2017 Legislative Report

NH Medical Society tracked 142 bills this year, including 69 priorities, which fell into 12 categories: access to care, alcohol and tobacco, firearms, human resources, legal process, licensure, mental health, public health, reproductive health, substance use disorders, vaccines, and miscellaneous. Our success rate was just over 60% for bills we supported and just under 70% for bills we opposed, pretty good statistics for a process in which it is easier to kill a bill than get one passed and in which results are more frequently a compromise than outright victory or defeat.

Access to care was a key focus this year and improvements were made in access to medicationassisted treatment for substance use disorders, telehealth services for Medicaid patients and 3-D breast tomosynthesis. Also, an effort to prohibit the use of manufacturer coupons for prescription drug purchases was defeated.

On the legal side, NH Medical Society took the lead in defeating a bill to allow certain medical records and reports to stand on their own without live testimony from the medical provider. The stated intent of the bill was to decrease litigation costs but we believe it would merely have shifted costs from plaintiffs, who bear the burden of proof in our system, to defendants.

The backlog of severely ill mental health patients in hospital emergency departments must be resolved and NH Medical Society is involved at many levels, most visibly through its leadership of a workgroup aimed at eliminating regulatory barriers to the delivery of appropriate care and its strong support for allocation of additional resources to the mental health system. This work continues.

In the public health arena, NH Medical Society was instrumental in killing a bill that would have abolished the use of fluoride in public drinking water and in passing a bill that re-authorizes expedited partner therapy, a practice aimed at increasing the speed and flexibility of response to public health threats by allowing providers to prescribe drugs for non-patient sexual partner(s) of a patient in limited circumstances.

NH Medical Society was mostly successful in its advocacy on reproductive health issues; however, defeat came on a very public and politically-charged bill. On the plus side, we helped kill proposals to undo carefully-crafted restrictions on the authority of midwives to perform vaginal deliveries after Csections and to ban abortion after viability, and we helped pass a study commission bill to explore improved access to oral contraceptives by making them available through pharmacies without a prescription. On the negative side, our efforts to kill or improve a fetal homicide bill failed and the bill was enacted with a 20-week threshold for defining a fetus as a person in the criminal code. A similar bill was retained in a House committee and we hope to make changes to this new fetal homicide law next year.

While our efforts to prevent expansion of the medical conditions for which therapeutic use of cannabis is authorized and to preserve a two-step system for use determinations failed, a bill to authorize needle exchange programs in New Hampshire, which we supported, has been signed into law.

NH Medical Society was not successful in preventing expansion of the list of vaccines that may be administered to adults by pharmacists. However, we were a key advocate in maintaining the requirement of the Hepatitis B vaccine for children in schools and childcare settings. Childhood vaccines are a vital component of public health protection in our state and our efforts to prevent changes to this program were strongly and actively supported by members.

More details on the top priority bills are set forth below and all bills we tracked appear in the legislative spreadsheets. If you have questions about any bill not included below, please contact me.

The NH Medical Society Legislative Committee will resume monthly meetings in September to discuss next year's policy priorities. All members are welcome to participate!

Valerie Acres

Director of Advocacy

Access to Care

Process Established to Deal with ACA Reform and Insurance Market Stabilization (HB 469)

In anticipation of federal repeal or reform of the Affordable Care Act, HB 469 establishes a multilevel approach to planning led by the Insurance Commissioner and aimed at stabilizing premiums in the individual insurance market. Planning is to include public notice, hearing and comment period, and involve the Governor, Joint Healthcare Reform Oversight Committee, and Board of Directors of the NH Individual Health Plan Benefit Association. The Insurance Commissioner has already initiated this process once, seeking feedback on a proposal to set up a risk subsidy mechanism in the individual market funded by an assessment on the entire marketplace. The proposal was rejected by the Joint Healthcare Reform Oversight Committee and did not move forward beyond that.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Peter Schmidt NHMS Position: Monitor Status: Passed

Frequency of Prior Authorization for MAT Limited to Once Every 12 Months (SB 158)

SB 158 declares that if substance use disorder services are a covered benefit under a health benefit plan, a health carrier that has authorized or approved medication-assisted treatment for such services shall not require renewal of prior authorization more frequently than once every 12 months.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Dan Feltes NHMS Position: Support Status: Passed

Medicaid Coverage for Telehealth Services Extended to Metropolitan Areas (SB 237)

SB 237 allows medical providers who practice in metropolitan areas to be reimbursed by Medicaid for telehealth services.

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Donna Soucy NHMS Position: Support Status: Passed

Proposal to Allow Self-Ordered Lab Tests Rejected (HB 256)

HB 256 would have authorized a person to self-order lab tests without a health care provider's request and imposed certain mandates on any lab reporting test results directly to individual patients. The bill would also have limited a health care provider's duty of care to a patient in this circumstance. NHMS opposed authorization of self-ordered lab tests in the absence of rigorous state requirements for proficiency testing of laboratories conducting the tests. **Prime Sponsor:** Rep. Stephen Darrow **NHMS Position:** Oppose **Status:** Dead

Legislature Allows Continued Use of Drug Manufacturer Coupons to Lower Out-of-Pocket Costs for Patients (HB 443)

HB 443 would have prohibited prescription drug manufacturers from offering to pay or reimburse an individual for his or her insurance copayment related to drug therapy. Many patient advocacy groups rose in opposition to the bill citing increasing out-ofpocket costs associated with medications, even when covered by insurance, and the importance of affordability to drug therapy adherence. **Prime Sponsor**: Rep. Neal Kurk **NHMS Position:** Oppose **Status:** Dead

Effort to Repeal Medicaid Expansion Program Thwarted (HB 638)

