

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB1003

Bill as Introduced

HB 1003 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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Approved: May 20, 2022
Effective Date: May 20, 2022

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Health and Human Services

Sen Jeb Bradley, Chair
Sen James Gray, Vice Chair
Sen Kevin Avard, Member
Sen Tom Sherman, Member
Sen Rebecca Whitley, Member

Date: March 23, 2022

HEARINGS

Wednesday	03/30/2022
(Day)	(Date)
Health and Human Services	Legislative Office Building 101 9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place) (Time)
9:00 a.m. HB 103-FN	establishing a dental benefit under the state Medicaid program.
9:15 a.m. HB 583-FN	relative to organ donation designation on drivers' licenses.
9:30 a.m. HB 1018	relative to the board of medical imaging and radiation therapy.
9:45 a.m. HB 1044	relative to direct payment and membership-based health care facilities.
10:00 a.m. HB 1131	relative to facial covering policies for schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 103-FN

Rep. Schapiro
Sen. Rosenwald

HB 583-FN

Rep. Cambrils
Rep. Nunez
Sen. Reagan

HB 1018

Rep. Goley

HB 1044

Rep. McLean
Rep. Ammon

HB 1131

Rep. Weyler

Rep. Stavis

Rep. Moffett
Rep. Lang

Rep. P. Schmidt

Rep. Alexander Jr.
Rep. Berry

Rep. Blasek

Rep. McWilliams

Rep. Pearl
Rep. Cross

Rep. McGuire

Rep. Cordelli
Rep. Warden

Rep. Wazir

Rep. Baldasaro
Rep. M. Pearson

Rep. Blasek

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

Jeb Bradley
Chairman

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

HB 1003, prohibiting health care providers from refusing to provide care or services based on patient vaccination status.

Hearing Date: March 23, 2022

Time Opened: 10:37 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:52 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Bradley, Gray, Avard and Sherman

Members of the Committee Absent: Senator Whitley

Bill Analysis: This bill provides that a patient shall not be denied admission, care, or services based solely on the patient's vaccination status.

Sponsors:

Rep. Cushman

Rep. Kelsey

Rep. Blasek

Rep. A. Lekas

Rep. Roy

Rep. Pauer

Sen. Ricciardi

Who supports the bill: In total, **217 individuals** signed in in support of HB 1003. The full sign in sheets are available upon request to the Legislative Aide, Cameron Lapine (cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us).

Who opposes the bill: In total, **4 individuals** signed in in opposition to HB 1003. The full sign in sheets are available upon request to the Legislative Aide, Cameron Lapine (cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us).

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Leah Cushman

Hillsborough County District 2

- Representative Cushman said that the language of HB 1003 was inserted into a residential care and licensing statute, and it only applies to admitted patients, not office visits.
- Rep. Cushman said that HB 1003 was introduced because of changes in the culture of medical ethics. She said that conversations are being had on if it is ethical to treat patients who are unvaccinated, and she said that there is a lot of commentary on this topic.

- Rep. Cushman said that the nursing code of ethics says that the dignity of a patient needs to be advocated for and protected, regardless of a patient's choice to take medical intervention or not.
- Rep. Cushman said that the American Medical Association recommends not refusing care to any patients in a way that discriminates against a class of people.
- Rep. Cushman said that there has been a movement to deny care to patients that are unvaccinated against COVID-19, and treat them as second class citizens. She said that medicine has fallen as an ethical practice.
- Rep. Cushman said that she believes in informed consent, and she said that healthcare providers are expected to ensure that they have informed consent, but she asked how that jives when the patient's decision is deemed unacceptable. She said not treating someone based on their decision is not true informed consent and it does not acknowledge a patient's self-determination.
- Rep. Cushman said that this bias doesn't apply to immunocompromised people for other reasons, nor does it apply to obese people if they choose to not change their diet.
- Rep. Cushman said that care cannot be denied solely because of vaccination status. She said the House Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee added the word "solely" to match the rest of the patient bill of rights.
- Senator Sherman said that he has been in medical practice for over 30 years and he would never think to deny someone care and he doesn't believe that there is any new issue with ethics. He said that he wanted to be clear, and asked, if a patient comes in and is unvaccinated, if that could represent a higher risk to other patients. Senator Sherman said that that is the reason why vaccines are required. He said if they came in unvaccinated and there was concern over the other patients, the hospital could make the decision not to change the level of care, but to have the unvaccinated patient isolated. He asked if HB 1003 would preclude that
 - Rep. Cushman said that HB 1003 would not stop any adjustments and it would only ensure that patients are not denied care.
- Senator Sherman asked if Rep. Cushman would believe that he has never worked in a facility that denies care to people based solely on vaccination status. He said that he is interested in any case reports regarding this issue.
 - Rep. Cushman said that she would believe that.
- Senator Bradley said that testimony from the New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA) indicates that the amended version is less troubling and the practice of denying treatment to unvaccinated patients never happens in New Hampshire. Senator Bradley said that he does not see any reason why HB 1003 shouldn't be passed as amended.
 - Rep. Cushman said that she understands the testimony from NHHA and she asked who knows what the climate of the medical culture will be going forward.

