

HB 337 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **337**

AN ACT relative to the patients' bill of rights.

SPONSORS: Rep. C. McGuire, Merr 29; Rep. D. McGuire, Merr 21; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill declares that if a patient admitted to a facility is not of sound mind as determined by a physician or a court, the wishes of the patient's immediate family or guardian shall take precedence over the provisions of the patients' bill of rights.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Section; Exception to Patients' Bill of Rights. Amend RSA 151 by inserting after section
2 21-a the following new section:

3 151:21-aa Exception to Patients' Bill of Rights. If a patient admitted to a facility, except a
4 residential care facility, is not of sound mind as determined by a physician or a court, the wishes of
5 the patient's immediate family or legal guardian shall take precedence over the provisions of
6 RSA 151:21.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.