HB 638 would have repealed the NH Health Protection Program, also known as Medicaid expansion, which provides health insurance to approximately 50,000 low-income citizens not eligible for traditional Medicaid coverage. Although this bill was killed, Medicaid expansion remains under scrutiny. It will require legislative reauthorization by the end of 2018 and questions persist regarding sustainable funding for non-federal costs and whether the program is working to reduce overall healthcare costs. Provider groups, including NHMS, support Medicaid expansion and its continuation into the future. Prime Sponsor: Rep. JR Hoell NHMS Position: Oppose Status: Dead

Mandatory Insurance Coverage for 3-D Mammography Still Under Consideration (SB 189)

SB 189, a bill requiring insurance coverage for 3-D tomosynthesis mammography, was re-referred to the Senate Commerce Committee and will be taken up again this fall and in early January. The bill stalled in committee because significant progress toward coverage of this service was being made voluntarily; however, it remains viable should the coverage

problem not be sufficiently resolved within a reasonable timeframe. **Prime Sponsor**: Sen. Jeb Bradley **NHMS Position**: Support **Status**: Carried over

Human Resources

House Labor Committee Takes Longer Look at Family and Medical Leave Proposal (HB 628)

HB 628 seeks to establish a system of paid family and medical leave insurance modeled on the state's successful model for unemployment insurance. The bill intends a voluntary program, not a mandate, aimed at keeping workers in the state and helping small businesses compete with larger ones for those workers. There seemed to be a fair amount of support for providing family and medical leave but also significant differences of opinion as to the details; so, the bill was retained in the House Labor Committee for further work.

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Mary Gile NHMS Position: Support Status: Carried over

Legal Process

Evidentiary Rules re Medical Evidence Remain Unchanged (SB 163)

SB 163 would have allowed certain medical evidence to be introduced in writing, without the physical presence of the physician or dentist offering it, in civil cases involving claimed medical expenses of \$25,000 or less and subject to the court's discretion. While this may sound like a good cost-saving mechanism in smaller cases, NHMS counsel testified that parties to litigation already voluntarily agree to do what the bill envisions when the medical records are very clear. In the remaining more difficult cases, the bill would not accomplish its intended purpose of expediting judicial process. Instead, it would merely shift the cost of producing the live witness from the plaintiff, who bears the burden of proof in our system, to the defendant. Prime Sponsor: Sen. Bette Lasky

NHMS Position: Oppose Status: Dead

Licensure

Physician Survey Now Linked With StateLicensure Process (HB 322)HB 322 seeks to improve the data available for state

healthcare planning by linking the NH Division of Public Health Services' Physician Survey to state licensure by the Board of Medicine and other regulatory entities. Under this bill, individual participation in the survey remains voluntary; however, the survey system as a whole switches from "opt-in" to "opt-out." The hope is that this shift will lead to improved participation rates and more reliable data. NHMS members are encouraged to complete the Physician Survey when it is offered. The survey is electronic and should take only 3 to 15 minutes to complete.

Prime Sponsor: Rep. John Fothergill NHMS Position: Support Status: Passed

Mental Health

State Leaders Tackle Mental Health Crisis, Particularly Long-Term Stays in Emergency Departments (HB 400)

HB 400 is a comprehensive piece of legislation that seeks to make short- and long-term changes in the mental health delivery system to alleviate demand for NH Hospital beds and shorten wait times for those who require admission to the hospital, particularly for involuntary admission patients who are backed up in emergency departments throughout the state. The bill works hand-in-hand with task force meetings led by Governor Sununu, workgroups led by DHHS Commissioner Jeff Meyers, NHMS, and others, and legislative work on other bills. Funding, regulatory barriers, and special logistic and legal requirements present significant challenges but the commitment to improve this situation is far reaching and remains strong. In its final form, HB 400 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a 10-year plan for mental health services, to deal with the due process rights of persons subject to involuntary admission, and to look at using the Philbrook Center as a children's mental health facility. More immediate resolutions, such as funding additional designated receiving facility, transitional and peer crisis beds, establishing additional mobile crisis teams, and developing an integrated data management system for real time data regarding system demand and capacity, were moved from HB 400 to the budget bills (HB 144 & HB 517). Prime Sponsor: Rep. David Danielson **NHMS Position:** Support Status: Passed

Bill to Extend Involuntary Admission Process to Substance Use Disorders Re-Referred to Senate Committee (SB 220)

SB 220 seeks to change the definition of mental illness for the purpose of involuntary commitment to include ingestion of opioid substances. The intention of the bill, to facilitate treatment for persons with severe addictions, is good. However, NH Hospital cannot meet the current demand for beds. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, NH Hospital is not set up to provide the medical services that are often necessary for individuals requiring detoxification and other acute treatment for substance use disorders.

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Jeb Bradley NHMS Position: Oppose Status: Carried over

Miscellaneous

Study of Balance Billing to Begin in Mid-September (HB 329)

HB 329 establishes a committee consisting of four House members and one Senate member to study the practice of balance billing by health care providers for services received by an insured person at an innetwork health care facility. Members of the committee have been appointed and the group will organize in mid-September and file a report on or before November 1st. The NH Insurance Department supports substantive legislation dealing with balance billing (in fact, it may request legislation this session regardless of the conclusions of the study committee) and NH Hospital Association encouraged consideration of the NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) Model Act during the hearing on HB 329. This bill raises issues of government rate-setting and interference with private contracting, as well network adequacy. No local consumer complaints related to balance billing have been brought forward and the need to address this complex issue through legislation is not clear. Prime Sponsor: Rep. David Luneau NHMS Position: Monitor Status: Passed

Public Health

Committee Established to Study Helmet and Restraint Laws for Youth Operators and Passengers of OHRVs and Snowmobiles (HB 237) A five member legislative committee has been established to study helmet and restraint laws for youth operators and passengers of OHRVs and snowmobiles. Committee members have been named, will meet this fall, and will file a report on or before November 1st.

