

Amendment to SB 239-FN

1 Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 12-J:3, I as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it
2 with the following:

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4 I. Develop and revise, as necessary, a statewide plan for the effective prevention of alcohol
5 and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse, including harm reduction,*** particularly among youth, and a
6 comprehensive system of treatment and recovery services for individuals and families affected by
7 alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse. Nothing in RSA 12-J should be construed to limit care***
8 ***of chronic pain and hospice and palliative care patients, including use of the term***
9 ***“misuse” which shall be utilized, as intended, to broaden the scope of work across the***
10 ***substance use continuum of care.*** The statewide plan shall:

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12 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 15 with the following:

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14 16 Physicians and Surgeons; Continuing Medical Education Requirement. Amend RSA 329:16-g
15 to read as follows:

16 329:16-g Continuing Medical Education Requirement. As a condition of renewal of license, the
17 board shall require each licensee to show proof at least at every biennial license renewal that the
18 licensee has completed 100 hours of approved continuing medical education program within the
19 preceding 2 years. For the purposes of this section, an approved continuing medical education
20 program is a program designed to continue the education of the licensee in current developments,
21 skills, procedures, or treatment in the licensee's field of practice, which has been certified by a
22 national, state, or county medical society or college or university. ***All licensees required to***
23 ***register with the controlled drug prescription health and safety program shall complete 3***
24 ***credit hours of approved online continuing education or pass an online examination in the***
25 ***area of pain management or addiction disorders.*** There shall be a complete audit of all
26 continuing education credits annually by the New Hampshire Medical Society. Each licensee shall
27 submit a continuing medical education report with copies of continuing medical education course
28 certificates earned by the licensee and other documents which establish that continuing medical
29 education course requirements have been met, using a form approved by the board. The complete
30 audit shall include the collection, review, verification, and preservation of the continuing medical
31 education documentation of each licensed physician and a report which records the credits awarded
32 to each licensee during the 2-year period applicable to each licensee. The fee charged to licensees for

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1 continuing medical education verification shall not exceed 125 percent of the actual cost of providing
2 the service. The New Hampshire Medical Society is prohibited from using any information from this
3 program for promotional purposes or any other purpose not necessary for continuing education
4 verification.

5 17 New Paragraph; Definition of Drug Misuse Added. Amend RSA 318-B:1 by inserting after
6 paragraph XV the following new paragraph:

7 XV-a. "Drug misuse" refers to the use of a substance for a purpose that is not consistent with
8 legal or medical guidelines.

9 18 New Paragraph; Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment,
10 and Recovery; Definition of Harm Reduction. Amend RSA 12-J:2 by inserting after paragraph IV the
11 following new paragraph:

12 V. For the purposes of this chapter, RSA 126:A, RSA 318-B:93, RSA 328-D:3, and RSA
13 329:16-g, "harm reduction" is an approach that emphasizes engaging directly with people who use
14 alcohol and other drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission, improve the
15 physical, mental, and social wellbeing of those served, and offer low-threshold options for accessing
16 substance use disorder treatment and other health care services.

17 19 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.