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HOUSE BILL           **330**

AN ACT                establishing an oversight commission for medical cost transparency.

SPONSORS:           Rep. McMahon, Rock 7; Rep. Sherman, Rock 24; Rep. S. Schmidt, Carr 6;  
Rep. MacKay, Merr 14; Rep. LeBrun, Hills 32; Rep. Nelson, Carr 5;  
Rep. Kotowski, Merr 24; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Reagan,  
Dist 17; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21

COMMITTEE:         Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes an oversight commission for medical cost transparency to monitor and further develop the NH HealthCost Internet website.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    establishing an oversight commission for medical cost transparency.

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

1            227:1 New Subdivision; Oversight Commission on Medical Cost Transparency. Amend RSA 400-  
2 A by inserting after section 66 the following new subdivision:

3                                    Oversight Commission on Medical Cost Transparency

4            400-A:67 Oversight Commission on Medical Cost Transparency.

5            I. There is established an oversight commission on medical cost transparency to monitor and  
6 provide assistance in further developing the NH HealthCost Internet website.

7            II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

8                    (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
9 house of representatives.

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

11                    (c) The insurance commissioner, or designee.

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

13                    (e) Two public members who shall represent New Hampshire patients, appointed by the  
14 governor.

15                    (f) A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the  
16 association.

17                    (g) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.

18                    (h) One member representing the private health insurance industry, appointed by the  
19 governor.

20                    (i) One member representing a self-funded workers' compensation trust, appointed by  
21 the governor.

22                    (j) A licensed physician who provides care for workers' compensation patients, appointed  
23 by the governor.

24            III. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except that legislative  
25 members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties  
26 of the commission.

27            IV. The commission shall monitor and provide assistance in further developing the NH

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1 HealthCost transparency Internet website to ensure that the website enhances transparency relative  
2 to access to medical services costs to help the citizens of New Hampshire in making informed health  
3 care decisions.

4 V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The  
5 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting  
6 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members of  
7 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

8 VI. The commission shall make an interim report with its findings and any  
9 recommendations for proposed legislation on or before November 1, 2015 and a final report on  
10 November 1, 2016 to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the  
11 house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library.

12 227:2 Repeal. RSA 400-A:67, relative to an oversight commission on medical cost transparency,  
13 is repealed.

14 227:3 Effective Date.

15 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2016.

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

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18 Approved: July 13, 2015

19 Effective Date: I. Section 2 shall take effect November 1, 2016.

20 II. Remainder shall take effect July 13, 2015.