on the department's Internet  
12 website. The commissioner shall provide public notice of these information sessions in compliance  
13 with RSA 91-A, and shall, to the extent practicable, make audio and video footage of these  
14 information sessions available through the department's Internet website. The commissioner shall  
15 accept public comments on the proposed networks for at least 2 weeks following the conclusion of the  
16 public information sessions, and shall enable members of the public to register their comments in  
17 writing through the department's website. If an insurance carrier amends its proposed network  
18 submission on or before August 1 of the year preceding the plan's inclusion in the federally-  
19 facilitated exchange, the commissioner shall only be required to make any such amendments  
20 available to the public on the insurance department's website. Nothing in this section shall be  
21 construed to prohibit an insurance carrier from making changes to the proposed network at any time  
22 if the insurance carrier meets network adequacy requirements under RSA 420-J:7.

23            201:2 Repeal. RSA 420-N:5-a, relative to public hearings before approval of products to be sold  
24 on the exchange, is repealed.

25            201:3 Effective Date.

26            I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

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1           II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 30 days after its passage.

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3    Approved: July 11, 2014

4    Effective Date: I. Section 2 shall take effect January 1, 2019.

5           II. Remainder shall take effect August 10, 2014.