

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **SB 462**

AN ACT

relative to the right of therapeutic cannabis patients to purchase, possess, and transfer firearms in accordance with state law.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

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For the Committee

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