

## New Hampshire Senate NEWS RELEASE

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## **Republicans Protect the Privacy of Granite State Moms**

**Concord, NH** – Senator Howard Pearl (R-Stoddard) released the following statement on the passage of Senate Bill 105, relative to information collected by the division of vital records administration as part of the live birth worksheet:

"New Hampshire moms shouldn't face criminal penalties for omitting personal health information on a survey," stated Senator Pearl.

"Senate Bill 105 is commonsense, actively strengthening patient privacy and removing the potential for a criminal penalty for new moms. I would like to commend Senator Rosenwald for her hard work building a bipartisan consensus on this issue over the past several years."

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HB 105 removes the possibility of criminal penalties for omission of information on the live birth worksheet given to new mothers in New Hampshire. It also requires the mothers affirmatively consent to the inclusion of certain identifiable health information.