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Steven Smith NHMS Position: Support Status: Passed

Commission Established to Study Environmentally Triggered Chronic Illness (HB 511)

A twelve member commission has been established to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness. The group is comprised of legislative and nonlegislative members, including a representative of NHMS. It will meet until November, 2018 and will file two reports during that time. The group has already organized and decided to focus first on three of its 12 duties: define, by codes, the health status indicators to be monitored including chronic conditions, medical conditions, and poor health outcomes; study current health databases, including years available, potential for small area analysis, and privacy concerns; and research currently existing health data reports by agency, bureau, or organization. All 12 duties are listed in the bill. Prime Sponsor: Rep. Mindy Messmer NHMS Position: Monitor Status: Passed

Bill to Abolish Fluoridation in Water is Tabled in House and Unlikely to Move Forward (HB 585) HB 585 seeks to prohibit the introduction of fluoride into the state's drinking water. The bill was laid on the table in the House after receiving a 19-1 committee recommendation that it be killed. A subsequent effort to remove the bill from the table failed by a vote of 78-267 and indicates a low level of support for this proposal. **Prime Sponsor:** Rep. Valerie Fraser

NHMS Position: Oppose Status: Laid on table

Expedited Partner Therapy Authorized to Assist in Control of Public Health Threats (SB 222)

SB 222 states that a health care professional authorized to prescribe medication for the treatment or prevention of a communicable disease may prescribe, dispense, or distribute directly or by standing order, an antimicrobial medication to a patient he or she did not evaluate and with whom there is no established health care provider-patient relationship to empirically treat for, or provide prophylaxis to prevent, a communicable disease that poses a threat to public health. Communicable diseases that pose a threat to public health shall be limited to Bordetella pertussis, Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhea, and Neisseria meningitis or additional diseases identified by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services in order to control a disease outbreak. **Prime Sponsor**: Sen. Sharon Carson **NHMS Position**: Support **Status**: Passed

Reproductive Health

Fetal Homicide Bill Passes with 20-Week Threshold for Defining a Fetus as a Person in the Criminal Code (SB 66)

SB 66 includes fetus in the meaning of "another" for purposes of first degree murder, second degree murder, manslaughter, negligent homicide, and causing or aiding suicide but not for purposes of capital murder. The bill defines fetus as an "unborn offspring, from the embryo stage which is the end of the twentieth week after conception or, in the case of in vitro fertilization, the end of the twentieth week after implantation, until birth." It exempts from the impact of this change any act committed by or at the request or direction of, or for the benefit of, the pregnant woman; any act performed by a medical professional in the course of professional duties including the termination of pregnancy; and any act taken in furtherance of the lawful dispensation or administration of medication. Notably, the bill does not make any reference to viability; however, the majority report in support of the bill does make such a reference and could create confusion. A second fetal homicide bill, HB 156, is retained in the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee and we hope to clarify some of this in the context of that bill. Prime Sponsor: Sen. Regina Birdsell NHMS Position: Oppose Status: Passed

Commission Established to Study Pharmacy Access to Oral Contraceptives (HB 264)

HB 264 establishes a nineteen member commission to study allowing pharmacists to prescribe or make available by protocol oral contraceptives and certain related medications. NHMS is generally supportive of this idea but has concerns related to expansion of prescribing authority to pharmacists and the potential for this change to increase, rather than reduce, out-of-pocket costs for contraceptives. Two members of the commission are appointed by NHMS, and at least two other physicians will also serve as members. The group will convene in September and file a report on or before December 1st.

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Keith Murphy NHMS Positon: Support Status: Passed

Bill To Ban Abortion After Viability Tabled in House and Unlikely to Move Forward (HB 578) HB 578 would have prohibited abortion of a "viable unborn child" except in cases of medical emergency and would have defined viable as "that stage of fetal development when the life of the unborn child may be continued indefinitely outside the womb by natural or artificial life-supportive systems." A strong majority of House members voted to table the bill after a committee-recommended amendment failed by only nineteen votes, and it unlikely to move forward. NHMS opposed the bill due to its interference in decision-making best left to the patient and her health care provider. Prime Sponsor: Rep. Keith Murphy NHMS Position: Oppose Status: Laid on Table

Substance Use Disorders

Program Allowing Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Expanded (multiple bills)

Twelve bills were introduced proposing changes to the law regulating therapeutic use of cannabis. Most sought to add new medical conditions to the list of those for which therapeutic use of cannabis is allowed. Up till now, a two-step process was in place which required that a patient have a listed medical condition and a qualifying symptom in order for cannabis to be used. The bills took varying approaches with some adding a new condition "above the line" so that a qualifying symptom would still be required along with the newly-added diagnosis, others adding a new condition "below the line" so that only the condition would be required, and the remainder adding a condition along with language eliminating or making an end run around the two-step process entirely. In the end, the following conditions were added: moderate to severe chronic pain (below the line), severe pain that has not responded to previous treatment (below the line), Hepatitis C

regardless of whether or not the person is currently receiving anti-viral treatment (change to language above the line), moderate or severe PTSD (below the line), Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (above the line), and any condition that has resulted in one or more of the qualifying symptoms (above the line but basically eliminates the need to have a specific qualifying medical condition). Opioid addiction, fibromyalgia, and myelitis disorder or disease were not added but could be covered under moderate to severe chronic pain or some other new language in the statute. **Prime Sponsor**: Multiple **NHMS Position**: Oppose **Status**: Passed

Needle Exchange Bill Enacted in Face of Opioid Epidemic (SB 234)

SB 234 exempts residual amounts of controlled substances in hypodermic syringes and needles from the provisions of the Controlled Drug Act, authorizes persons other than pharmacists to dispense hypodermic syringes and needles and allows them to be sold in retail establishments other than pharmacies, and authorizes the operation of syringe service programs in New Hampshire. The bill had overwhelming support, including the support of NHMS, in the face of the ongoing battle against opioid addiction and overdose deaths. **Prime Sponsor:** Sen. James Gray **NHMS Position:** Support **Status:** Passed

