

Floor Amendment to HB 392-FN

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

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3 AN ACT directing the dissolution of the department of health and human services' office of
4 health access and the department of environmental services' functions for
5 environmental justice.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 Directive; Department of Health and Human Services; Office of Health Access. The
10 department of health and human services is hereby directed to dissolve the office currently known as
11 the office of health access (formerly the office of health equity), and is prohibited from using any
12 allocated moneys for any project labeled as "health equity." Notwithstanding the dissolution
13 required by this section, the following functions shall be transferred to other appropriate divisions or
14 offices within the department and shall be preserved:

15 I. Provision of language access services and accommodations for individuals with
16 disabilities, limited English proficiency, or sensory impairments, as required for compliance with
17 federal civil rights laws.

18 II. Neutral community engagement to identify barriers to health services, provided no such
19 engagement occurs on the basis of any category or process prohibited elsewhere by law.

20 III. Any other service required for compliance with federal laws.

21 IV. Any program strictly tailored to improving health access in rural areas.

22 2 Directive; Department of Environmental Services; Environmental Justice Programs. The
23 department of environmental services is hereby prohibited from the use of any allocated moneys for
24 those projects labeled "environmental justice."

25 3 Compensation of Certain State Officers; Salaries Established; Position Deleted. Amend RSA
26 94:1-a, I(b) by deleting the following:

27 FF Department of health and human services director of the office of health equity

28 4 Repeal. RSA 126-A:88, I(hh), relative to the director of the office of health equity membership
29 on the state health assessment and state health improvement plan advisory council, is repealed.

30 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the dissolution of the department of health and human services' office of health access and the department of environmental services' functions for environmental justice, and requires certain programs administered by the office of health access to be transferred to other divisions or offices.