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SENATE BILL ***154***

AN ACT making oral contraceptives available without a prescription.

SPONSORS: Sen. Sanborn, Dist 9; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5; Sen. Innis, Dist 24; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill allows pharmacies to dispense oral contraceptives to persons 18 years of age or older without a prescription.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

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

1 New Section; Pharmacies; Oral Contraceptives. Amend RSA 318 by inserting after section 47-j the following new section:

318:47-k Pharmacies; Oral Contraceptives.

I. Pharmacies, including mail-order pharmacies, may dispense oral contraceptives to persons 18 years of age or older without a prescription after an initial consultation with a licensed or certified health care provider. Such products shall only be dispensed by pharmacy employees, and shall not be accessible by the public without the assistance of a pharmacy employee. The package shall be labeled as follows: "WARNING: Use of oral contraceptives carries the risk of side effects. Consult your physician before use."

II. In this section, "oral contraceptive" means medication taken by mouth for the purpose of birth control such as pills containing estrogen or progesterone.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018.