

Floor Amendment to HB 1273

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

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3 AN ACT relative to licensure of health care professionals employed at the Manchester Veterans  
4 Affairs Medical Center.  
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Licensure of Physicians; Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Suspension During  
9 Biennium. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 329, the requirements for licensure of certain  
10 physicians in New Hampshire employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at the  
11 Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center shall be suspended beginning on the effective date of  
12 this act and through the biennium ending June 30, 2019.

13 2 Licensure of Nurses; Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Suspension During  
14 Biennium. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 326-B, the requirements for licensure of certain  
15 nurses in New Hampshire employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at the  
16 Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center shall be suspended beginning on the effective date of  
17 this act and through the biennium ending June 30, 2019.

18 3 Licensure of Physicians Assistants; Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Suspension  
19 During Biennium. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 328-D, the requirements for licensure of  
20 certain physicians assistants in New Hampshire employed by the United States Department of  
21 Veterans Affairs at the Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center shall be suspended beginning  
22 on the effective date of this act and through the biennium ending June 30, 2019.

23 4 Applicability. The suspensions provided for in sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act shall only apply  
24 to those medical professionals employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at the  
25 Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), located at 718 Smyth Road in Manchester,  
26 provided that the medical professional:

27 I. Is acting within the scope of his or her employment at the Manchester VAMC; and  
28 II. Possesses a current license in good standing in his or her respective state or country of  
29 licensure; and

30 III. Is certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and maintains that  
31 certification; and

32 IV. Is credentialed by any medical facility licensed in New Hampshire.

33 5 State Veterans' Advisory Committee; Report. Amend RSA 115-A:8, III to read as follows:

34 III. The committee shall issue [~~biannual~~] **annual** reports of its actions, findings, and

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- 1 recommendations on [~~May~~] ***October*** 1 [~~and November 1~~] of each year to the speaker of the house,
- 2 the president of the senate, the governor and council, and all veterans' organizations in the state.
- 3       6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill suspends for the biennium ending June 30, 2019 licensure requirements for certain physicians, nurses, and physician assistants employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at the Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

This bill also changes the reporting date of the state veteran's advisory committee.