Vaccines

Legislature Rejects Effort to Eliminate Hepatitis B from the List of Mandatory Vaccines for Children (HB 362)

An effort to remove Hepatitis B from the list of vaccines required for children in schools and childcare settings failed this session and the bill seeking to do so, HB 362, was amended to contain benign language making no substantive change to the current program. Childhood vaccines are a vital component of public health protection in our state and NHMS strongly supported the amended version of HB 362 over the original. NHMS also opposed a related bill, HB 361, seeking to limit the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services with regard to the vaccine program. That bill was killed. **Prime Sponsor:** Rep. Valerie Fraser **NHMS Position**: Oppose original version; support amended version Status: Amended version passed

Pharmacists Authorized to Administer Additional Vaccines to Adults (HB 469)

HB 469 adds Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Tdap, MMR, and meningococcal vaccines to the list of vaccines that may be administered by a licensed pharmacist to adults provided the pharmacist holds a current NH license, possesses at least \$1 million of professional liability insurance coverage, has completed specific training related to these vaccines, provides evidence of the above three conditions to the Pharmacy Board, provides notice to the PCP when designated by the patient, and maintains records of administration for each individual as required by state and federal law. This was originally proposed as SB 65, sponsored by Sen. Bob Giuda, however that bill passed with a drafting error related to vaccine administration by pharmacy interns and it was nullified and replaced by an amendment to HB 469. Pharmacy interns are now authorized to administer influenza vaccines to the general public and pneumococcal and varicella zoster vaccines to adults provided certain criteria are met. They are not authorized to administer vaccines on the expanded list contained in HB 469 and listed above. Prime sponsor: Rep. Peter Schmidt NHMS Position: Oppose Status: Passed

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2017 All Bills by Category - FINAL

Access to care	<u>HB 0250</u> establishing a committee to consider revisions to the New Hampshire health insurance laws (new title). Rep. McNamara	S-COM	5/11 killed in Senate by roll call 16- 7		Support
Access to care	HB 0256 relative to self-ordering for laboratory testing. Rep. Darrow	H-HHS	1/26 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Oppose
Access to care	HB 0321 establishing a commission to study a public option for health insurance. Rep. Knirk	H-COM	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Support
Access to care	HB 0443 prohibiting prescription drug manufacturers from offering copayment reimbursement. Rep. Kurk	н-сом	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Oppose
Access to care	HB 0469 establishing a continuous quality improvement program for pharmacies, relative to vaccines administered by pharmacists, and relative to the authority of the Insurance Department on federal health care reform (new title). Rep. P Schmidt	S-HHS	7/10 signed by Governor; Chapter 221; multiple effective dates	*	Monitor
Access to care	HB 0536 directing the Wellness and Primary Prevention Council to establish a system of family resource centers of quality. Rep. Berrien	S-HHS	6/28 signed by Governor; Chapter 167; effective 6/28/17		Monitor
Access to care	HB 0606 establishing a scholarship fund for health care providers who stay in New Hampshire for 5 years and making an appropriation therefor. Rep. Leishman	H-FIN	3/8 killed in House by division vote 249-94		Support
Access to	HB 0611 relative to portability, availability and	H-COM	3/8 killed in House via consent	*	Monitor

care	renewability of health coverage. Rep. Marsh		calendar		
Access to care	HB 0619 relative to medical services for prisoners. Rep. Snow	H-MCG	Retained in committee		Monitor
Access to care	<u>HB 0633</u> allowing health insurance policies to be sold without mandates. Rep. Hoell	H-COM	3/8 killed in House by roll call 240 – 110		Monitor
Access to care	HB 0638 repealing the New Hampshire Health Protection Program. Rep. Hoell	H-HHS	3/9 killed in House	*	Oppose
Access to care	<u>SB 0156</u> relative to pharmacy pricing. Sen. Feltes	S-HHS	3/16 killed in Senate		Monitor
Access to care	<u>SB 0157</u> relative to network adequacy and consumer rights under the managed care law. Sen. Feltes	H-COM	7/10 signed by Governor; Chapter 214; effective 1/1/18		Support
Access to care	<u>SB 0158</u> relative to authorization for certain clinician-prescribed substance use disorder services. Sen. Feltes	H-COM	6/29 signed by Governor; Chapter 185; effective 8/28/17	*	Support
Access to care	<u>SB 0189</u> requiring insurance policies to cover 3-D mammography. Sen. Bradley	S-COM	Re-referred to committee	*	Support
Access to care	SB 0236 making the Medicaid expansion law permanent. Sen. Fuller Clark	S-HHS	3/16 laid on table in Senate (committee voted 4-1 to recommend the bill pass with amendment)	*	Support
Access to care	<u>SB 0237</u> relative to telemedicine services. Sen. Soucy	H-HHS	5/9 signed by Governor; Chapter 43; effective 7/8/17	*	Support
Access to care	<u>SB 0238</u> relative to the usual and customary price of filling a prescription. Sen. Soucy	H-HHS	4/20 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Monitor
Alcohol Tobacco	HB 0099 relative to beverage containers (new title). Rep. Hunt	S-COM	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter 121; effective 8/15/17		Monitor
Alcohol	HB 0100 relative to the definition and use of toy	S-COM	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter		Monitor

