

HB 1271 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1271**

AN ACT limiting the authority of the department of health and human services to mandate vaccinations; and relative to quarantine costs.

SPONSORS: Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 4; Rep. Silber, Belk. 2; Rep. Johnson, Belk. 3

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that any immunization requirement established by the commissioner of health and human services shall require a two thirds vote of the legislature that such action is a necessary and appropriate response to the virus. The bill also repeals the requirement that the owner is responsible for the cost of quarantine for cargo and commodities.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Public Health Emergency Management Powers. Amend RSA 21-P:53, V to read as follows:

2 V. The commissioner may order a person to undergo such medical care as may be necessary
3 to treat or prevent an incident or threat of disease or other health condition prompting an
4 investigation pursuant to paragraph IV. Such care may include immunization of individuals as
5 necessary to prevent the spread of contagious disease, ~~[except that]~~ ***provided that any***
6 ***immunization requirement shall require a two thirds vote of the legislature that such***
7 ***action is a necessary and appropriate response and provided further that*** an individual may
8 refuse treatment or immunization pursuant to the provisions of RSA 141-C:15, VI.

9 2 Repeal. RSA 141-C:15, V, relative to the cost for maintenance of quarantine, is repealed.

10 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.