How Do I Read a NH Bill Draft?

Part I: Key Components

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HB 397 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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2023 SESSION

LSR # 23-0574
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Originating Chamber (House or Senate)

Bill number

HOUSE BILL ***397***

Title

AN ACT relative to the prohibition of the possession of hypodermic needles by minors.

SPONSORS: Rep. Phillips, Rock. 7; Rep. Yokela, Rock. 32; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. Love, Rock. 13; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17

(primary sponsor listed first)

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

Original committee bill was referred to

Analysis – a brief statement of what the bill does

ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the circumstances under which a minor may be in possession of a hypodermic needle or syringe.

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Statutory section (RSA section) and section heading

Example: Bill Section 1

Amending language is all language the box

Bill Section Number

1 Control or Possession of Hypodermic or Like Instruments Without Prescription Prohibited for Minors. Amend RSA 318:52-e to read as follows:

318:52-e Control or Possession of Hypodermic or Like Instruments Without Prescription Prohibited for Minors. No person under 18 years of age shall have under such person's control or possess a hypodermic syringe[~~,~~] ***or*** hypodermic needle, [~~or any instrument adapted for the administration of drugs by injection,~~] unless the person has received a written or oral prescription issued under RSA 318:52-c***, or the recipient is acting as an authorized agent for another as defined in RSA 318:42, I under direct supervision***. For the purpose of this subdivision, no such prescription shall be valid which has been outstanding for more than [~~one year~~] ***2 years***. ***Use of a hypodermic syringe or hypodermic needle contrary to the intent of the prescription is not permitted under this statute.***

Deleted language and punctuation is bracketed and struck through.
Added language and punctuation is bolded/italicized.

Bill Section Numbers

Example: Bill Sections 2 & 3

Amending language (all language in the box)

12 2 Sale of Hypodermic Syringes and Needles. Amend RSA 318:52-c, I to read as follows:

13 I. No person shall sell, furnish, or give to any person, under 18 years of age, an instrument
14 commonly known as a hypodermic syringe[~~,~~] ***or*** hypodermic needle[~~, or any instrument adapted for~~
15 ~~the administration of drugs by injection~~] without the written or oral prescription of a licensed
16 physician, physician assistant, dentist, veterinarian, podiatrist, or advanced practice registered
17 nurse***, unless the recipient is acting as an authorized agent for another as defined in RSA***
18 ***318:42***. Such prescription shall contain the name and address of the patient, the date of the
19 prescription, the description of the instrument prescribed, and the number of instruments
20 prescribed.

21 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

Effective dates are their own bill section

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Adding a New Chapter, Subdivision, Section, or Paragraph

When adding a brand-new chapter, subdivision, section, or paragraph, the amending language explains what is being added and where it will be inserted.

1 New Section; Apportionment, Assessment and Abatement of Taxes; Abatement. Amend RSA
2 76 by inserting after section 16-e the following new section:
3 76:16-f Abatement; Equalization of Market Value. If an abatement is granted under RSA 76:16,
4 RSA 76:16-a, or RSA 76:17, with a determination of market value, the market value of the property
5 for a given tax year shall be equalized by multiplying the market value of the property by the
6 previous tax year's median ratio as determined by the department of revenue administration under
7 RSA 21-J:3. The market value of the property shall be equalized at 100 percent in any tax year for
8 which the municipality conducts a full reassessment in accordance with RSA 75:1 and RSA 75:8-a.

We use regular text when we add a brand-new chapter, subdivision, section, or paragraph.

Now that you know the basic components of a NH bill draft, check out the next presentation in the series:

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Part II:

Amending Language

Thank you for asking. We're Glad You Asked!