Tobacco	smoke devices. Rep. Welch		122; effective 6/16/17		
Alcohol Tobacco	HB 0112 requiring child resistant packaging for electronic cigarette cartridges. Rep. Horrigan	H-COM	2/9 killed in House by division vote 262-30	*	Support
Alcohol Tobacco	HB 0176 relative to the sale of cigar-related products. Rep. Beaudoin	H-COM	2/9 killed in House by roll call 201- 93		Monitor
Alcohol Tobacco	HB 0242 relative to the definition and regulation of e-cigarettes (new title). Rep. McBeath	S-COM	5/11 killed in Senate by roll call 12- 11	*	Support
Alcohol Tobacco	HB 0268 establishing a committee to study the consequences of tobacco use by minors in New Hampshire. Rep. McBeath	H-HHS	1/26 killed in House via consent calendar		Monitor
Alcohol Tobacco	HB 0279 relative to smoking on private property. Rep. Hull	H-COM	3/8 laid on table in House (committee voted 13-7 to recommend the bill pass with amendment (new title); minority recommended the bill be killed)	*	Oppose
Alcohol Tobacco	SB 0145 prohibiting smoking in motor vehicles when a passenger under the age of 16 is in the vehicle. Sen. Watters	S-HHS	2/23 laid on table in Senate (pending motion to re-refer)		Support
Alcohol Tobacco	<u>SB 0209</u> relative to the tobacco use prevention and cessation program. Sen. Watters	S-COM	3/16 killed in Senate by roll call 12- 11 (Sen. McGilvray absent)		Support
Firearms	HB 0084 relative to having a loaded firearm in a motorhome, and relative to having or carrying a loaded rifle or shotgun in a motor vehicle (new title). Rep. Proulx	COC	615 killed in committee of conference (report not signed)		Oppose
Firearms	HB 0350 prohibiting possession of a firearm at a polling place. Rep. Burton	H-CRIM	2/15 killed in House by roll call 204-144		Monitor
Firearms	SB 0012 repealing the licensing requirement for	H-CRIM	2/22 signed by Governor; Chapter 1;		Oppose

	carrying a concealed pistol or revolver. Sen. Bradley		effective 2/22/17		
HR	<u>HB 0442</u> relative to criminal records checks in the employee application process. Rep. Cahill	H-LAB	3/9 killed in House		Monitor
HR	HB 0628 relative to a family and medical leave insurance program. Rep. Gile	H-LAB	5/24 at 10 work session on retained bill	*	Support
HR	<u>SB 0151</u> relative to arbitration agreements in nursing home contracts. Sen. Soucy	S-HHS	Re-referred to committee via consent calendar		Monitor
HR	<u>SB 0152</u> relative to criminal history background checks for certain health care workers. Sen. Woodburn	H-EDA	7/5 signed by Governor; Chapter 202; multiple effective dates		Monitor
Legal process	HB 0106 relative to corroborating evidence in sexual assault prosecutions. Rep. W Marsh	H-CRIM	3/8 laid on table in House (committee voted 18-0 to recommend the bill be killed)		Monitor
Legal process	HB 0283 defining bodily injury in the criminal code. Rep. P Schmidt	H-CRIM	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar		Monitor
Legal process	HB 0326 regarding immunity under the child abuse reporting law. Rep. Burt	H-CFL	Retained in committee	*	Oppose
Legal process	<u>SB 0070</u> relative to disclosure of expert testimony in civil cases. Sen. D'Allesandro	S-JUD	2/16 killed in Senate		Monitor
Legal process	SB 0163 relative to live medical testimony in courts. Sen. Lasky	S-JUD	2/23 killed in Senate	*	Oppose
Licensure	HB 0184 relative to the license requirement for medical imaging and radiation therapy and relative to registration by practitioners with the Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (new title). Rep. Sylvia	S-EDA	4/17 signed by Governor; Chapter 11, effective 4/17/17	*	Oppose
Licensure	HB 0322 adding rulemaking authority to require	S-EDA	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter	*	Support

	completion of a certain survey as part of the license renewal process for health care providers. Rep. Fothergill		131; effective 6/16/17		
Licensure	HB 0334 relative to exemptions from licensure by the Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (new title). Rep. Scully	S-EDA	7/10 signed by Governor; Chapter 217; effective 9/8/17	*	Monitor
Licensure	HB 0373 relative to rulemaking on forms for allied health professionals and relative to information on court cases concerning the validity of administrative rules. Rep. McGuire	S-EDA	Signed by Governor 6/8; Chapter 101; effective 8/7/17		Monitor
Licensure	HB 0468 relative to licensure of mental health practitioners from other states. Rep. Cilley	S-EDA	7/10 signed by Governor; Chapter 220; effective 9/8/17		Monitor
Licensure	HB 0522 establishing a committee to review occupational licensing to determine which licenses could be made optional for practitioners. Rep. Ammon	H-EDA	3/8 killed in House by roll call 259- 82		Monitor
Licensure	HB 0538 requiring occupational regulatory boards and commissions to post reciprocity information (new title). Rep. Kurk	S-EDA	4/20 laid on table in Senate (committee voted 5-0 to recommend the bill be killed)		Monitor
Licensure	HB 0586 relative to the regulation of certain professions by the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification. Rep. P Schmidt	S-EDA	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter 144; effective 8/15/17		Monitor
Licensure	HB 0650 relative to procedures of the Board of Psychologists. Rep. McGuire	S-EDA	6/30 signed by Governor; Chapter 192; effective 7/1/17		Monitor
Licensure	SB 0054 relative to the licensure of alcohol and drug counselors, requiring regulatory boards and commissions to post reciprocity information, and establishing a committee to study licensure of alcohol	H-EDA	6/30 signed by Governor; Chapter 194; multiple effective dates		Monitor

