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SENATE BILL ***118-FN***

AN ACT relative to the personal needs allowance of residents of nursing homes; making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility staff; establishing the Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility capital investment fund; and permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Rep. Weber, Ches. 5; Rep. W. MacDonald, Rock. 16

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Adjusts the personal needs allowance for nursing home residents to reflect social security increases on an annual basis rather than the current 5-year adjustment.

II. Makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to fund certain leave accrual and retention payments for temporary classified staff positions at the Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility.

III. Establishes the Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility capital investment fund and provides that all revenue collected by the department of health and human services from the operations transfer and asset purchase agreements approved by the governor and council on December 18, 2024, be deposited in the fund.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 295:1 Personal Needs Allowance of Residents of Nursing Homes. Amend RSA 167:27-a, II to read
2 as follows:

3 II. Every [~~5-years~~] **year**, the commissioner shall make the adjustment for cost of living increases
4 in the personal needs allowance to reflect social security increases.

5 295:2 Department of Health and Human Services; Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment
6 Facility Staff Transitioning; Certain Leave Accrual and Supplemental Payments; Supplemental
7 Appropriation. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the sum of \$160,000 for the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the
9 purposes of making certain leave accrual payments to temporary classified positions and any applicable
10 bonus or retention payments prorated to the time worked in state service as part of staff transition at
11 Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility. This appropriation shall be nonlapsing and limited
12 to the purposes of this section. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any
13 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

14 295:3 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Hampstead Hospital and
15 Residential Treatment Facility; Establishing Fund. Amend RSA 126-A:5, by inserting after paragraph
16 XXXVI the following new paragraph:

17 XXXVII. There is hereby established the Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility
18 capital investment fund. The department shall deposit revenue received through leasing Hampstead
19 hospital and residential treatment facility or any other administrative activities into the fund. For the
20 biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department shall deposit all revenue into the fund. In the event that
21 such revenue exceeds \$3,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department shall provide a
22 report to the fiscal committee of the general court identifying the total amount. The fund shall be
23 nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of supporting required
24 capital investments and ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the campus at Hampstead hospital and
25 residential treatment facility and may not be transferred or used for any other purpose.

26 295:4 Department of Health and Human Services; Carryforward. For the biennium ending June 30,
27 2025, all revenue collected by the department of health and human service derived from the operations

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1 transfer and asset purchase agreement, lease agreement, and transition services agreement, approved
2 by the governor and executive council on December 18, 2024, shall be deposited into the Hampstead
3 hospital and residential treatment fund.

4 295:5 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment
5 Facility Capital Investment Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the
6 following new subparagraph:

7 (400) Moneys deposited in the Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility
8 capital investment fund as established in RSA 126-A:5, XXXVII.

9 295:6 Effective Date.

10 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

11 II. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

12 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

Approved: August 01, 2025

Effective Date:

I. Section 1 effective January 1, 2026

II. Section 2 effective July 1, 2025

III. Remainder effective June 30, 2025

