

Amendment to SB 197

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by
4 general court.
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6 Amend RSA 125:13-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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8 125:13-a Health Service Room.

9 **I.** The ~~[legislative facilities committee]~~ **general court** shall equip and maintain a health
10 service room in such location in the state house as may be assigned for such purpose. Said room
11 shall be staffed by a licensed registered nurse employed **or contracted** by the ~~[legislative facilities~~
12 ~~committee]~~ **general court**, and the room shall be kept open ~~[at all times when the state house is~~
13 ~~open for business]~~ **as directed by the chief operating officer of the general court.** The expense
14 of the health service room, including a contract nurse, shall be a charge upon the joint expenses
15 appropriation to the general court. ~~[The department of health and human services may, in the event~~
16 ~~of the absence of the employed nurse, provide from its staff a licensed registered nurse on a~~
17 ~~temporary basis. The department of health and human services is further authorized, in the event~~
18 ~~the department cannot provide a licensed registered nurse, to negotiate a contract for the legislative~~
19 ~~facilities committee with a nursing service for the purpose of staffing the health service room in the~~
20 ~~event of an absence of the employed nurse. The daily coordination of the contract nurse shall be~~
21 ~~accomplished jointly with the house chief of staff and the department of health and human services.~~
22 ~~The commissioner]~~ **The chief medical officer** of the department of health and human services
23 ~~[shall provide medical supervision for the employed nurse, for any temporarily assigned nurse and, if~~
24 ~~necessary, for any contracted nursing service]~~ **may provide standing orders for medications**
25 **requiring a prescription for the employed or contracted nurse. The licensed registered**
26 **nurse employed or contracted under this section shall act within the scope of his or her**
27 **practice under RSA 326-B.**

28 **II.** **The chief medical officer of the department of health and human services, acting**
29 **in good faith and with reasonable care, in issuing a standing order, shall not be subject to**
30 **any criminal or civil liability, or any professional disciplinary action, for any action**
31 **authorized by this section or any outcome resulting from an action authorized by this**
32 **section.**