	and drug counselors (new title). Sen. D'Allesandro				
Licensure	<u>SB 0137</u> relative to temporary licensure of certain nurses seeking licensure by endorsement from the Board of Nursing (new title). Sen. Kahn	H-EDA	7/10 signed by Governor; Chapter 213; multiple effective dates		Monitor
Licensure	<u>SB 0139</u> relative to the licensure of medical imaging professionals. Sen. Sanborn	S-EDA	3/9 killed in Senate		Monitor
Licensure	<u>SB 0212</u> establishing the physical therapy licensure compact. Sen. Soucy	H-EDA	6/30 signed by Governor; Chapter 189; effective 7/1/17		Monitor
Mental health	HB 0076 relative to involuntary administration of medication to inmates with mental illnesses. Rep. Elliott	H-CRIM	1/26 killed in House via consent calendar		Monitor
Mental health	HB 0208 establishing a commission to study current mental health procedures for involuntary commitment. Rep. Snow	S-HHS	6/28 signed by Governor; Chapter 162; multiple effective dates	*	Support
Mental health	HB 0286 requiring reporting on suicide deaths of individuals receiving services through the DHHS or its subcontractors. Rep. J MacKay	H-HHS	Retained in committee	*	Support
Mental health	HB 0400requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a 10-year plan for mental health services, relative to due process rights of persons subject to IEAs, relative to the Philbrook Center, relative to reports of abuse and neglect, relative to the Commission to Study Grandfamilies in NH and extending the Commission to Review Child Abuse Fatalities (new title). Rep. Danielson	S-HHS	6/14 signed by Governor; Chapter 112; multiple effective dates	*	Support
Mental health	<u>HB 0572</u> extending the suspension of prior authorization requirements for a community mental health program on drugs used to treat mental illness.	H-FIN	Retained in committee	*	Support

	Rep. Snow				
Mental health	HB 0587 relative to conversion therapy seeking to change a person's sexual orientation. Rep. Schleien	H-HHS	Retained in committee	*	Support
Mental health	HB 0602 prohibiting placement of certain persons with mental illness in the secure psychiatric unit, establishing a secure psychiatric hospital oversight commission, and appropriating funds to develop plans for a secure therapeutic psychiatric hospital. Rep. Cushing	H-HHS	2/15 killed in House by division vote 230-120	*	Monitor
Mental health	SB 0146 requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a centralized state system for transporting persons subject to involuntary emergency admission. Sen. Watters	S-FIN	3/9 laid on table in Senate (committee recommendation that the bill be killed failed by division vote of 12-12; no pending motion)		Monitor
Mental health	SB 0147 establishing a committee to study mental health and social service business process alignment and information system operability (new title). Sen. Kahn	H-HHS	6/15 signed by Governor; Chapter 116; effective 6/15/17		Monitor
Mental health	<u>SB 0162</u> establishing a procedure for the annulment of a mental health record. Sen. Watters	S-JUD	3/16 killed in Senate	*	Oppose
Mental health	<u>SB 0220</u> relative to the definition of mental illness for purposes of mental health services. Sen. Bradley	S-HHS	Re-referred to committee	*	Oppose
Mental health	SB 0224 relative to conversion therapy seeking to change a person's sexual orientation. Sen. Fuller Clark	H-HHS	Retained in committee		Support
Misc	<u>HB 0295</u> relative to medical payments coverage under motor vehicle liability. Rep. Theberge	H-COM	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Support
Misc	HB 0329 establishing a committee to study balance billing and authorizing municipal ratification of	S-HHS	4/21 signed by Governor; Chapter 20; effective 4/21/17	*	Monitor

	certain meetings and elections (new title). Rep. Luneau				
Misc	<u>HB 0407</u> requiring workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for exposure. Rep. White	H-LAB	6/20 at 10 work session on retained bill		Monitor
Misc	HB 0416 relative to visual acuity requirements for drivers' licenses. Rep. W Marsh	H-TRAN	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar		Support
Misc	HB 0422 repealing the child protection act. Rep. Brewster	H-CFL	2/15 killed in House via consent calendar		Oppose
Misc	HB 0450 relative to the membership of the New Hampshire Commission on Deafness and Hearing Loss. Rep. Porter	S-HHS	4/25 signed by Governor; Chapter 26; effective 4/25/17		Monitor
Misc	HB 0455 relative to the practices of pharmacy benefit managers. Rep. Hennessey	S-COM	7/11 became law without signature; Chapter 223; multiple effective dates	*	Monitor
Misc	<u>HB 0510</u> relative to medical insurance covering automobiles. Rep. Lisle	H-COM	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Support
Misc	HB 0526 relative to rules relating to prison rehabilitation programs and inmate health. Rep. P Schmidt	H-CRIM	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar		Monitor
Misc	HB 0566 repealing the community revitalization tax relief incentive. Rep. Bean	H-W&M	2/16 killed in House		Monitor
Misc	HB 0636 establishing a Department of Veteran's Affairs. Rep. Ober	H-SFR	Retained in committee		Monitor
Misc	HB 0649 making emergency technicians and rescue squad members eligible for a death benefit if killed in the line of duty. Rep. Proulx	S-FIN	5/18 laid on table in Senate by roll call 12-10 (committee voted 3-2 to recommend the bill be killed)		Monitor
Misc	<u>HB 620</u> relative to compliance with state and federal	COC	6/22 killed in Senate (committee of		Monitor

	education mandates and relative to school accreditation for the 2017-2018 school year (new title). Rep. Ladd		conference report failed)		
Misc	<u>SB 0061</u> relative to medical records of a deceased spouse or next of kin. Sen. D'Allesandro	H-HHS	Signed by Governor 6/8; Chapter 108; effective 1/1/18	*	Monitor
Misc	<u>SB 0064</u> establishing a committee to study medication synchronization. Sen. Carson	H-HHS	4/17 signed by Governor; Chapter 19; effective 4/17/17		Support
Misc	<u>SB 0149</u> authorizing individuals and certain businesses to purchase health insurance from out-of- state companies. Sen. Sanborn	S-HHS	3/16 laid on table in Senate (passed Senate with amendment by roll call 14-9 (pending motion is third reading)		Monitor
Public health	CACR 0002 providing that children have a natural right to be protected by their parents. Rep. Itse	H-CFL	3/9 laid on table in House (committee voted 12-0 to recommend the bill be killed)		Oppose
Public health	<u>HB 0119</u> making appropriations to the Department of Environmental Services for the purpose of funding eligible drinking water and wastewater projects under the state aid grant program. Rep. Buco	H-FIN	2/2 killed in House		Monitor
Public health	HB 0200 relative to Food and Drug Administration approval of medication, equipment, and therapies. Rep. Hoell	H-HHS	1/26 killed in House via consent calendar		Monitor
Public health	<u>HB 0214</u> repealing prohibitions on electronic device usage while driving. Rep. Schleien	H-TRAN	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Oppose
Public health	HB 0227 relative to after market tinting on side windows. Rep. R Smith	H-TRAN	2/16 killed in House by roll call 219-109	*	Monitor
Public health	HB 0237 establishing a committee to study helmet and restraint laws for youth operators and passengers of OHRVs and snowmobiles, and relative to a trail	COC	7/18 signed by Governor; Chapter 236; effective 7/18/17	*	Support

	connector in the town of Henniker (new title). Rep. S Smith				
Public health	HB 0269 establishing a committee to study ways to educate New Hampshire families about lung cancer risks. Rep. McBeath	H-HHS	1/26 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Monitor
Public health	HB 0287 establishing a committee to study decriminalizing sex work. Rep. Edwards	H-CRIM	9/5 at 10 work session on retained bill		Monitor
Public health	HB 0291 removing veterinarians from the requirement of adopting rules for prescribing opioids and querying the controlled drug prescription health and safety program (new title). Rep. McGuire	S-HHS	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter 128; effective 8/15/17		Monitor
Public health	HB 0315 relative to persons who may accompany a youth operator of an OHRV (new title). Rep. S Smith	COC	6/22 killed in Senate (committee of conference report failed by roll call 3-20)		Monitor
Public health	<u>HB 0399</u> relative to pesticide use and notification in places where children play. Rep. McConnell	H-ENV	Retained in committee		Monitor
Public health	HB 0431 establishing a commission to study long term goals and requirements for drinking water in the Seacoast area. Rep. Messmer	S-ENR	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter 138; multiple effective dates		Monitor
Public health	HB 0484 establishing a commission on the Seacoast cancer cluster investigation. Rep. Messmer	S-HHS	7/5 signed by Governor; Chapter 197; multiple effective dates	*	Monitor
Public health	<u>HB 0485</u> relative to standards for emerging contaminants in drinking water. Rep. Messmer	H-FIN	Retained in committee	*	Monitor
Public health	<u>HB 0487</u> relative to equipment waivers for persons with disabilities. Rep. R. Smith	H-TRAN	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Oppose
Public health	HB 0511 establishing a commission to study environmentally triggered chronic illness (new title).	S-HHS	6/28 signed by Governor; Chapter 166; multiple effective dates	*	Monitor

	Rep. Messmer				
Public health	HB 0554 relative to the assessment of deaf and hard- of-hearing children. Rep. Porter	H-EDU	2/15 killed in House		Monitor
Public health	HB 0585 abolishing fluoridation in water. Rep. Fraser	H-MCG	3/9 laid on table in House (committee voted 19-1 to recommend the bill be killed); 3/23 attempt to remove from table failed by division vote 78-267	*	Oppose
Public health	<u>HB 0630</u> relative to the establishment of a publicly transparent interdepartmental health information and analysis program and establishing a special fund. Rep. S Schmidt	H-HHS	Retained in committee		Monitor
Public health	SB 0023 legalizing firecrackers. Sen. Avard	H-CRIM	Signed by Governor 6/2; Chapter 79; effective 6/2/17	*	Oppose
Public health	<u>SB 0043</u> relative to non-academic surveys, questionnaires, or evaluations administered by a public school to its students (new title). Sen. Avard	COC	7/18 signed by Governor; Chapter 251; effective 9/16/17		Monitor
Public health	<u>SB 0057</u> making appropriations to DES for purposes of funding eligible drinking and wastewater projects under the state aid grant program and making an appropriation from the drinking and groundwater trust fund to address contamination in Amherst (new title). Sen. Bradley	H-FIN	7/10 signed by Governor; Chapter 207; multiple effective dates		Monitor
Public health	SB 0153 making an appropriation for early childhood intervention services. Sen. Woodburn	S-FIN	3/9 laid on table in Senate (passed Senate; pending motion is third reading)		Monitor
Public health	<u>SB 0222</u> relative to the New Hampshire birth conditions program and relative to the administration	H-HHS	5/9 signed by Governor; Chapter 42; effective 5/9/17	*	Support

	of certain prescription medication for treatment of a communicable disease (new title). Sen. Carson				
Public health	<u>SB 0247</u> preventing childhood lead poisoning from paint and water and making an appropriation to a special fund. Sen. Feltes	H-FIN	Retained in committee		Support
Reproductive health	<u>HB 0156</u> including a fetus in the definition of "another" for purposes of certain criminal offenses. Rep. Notter	H-CRIM	5/23 at 11:30 full committee work session on retained bill		Oppose
Reproductive health	<u>HB 0264</u> establishing a commission to study allowing pharmacists to prescribe or make available via protocol oral contraceptives and certain related medications (new title). Rep. Murphy	S-HHS	4/25 signed by Governor; Chapter 23; multiple effective dates	*	Support
Reproductive health	<u>HB 0471</u> relative to induced termination of pregnancy statistics. Rep. Souza	H-HHS	Retained in committee	*	Oppose
Reproductive health	HB 0578 relative to banning abortion after viability. Rep. Murphy	H-JUD	3/9 laid on table in House by division vote 280-82 (committee amendment failed by roll call 170- 189)	*	Oppose
Reproductive health	<u>HB 0589</u> repealing the law relative to providing certain parameters for access to reproductive health care facilities. Rep. Wuelper	H-JUD	3/9 killed in House by roll call 191- 165		Monitor
Reproductive health	<u>SB 0062</u> relative to rulemaking of the midwifery council on the scope of practice. Sen Avard	S-HHS	2/9 killed in Senate via consent calendar	*	Oppose
Reproductive health	<u>SB 0066</u> including a fetus in the definition of "another" for purposes of certain criminal offenses (new title). Sen. Birdsell	H-CRIM	6/30 signed by Governor; Chapter 188; effective 1/1/18	*	Oppose
Reproductive health	<u>SB 0154</u> making oral contraceptives available without a prescription. Sen. Sanborn	S-HHS	Re-referred to committee	*	Support

