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SENATE BILL 240

AN ACT protecting certified public accountants from prosecution or penalty for providing

services to alternative treatment centers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Little, Dist 8;

Sen. Boutin, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill protects certified public accountants from prosecution or penalty for providing services to alternative treatment centers or alternative treatment center applicants.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

- 1 New Paragraph; Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Protections; Accountants. Amend RSA 126-X:2 by inserting after paragraph XIV the following new paragraph:
 - XV. A certified public accountant licensed under RSA 309-B shall not be subject to arrest by state or local law enforcement, prosecution, or penalty under state or municipal law, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, a civil penalty or disciplinary action by the New Hampshire board of accountancy pursuant to RSA 309-B, solely for providing services to a certified alternative treatment center or treatment center applicant; provided that nothing shall prevent the board of accountancy from sanctioning such public accountant for failing to adhere to ethical or professional standards pursuant to RSA 309-B and the board's administrative rules.
- 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.