

Floor Amendment to HB 587-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Chapter; Prohibiting Conversion Therapy on Minors. Amend RSA by inserting after
4 chapter 332-K the following new chapter:

5 CHAPTER 332-L

6 PROHIBITING CONVERSION THERAPY ON MINORS

7 332-L:1 Definition. In this chapter "conversion therapy" means any practices or treatments
8 that seek to convert, cure, suppress, or repair an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.
9 "Conversion therapy" shall not mean counseling that provides assistance to a person undergoing
10 gender transition, or counseling that provides acceptance, support, and understanding of a person
11 or facilitates a person's self-discovery, coping, social support, and identity exploration and
12 development, including interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual
13 practices if such counseling does not seek to impose a change to an individual's sexual orientation or
14 gender identity.

15 332-L:2 Prohibition; Enforcement.

16 I. A person who is licensed to provide professional counseling under RSA 326-B, RSA 328-D,
17 RSA 329, RSA 329-B, RSA 330-A:16, RSA 330-A:18, RSA 330-A:19, RSA-A:20, RSA 330-A:21, or RSA
18 330-C, including, but not limited to, a nurse, physician assistant, physician, psychologist, clinical
19 social worker, clinical mental health counselor, marriage and family therapist, or licensed alcohol
20 and drug counselor, or a person who performs counseling as part of the person's professional
21 training for any of these professions, shall not engage in conversion therapy with a person under 18
22 years of age.

23 II. Any licensed professional, as listed in paragraph I, who proposes to engage or engages in
24 conversion therapy on a patient under 18 years of age shall be considered to have engaged in
25 unprofessional conduct and shall be subject to such discipline as the relevant licensing authority
26 deems appropriate.

27 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.