

**Legislative Update
NH Pharmacists Association
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It is another busy session for pharmacy legislation here in the Granite State. Here are some of the top bills the Association is following:

Provider Status

HB 1600-FN-A - Relative to smoking cessation therapy and pharmacist reimbursement under Medicaid and making an appropriation therefor.

Sponsored by Rep. Marsh, this bill authorizes pharmacists to dispense smoking cessation therapy pursuant to a standing order from a physician or APRN and to be reimbursed under Med

***House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
Public Hearing was held on January 14, 2020***

Limited Immunity of Pharmacists

HB 1294 - Relative to the limited immunity of pharmacists.

Sponsored by Rep. Jess Edwards, this bill provides for limited immunity from civil liability in class action litigation for actions of pharmacists. A pharmacist acting in good faith and without gross negligence, shall not be subject to civil liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property in class action litigation where the pharmacist's only actions were in compliance with the laws and rules adopted by the board pertaining to the practice of pharmacy and in effect at the time the actions occurred.

***House Judiciary Committee
Public Hearing will be held on February 4, 2020***

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

HB 1332 – Relative to an electronic prescription drug program.

Sponsored by Rep. Gary Merchant, this bill requires electronic prescribing for controlled drugs under certain circumstances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no person shall issue a prescription for a controlled drug unless the prescription is made by electronic prescription from the person issuing the prescription to a pharmacy.

***House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
Public Hearing will be held on February 5, 2020***

Pharmacy Board Changes

HB 1536 – Relative to pharmacists-in-charge, the inspection and regulation of prescription drugs by the pharmacy board, and disciplinary actions by the pharmacy board.

Sponsored by Rep. Gary Merchant, this bill modifies the duties and responsibilities of a pharmacist-in-charge, clarifies the inspection services provided by the board of pharmacy, and repeals a provision on requirements for written orders for schedule II controlled drugs. The bill also adds disciplinary authority for the pharmacy board in the controlled drug act.

***House Executive Departments and Administration Committee
Public Hearing will be held on February 4, 2020***

Drug Take-Back Programs

HB 1223 – Relative to schedule I and unscheduled drug take-back programs.

Sponsored by Rep. Dolan, This bill authorizes municipalities, governmental entities, and private entities to establish take-back programs for schedule I and unscheduled drugs

***House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
Public Hearing was held on January 30, 2020***

HB 1610-FN – Establishing the manufacturer pharmaceutical drug take-back program.

Sponsored by Rep. Loughman, this bill establishes the manufacturer pharmaceutical drug take-back program. The department of health and human services shall operate the program and adopt rules for its administration. This bill would require manufacturers to pay for additional sites to drop off unwanted medication. This bill is based on the Washington state model.

***House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
Public Hearing was held on January 30, 2020***

Prescription Drug Prices

SB 685-FN – Establishing a wholesale prescription drug importation program.

Sponsored by Senator Dan Feltes and supported by Governor Sununu, this bill establishes a wholesale importation program for prescription drugs from Canada by or on behalf of the state. This bill requires the department of health and human services to design the program and obtain federal approval for the program.

This bill seeks to alleviate sky-rocketing health care costs in NH by importing prescription drugs from Canada.

***Senate Commerce Committee
Public Hearing was held on January 21, 2020***

