

Senate Transportation Committee

Vivian Hall 271-3091

HB 632, permitting health care providers affiliated with the Veterans Administration to certify medical accommodations on behalf of veterans residing in New Hampshire.

Hearing Date: April 8, 2025

Time Opened: 1:30 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:35 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Ricciardi, McConkey, Ward, Fenton and Prentiss

Bill Analysis: This bill allows health care providers licensed in another state and affiliated with the VA to certify medical accommodations for motor vehicle equipment.

Sponsors:

Rep. Giasson

Rep. Fracht

Rep. Read

Rep. Scully

Rep. Berry

Rep. Seidel

Rep. Reinfurt

Rep. Long

Rep. Mazur

Sen. Murphy

Sen. Prentiss

Who supports the bill: Representatives Henry Giasson and Janet Lucas; Christopher Derry; Jeremy Olson; Steve Zemanek; Derek Verbrugge; and Simon Berrio.

Who opposes the bill: Sally Hoover and Saralynn Williams.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Henry Giasson

- This bill would allow Veterans' Affairs health care providers to write for medical accommodation and equipment within the state of New Hampshire.
- Rep. Giasson stated the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules created a law that defined who can provide medical equipment exceptions as an individual to be certified in New Hampshire as a licensed health care provider.
- The unintended consequence of this was the new law disqualified most of the Veterans Affairs health care providers because most of them are licensed in other states.
- Disabled veterans must find a separate, New Hampshire certified health care provider to receive or renew medical accommodation.

- He mentioned that veterans have been discussing filing an American with Disabilities Act lawsuit against New Hampshire for non-compliance.

Christopher Derry

- Mr. Derry stated he is a twenty-five-year veteran, and his medical accommodation was approved when he applied in 2021.
- Due to the new legislation, he was disapproved in 2023.
- He reiterated that disabled veterans are disproportionately affected by this law.

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