

Amendment to HB 490

1 Amend RSA 141-C:6-a, II(a)(3) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 (3) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the
4 society.

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6 Amend RSA 141-C:6-a, II(a) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (7)
7 the following new subparagraphs:

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9 (8) A physician specializing in neurology, rheumatology, or later-stage tick-borne
10 infection treatment specialist, appointed by the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA).

11 (9) A tick-borne disease expert, appointed by the SOLO Wilderness Medicine School.

12 (10) A nurse practitioner or a representative of the New Hampshire Nurse
13 Practitioner Association, appointed by the association.

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15 Amend RSA 141-C:6-a, III-V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

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17 III. The commission shall:

18 (a) Consider expert studies and testimony on the role of clinical diagnosis, the
19 limitations of serological diagnostic tests, and the complexities presented by co-infections relating to
20 symptomology, diagnosis, and treatment in determining the presence or absence of Lyme and other
21 tick-borne diseases, including at a minimum testing methods recommended respectively by IDSA,
22 ILADS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Tick-Borne Disease Working
23 Group (TBDWG) established under the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016.

24 (b) Consider and make recommendations relative to appropriate methods to educate the
25 medical profession and the public on the inconclusive nature of currently prevailing methods of
26 diagnosing Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

27 (c) Consider the newly proposed recommendations on tick-borne illness by the Centers
28 for Disease Control and Prevention.

29 (d) Recommend legislation that the commission deems appropriate to address the rising
30 incidence of chronic Lyme and other tick-borne diseases in New Hampshire.

31 IV. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member,
32 who shall serve as chairperson of the commission. The first meeting of the commission shall be held

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1 within 45 days of the effective date of this section. The commission shall meet as often as necessary,
2 but no less often than monthly, and shall hear testimony from patients treated for chronic Lyme and
3 other tick-borne diseases, medical practitioners licensed in New Hampshire or other states who
4 diagnose and treat chronic Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, and academic and professional
5 experts experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of such diseases. Six members of the
6 commission shall constitute a quorum.

7 V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
8 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
9 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2021.

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11 Amend paragraph I of section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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13 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2021.