

HB 357 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **357**

AN ACT relative to the department of health and human services' rulemaking authority regarding immunization requirements.

SPONSORS: Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33; Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. DeVito, Rock. 8

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill limits childhood immunization requirements to diseases identified in statute. The bill removes the authority of the commissioner of health and human services to adopt rules requiring immunization for additional childhood diseases.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Communicable Disease; Immunization. Amend RSA 141-C:20-a, I to read as follows:

2 I. All parents or legal guardians shall have their children, who are residing in this state,
3 immunized against ~~[certain diseases. These diseases shall include, but not be limited to,]~~
4 diphtheria, mumps, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola, and tetanus. ~~[The commissioner shall~~
5 ~~adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to other diseases which require immunization.]~~ ***The rules***
6 ***adopted by the commissioner requiring varicella, Hepatitis B, and Haemophilus influenzae***
7 ***type B (Hib) vaccinations shall remain in effect until their regular expiration date of June***
8 ***30, 2026.***

9 2 Repeal. RSA 141-C:6, XIII, relative to rulemaking for other communicable diseases under
10 RSA 141-C:20-a, I.

11 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.