

SB 422 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **422**

AN ACT relative to membership of the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. Nagel, Belk. 6; Rep. Edwards, Rock. 31

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill adds 2 public members to the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention, one with expertise in gaming addiction and one in long-term recovery. The bill also makes the representative of the state's faith-based community a voting member of the commission.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to membership of the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention.

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

1 1 Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention; Membership. Amend RSA  
2 12-J:1, I to read as follows:

3 I. [~~Seven~~] **Nine** public members, 2 of whom shall be professionals knowledgeable about  
4 alcohol and other drug misuse prevention, one of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one  
5 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president; 2 of whom shall be professionals knowledgeable  
6 about alcohol and other drug misuse treatment including reduction of societal and individual harm,  
7 one of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker  
8 of the house of representatives; 2 of whom shall be public members who are not professionals within  
9 the alcohol and drug misuse prevention and treatment system, one of whom shall be appointed by  
10 the senate president and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
11 representatives; **one member with expertise in gaming addiction, appointed by the governor,**  
12 and [~~one member~~] **2 members** in long-term recovery, appointed by the governor.

13 2 Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention; Membership. Amend RSA  
14 12-J:1, IV(b) to read as follows:

15 (b) A representative of the state's faith-based community, [~~who shall be a nonvoting~~  
16 ~~member,~~] appointed by the governor.

17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.