

Floor Amendment to SB 263-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT extending the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program, reestablishing the commission to evaluate the effectiveness and future of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program, and relative to the prohibition of the possession of hypodermic needles by minors.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 7 with the following:

8 Control or Possession of Hypodermic or Like Instruments Without Prescription Prohibited for Minors. Amend RSA 318:52-e to read as follows:

318:52-e Control or Possession of Hypodermic or Like Instruments Without Prescription Prohibited for Minors. No person under 18 years of age shall have under such person's control or possess a hypodermic syringe[;] **or** hypodermic needle, ~~[or any instrument adapted for the administration of drugs by injection,]~~ unless the person has received a written or oral prescription issued under RSA 318:52-c, **or the recipient is acting as an authorized agent for another as defined in RSA 318:42, I under direct supervision.** For the purpose of this subdivision, no such prescription shall be valid which has been outstanding for more than ~~[one year]~~ **2 years. Use of a hypodermic syringe or hypodermic needle contrary to the intent of the prescription is not permitted under this statute.**

9 Sale of Hypodermic Syringes and Needles. Amend RSA 318:52-c, I to read as follows:

I. No person shall sell, furnish, or give to any person, under 18 years of age, an instrument commonly known as a hypodermic syringe[;] **or** hypodermic needle~~[; or any instrument adapted for the administration of drugs by injection]~~ without the written or oral prescription of a licensed physician, physician assistant, dentist, veterinarian, podiatrist, or advanced practice registered nurse, **unless the recipient is acting as an authorized agent for another as defined in RSA 318:42.** Such prescription shall contain the name and address of the patient, the date of the prescription, the description of the instrument prescribed, and the number of instruments prescribed.

10 Effective Date.

I. Sections 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of this act shall take effect December 31, 2023.

II. Section 5 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2028.

III. Sections 8 and 9 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

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1           IV. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Reestablishes and revises the membership and duties of the commission to evaluate the effectiveness and future of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program. The commission is repealed November 1, 2028.

II. Permanently extends the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program by removing the prospective repeal of the program that was to take effect on December 31, 2023.

III. Removes the transfer of funds from the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund to the granite advantage health care trust fund.

IV. Clarifies the circumstances under which a minor may be in possession of a hypodermic needle or syringe.