

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, April 17, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 405**

AN ACT

establishing a commission to study human
trafficking within illicit massage businesses and
relative to prostitution and related offenses.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

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For the Committee

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