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HOUSE BILL ***1013***

AN ACT relative to meetings of the New Hampshire rare disease advisory council.

SPONSORS: Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. Woods, Merr. 23; Rep. Deshaies, Carr. 6; Rep. Weber, Ches. 1; Rep. Simpson, Rock. 36; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the New Hampshire rare disease advisory council to meet remotely.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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

1 New Paragraph; New Hampshire Rare Disease Advisory Council; Remote Meetings Authorized. Amend RSA 126-A:79 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. As many people with rare diseases, including several members of this council, are immunocompromised due either to their disease or their treatment, notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, the rare disease advisory council is authorized to meet remotely.

(a) If a physical location is provided for a meeting, provision also shall be made to access the meeting telephonically and additional access may be provided by video or other electronic means.

(b) If a meeting has no physical location, public access shall be provided to the public by telephone, and additional access may be provided by video or other electronic means.

(c) Whether or not a meeting has a physical location, public notice of the meeting, with all information necessary to access the meeting telephonically and by other means, shall be provided pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, II. The meeting shall be adjourned if the public is unable to access the meeting.

(d) Each member participating electronically or otherwise shall be able to simultaneously hear each other and speak to each other during the meeting, and shall be audible or otherwise discernable to the public in attendance at the meeting's location, if the meeting has a physical location. Any member participating in such fashion shall identify the location from which the person is participating and the persons present in the location from which the member is participating. No meeting shall be conducted by electronic mail or any other form of communication, including an online chat function, that does not permit the public to hear, read, or otherwise discern meeting discussion contemporaneously at the meeting location specified in the meeting notice.

(e) A member participating in a meeting by the means described in this paragraph is deemed to be present at the meeting for purposes of voting. All votes taken during such a meeting shall be by roll call vote.

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