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Senate bill protecting private data under state's drug monitoring program signed into law

CONCORD, NH -- A bi-partisan Senate bill (SB45) protecting patient privacy under the state's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) has been signed into law. Prime sponsor Sen. Bob Giuda (R-Warren) issued the following statement in support of the new law:

"I am keenly interested in protecting an individual's private data that is included in the PDMP and I plan to continue to work with our Department of Health and Human Services to ensure those privacy protections remain. Over the past few years, I have fought to establish these protections for patients' medical data, while at the same time, balancing the ability for certain state agencies to access that information under very limited circumstances."

"The PDMP has worked as designed and has no doubt contributed to the reduction in opioid deaths in New Hampshire over the past two years, something that is certainly welcome news. However, we can work toward protecting private medical data while at the same time reducing the scourge of opioid deaths. Now that SB45 is law, that is much more likely to happen."

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