

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Friday, April 25, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **HB 358**

AN ACT

relative to exemption from immunization
requirements on the basis of religious belief.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2025-1753s

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For the Committee

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