

HB 584-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

584-FN

AN ACT

relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. Sabourin, Rock. 30

COMMITTEE:

Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Provides that the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Economic Forum shall have no jurisdiction in New Hampshire.

II. Removes a reference to medical schools recognized by the World Health Organization and replaces it with a reference to the World Directory of Medical Schools.

III. Creates a cause of action against counties, cities, towns, precincts, water districts, school districts, school administrative units, or quasi-public entities who create and enforce policies based on the claims of the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Economic Forum.

IV. Provides that in a claim against the state or a local government agency for enforcing policies or directives of the World Health Organization, the United Nations, or the World Economic Forum, the limits of awards under RSA 541-B shall apply and shall not be increased by the proceeds of an insurance policy held by such entity.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty.

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

1 1 World Health Organization, United Nations, and World Economic Forum; Jurisdiction. The
2 World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Economic Forum shall have no
3 jurisdiction or power within the state of New Hampshire. No rule, regulation, fee, tax, policy, or
4 mandate of any kind of the World Health Organization, United Nations, and the World Economic
5 Forum shall be enforced or implemented by the state of New Hampshire and it's political
6 subdivisions, including, but not limited to, counties, cities, towns, precincts, water districts, school
7 districts, school administrative units, or quasi-public entities.

8 2 Qualifications for Licenses; UNWHO Removed. Amend RSA 329:12, I(d)(4) to read as follows:

9 (4) Has studied the treatment of human ailments in a medical school maintaining at
10 the time of such studies a standard satisfactory to the Accreditation Council for Medical Education
11 and has graduated from such school or has studied medicine in a medical school located outside the
12 United States which is recognized by the [~~United Nations World Health Organization (UNWHO)~~]
13 **World Directory of Medical Schools** and had such studies confirmed by Educational Commission
14 for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) Certification;

15 3 New Section; Claims Arising from Government Entities Enforcing Mandates of the World
16 Health Organization, the United Nations, or the World Economic Forum. Amend RSA 541-B by
17 inserting after section 21-a the following new section:

18 541-B:21-b Claims Arising from the Government Entities Enforcing Mandates of the World
19 Health Organization, the United Nations, or the World Economic Forum.

20 I. Without otherwise limiting or defining the sovereign immunity of the state and its
21 agencies, this chapter shall apply to all claims against any counties, cities, towns, precincts, water
22 districts, school districts, school administrative units, or quasi-public entities or any employee,
23 trustee, or director of such when acting in the scope of such person's elected or appointed capacity,
24 who enforces policies, mandates, orders, requirements, edicts, or directives of the World Health
25 Organization, the United Nations, or the World Economic Forum.

26 II. The limitations on awards provided in RSA 541-B:14 shall not be increased by the
27 proceeds from any insurance policy procured by a nonprofit entity, or any employee of such entity,
28 included under RSA 541-B:21-b, I.

29 4 Definitions; Foreign Pharmacy Graduate. Amend RSA 318:1, VI-c to read as follows:

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1 VI-c. "Foreign pharmacy graduate" is a pharmacist whose undergraduate pharmacy degree
2 was conferred outside the United States by a pharmacy school, ***notwithstanding RSA 541-B:21-b,***
3 listed in the World Directory of Schools of Pharmacy published by the World Health Organization.

4 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 584-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	Superior Court fee revenue			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund, fee revenue			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes that certain world organizations shall have no jurisdiction in New Hampshire. In addition, the bill creates a private cause of action against municipalities and other public or quasi-public entities who violate the bill's provisions. While it is unclear how many cases may be brought as a result of the bill, the Judicial Branch has provided the following cost information with respect to civil cases and related fees:

Judicial Branch Average Civil Case Estimates	FY 2025	FY 2026
Superior Court Complex Civil Case	\$1,430	\$1,473
Superior Court Routine Civil Case	\$535	\$552

Common Superior Court Civil Case Fees	As of 2/12/2020
Original Entry Fee	\$280
Third-Party Claim	\$280
Motion to Reopen	\$160

The full fee schedule can be found at the link below::

https://www.courts.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt471/files/documents/2021-06/filing_fees_superior.pdf

The fiscal impact of any such cases on local governments is also indeterminable.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch