

**SB 248 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES**

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL        **248**

AN ACT            establishing a committee to study palliative and hospice care in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Rep. Farrington,  
Straf. 8; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34

COMMITTEE:      Health and Human Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study palliative and hospice care in New Hampshire.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study palliative and hospice care in New Hampshire.

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

1            1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study palliative and hospice care  
2 in New Hampshire.

3            2 Membership and Compensation.

4            I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5            (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
6 house of representatives.

7            (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8            II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
9 the duties of the committee.

10          3 Duties. The committee shall study palliative and hospice care in New Hampshire. The  
11 committee shall evaluate the availability of and any barriers to access to palliative and hospice care  
12 services in New Hampshire. The scope of the committee's review shall include, but not be limited to,  
13 palliative and hospice care for people with disabilities, recipients of long term care services, people  
14 with dementia, and veterans.

15          4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
16 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate  
17 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
18 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

19          5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
20 legislation to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the  
21 house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.

22          6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.