SUD	HB 0151 relative to industrial hemp as a controlled substance. Rep. Itse	S-JUD	Re-referred to committee		Monitor
SUD	<u>HB 0153</u> requiring a manslaughter charge for heroin and fentanyl dealers when the user dies. Rep. Elliott	H-CRIM	1/26 killed in House via consent calendar		Monitor
SUD	HB 0157 adding chronic pain to qualifying conditions under therapeutic use of cannabis. Rep. Schleien	S-HHS	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter 125; effective 8/15/17	*	Oppose
SUD	HB 0158 adding opioid addiction to qualifying medical conditions under therapeutic use of cannabis. Rep. Schleien	H-HHS	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Oppose
SUD	HB 0159 adding fibromyalgia to qualifying medical conditions under therapeutic use of cannabis. Rep. Schleien	H-HHS	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Oppose
SUD	HB 0160 relative to use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes (new title). Rep. Schleien	S-HHS	6/28 signed by Governor; Chapter 158; effective 8/27/17	*	Oppose
SUD	HB 0197 adding myelitis disorder or disease to the definition of "qualifying medical condition" for the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes. Rep. Cushing	H-HHS	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Oppose
SUD	HB 0215 establishing a commission to study the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana. Rep. Cushing	COC	7/18 signed by Governor; Chapter 235; multiple effective dates	*	Monitor
SUD	HB 0222 relative to the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes. Rep. Stone	H-HHS	3/8 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Oppose
SUD	HB 0377 relative to marijuana sales. Rep. Hunt	H-COM	Retained in committee		Monitor
SUD	HB 0472 permitting qualifying patients to cultivate cannabis for their own therapeutic use. Rep. Cushing	S-HHS	Re-referred to committee	*	Monitor

SUD	HB 0528 establishing a municipal opioid reversal agent bulk purchase fund. Rep. Massimilla	H-HHS	2/15 killed in House via consent calendar		Monitor
SUD	HB 0550 establishing a controlled drug scientific review board. Rep. Ammon	H-HHS	2/15 killed in House via consent calendar		Monitor
SUD	HB 0575 relative to the certification of acupuncture detoxification specialists. Rep. Backus	COC	7/18 signed by Governor; Chapter 246; effective 7/1/17		Monitor
SUD	HB 0601 relative to referral to the Sununu Youth Service Center of youths administered Narcan by a first responder for a heroin overdose. Rep. Elliott	H-HHS	2/15 killed in House via consent calendar		Monitor
SUD	HB 0610 implementing needle exchange programs in New Hampshire. Rep. Avellani	H-HHS	Retained in committee	*	Support
SUD	HB 0640 relative to the penalties for possession of marijuana. Rep. Cushing	S-JUD	7/18 signed by Governor; Chapter 248; effective 9/16/17		Monitor
SUD	HB 0656 relative to the legalization and regulation of marijuana. Rep. Aldrich	H-CRIM	5/23 at 11:30 full committee work session on retained bill		Monitor
SUD	SB 0015 relative to the law regarding therapeutic use of cannabis. Sen. Reagan	H-HHS	5/4 laid on table in House (previously passed, then reconsidered and tabled)	*	Oppose
SUD	SB 0017 relative to treatment for hepatitis C under the law relative to the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes. Sen. Reagan	H-HHS	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter 146; effective 6/16/17	*	Oppose
SUD	SB 0026 relative to the definition of "facility caregivers" under the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes law. Sen. Reagan	H-HHS	5/12 signed by Governor; Chapter 47; effective 7/11/17	*	Oppose
SUD	SB 0144 relative to qualifying medical conditions for the therapeutic use of cannabis and relative to registry identification cards (new title). Sen. Reagan	HOUSE	6/1 killed in House (House refused to accede to request for committee of conference)	*	Oppose

SUD	SB 0159 relative to qualifying medical conditions for the purposes of therapeutic cannabis. Sen. Feltes	H-HHS	6/1 killed in House via consent calendar	*	Oppose
SUD	SB 0233 relative to the legalization and regulation of marijuana and establishing a committee to study the legalization of marijuana. Sen. Woodburn	S-JUD	3/16 killed in Senate by roll call 19- 4 (Sen. McGilvray absent)	*	Monitor
SUD	SB 0234 relative to hypodermic syringes and needles containing residual amounts of controlled drugs and authorizing the operation of syringe exchange programs in New Hampshire. Sen. Gray	H-HHS	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter 117; effective 6/16/17	*	Support
Vaccines	HB 0361 relative to the authority of the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services relative to certain vaccine requirements. Rep. Fraser	H-HHS	3/8 killed in House by roll call 244- 96	*	Oppose
Vaccines	HB 0362 prohibiting certain immunization requirements for non-communicable diseases. Rep. Fraser	S-HHS	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter 137; effective 8/15/17	*	Support
Vaccines	SB 0065 relative to vaccines administered by pharmacists. Sen. Giuda	H-HHS	6/16 signed by Governor; Chapter 149; multiple effective dates	*	Oppose
Vaccines	SB 0150 relative to pharmacist administration of vaccines. Sen. Soucy	H-HHS	5/12 signed by Governor; Chapter 51; effective 7/11/17		Monitor