

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Friday, March 13, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services
to which was referred **SB 613**

AN ACT relative to licensing requirements for health care
 facilities established within a 15 mile radius of a
 critical access hospital.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

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BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-1177s

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For the Committee

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