

HB 604 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **604**

AN ACT establishing a commission to assess benefits and costs of a "health care for all" program for New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3; Rep. Nutting, Hills. 32; Rep. Woods, Merr. 23; Rep. Fothergill, Coos 1; Rep. Buchanan, Merr. 15; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the benefits and cost of a "health care for all" program for New Hampshire.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

1 (8) One member representing the private health insurance industry in New
2 Hampshire, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

3 (9) A representative of the University of New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy
4 and Practice, appointed by the institute.

5 (10) A representative of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire,
6 appointed by the association.

7 (11) A representative of organized labor, appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives.

9 (12) A representative of the New Hampshire chapter of the Physicians for a
10 National Health Program, appointed by the organization.

11 (13) A representative of the New Hampshire Council of Churches, appointed by the
12 council.

13 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
14 when attending to the duties of the commission.

15 II.(a) The commission shall review the costs and benefits of establishing a comprehensive
16 publicly funded program of health insurance to cover all residents of New Hampshire. The
17 commission's study shall include, but not be limited to:

18 (1) How such a system would affect the number of citizens who are protected with
19 insurance.

20 (2) The impact on the state budget of a system that funnels all health care money
21 through a single pipeline.

22 (3) The amount of money which would be saved for employers and state residents by
23 such a publicly funded system.

24 (4) How a publicly funded system would improve targeted health indicators for New
25 Hampshire such as cancer deaths and drug-related deaths.

26 (5) Other issues that would be related to a single pipeline system.

27 (b) The commission may solicit input from any person or entity the commission deems
28 relevant to its study.

29 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
30 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first
31 meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Nine
32 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

33 IV. The commission shall make an interim report with its findings and any
34 recommendations for proposed legislation on or before November 1, 2019 and a final report on
35 November 1, 2020 to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the
36 house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library.

37 3 Repeal. RSA 126-A:78, relative to a commission to study developing a "health care for all"
38 program for all residents of New Hampshire, is repealed.

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- 1 4 Effective Date.
- 2 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2020
- 3 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.