

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 practices or treatments that
8 seek to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to change
9 behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings
10 toward individuals of the same gender. Conversion therapy shall not include counseling that
11 provides assistance to a person undergoing gender transition, or counseling that provides
12 acceptance, support, and understanding of a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support,
13 and identity exploration and development, including sexual-orientation-neutral interventions to
14 prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, as long as such counseling does not
15 seek to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

16 332-L:2 Prohibition; Violations, and Enforcement.

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

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

28 332-L:3 Non-Infringement. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to infringe on any
29 constitutional right, including the free exercise of religion.

30 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.