Don Griffin

- Mr. Griffin said that HB 1003 should pass unanimously just in case due to the fever concerning vaccinations. He said that this is a preemptive bill in case this issue pops up in clinics or smaller hospitals.

- Mr. Griffin said that he is a former medical worker, and he used to take the flu shot yearly, but he ended up getting the flu anyway. He said that the flu shot only protects someone from three or four flu variants. He said that the vaccine for Covid-19 is the same, and mutations make the vaccines weaker. Mr. Griffin said that the drum of the fear narrative is still being pounded.
- Mr. Griffin said that people without a background in the medical field are worked up about Covid-19. He said that he sees people wearing masks outdoors and in their own cars because of news coverage of the pandemic.
- Senator Sherman stated that he is a doctor, and he asked Mr. Griffin if he is aware that the mRNA process in the Covid-19 vaccine has been around for more than a decade and not is not experimental.
 - Mr. Griffin said that he is aware that mRNA technology has been around for a long time, and he has read a lot of reports from the man who invented it. He said that mRNA treatments have been patented before Covid-19. Mr. Griffin said that a lot of medical papers regarding mRNA shots have been written in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Israel. Mr. Griffin said that he read a paper on how spike shell proteins effect the ability of cells to repair DNA damage in a cell with blocked receptors. He said that he is not sure if he fully understands genetics but what he has read gives him pause. He said that he read about a spike proteins being found in the liver and ovaries. Mr. Griffin said that he chose not to get the shot. He said that medical workers need to understand that people are making their own decisions.
- Senator Sherman asked if Mr. Griffin was aware that mRNA vaccines have an efficacy rate over 90 percent against Covid-19.
 - Mr. Griffin said that Omicron is a head cold. He said that he had it, and he had the sniffles before he got better. Mr. Griffin said that he takes vitamin supplements. He said that he has healthy lungs that are not as healthy as an average person's lungs. Mr. Griffin said that countries with a high vaccination percentage are seeing a higher percentage of deaths among seniors. He said that this is the case in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Israel. Mr. Griffin said that anyone in New Hampshire deciding not to be vaccinated shouldn't be discriminated against, and there is too much emotional hype. Mr. Griffin concluded with quoting Thomas Jefferson who said that the natural aristocracy should be in charge, which means the best and brightest.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

Date Hearing Report completed: March 24, 2022

Speakers

Senate Health & Human Services Committee

SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: Wednesday March 23, 2022 Time: 9:45 a.m.

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Name/Representing *(please print neatly)*

	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No
Rep. Leah Cushman/self	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. G. S. ...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senate Remote Testify

Health and Human Services Committee Testify List for Bill HB1003 on 2022-03

Support: 215 Oppose: 4

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
dussault, Tammy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
DeCoster, Caitlin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Chuk, Amanda	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Minnehan, Paula	A Lobbyist	NH Hospital Association	Oppose
Ricciardi, Senator Denise	An Elected Official	HB1003	Support
Manuse, Andrew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Turcotte, Robert	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Pouliot, Cheryl	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Pelletier, Steven	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Paquin, Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Guay, Katie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Smith, Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Salamanca, David	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Williams, Cindy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Harden, David	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Plunkett, Erin-Dail	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Roberts, Katherine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Amplap, Elisabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Jensen, Jean	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Enos, Liz	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gaudette, Sheryl	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Anderson, Shayla	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Steenbeke, Melanie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Clendenen, Faith	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Surman, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Marvin, Kurt	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Fleming, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cope, David	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Tyszka, Matthew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Courchaine, Sarah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Howell, Steven	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Courchaine, Nicholas	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Martin, Valerie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Ouellette, Raelene	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Volkers, Harley	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Sartin, Lori	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
graustein, alan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Layon, Erica	An Elected Official	Rockingham 6, Vice Chair House HHSEA	Support
Kaminski, Marie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McManus, Derrick	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Kliskey, Jessica	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
auer, Eric	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
ivartin, Joyce	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cunning, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
McCarter, Nicole	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Griffin, Amy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hamilton, Jacqueline	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Darrow, Linda	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Martin, Rachel	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Giordani, Jacqueline	A Member of the Public	Myself	Supp
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LeFebvre, Richard	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
O'Connell, Sabrina	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Giordani, Jeffrey	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Cedolin, Alexandra

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Cedolin, Bradley

A Member of the Public

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Wilson, Audra

A Member of the Public

Myself

Support

Formier, Jennifer

A Member of the Public

Myself

Support

Testimony

Cameron Lapine

From: William Williams <ww@pagweb.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 5:45 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Please Support HB 1003

I am requesting that you support HB 1003 and not discriminate against elderly or others who choose not to get the Covid Vaccination. This so called vaccination is not a true vaccination in that it does not keep one from getting covid and in cases actually causes the recipient to spread the virus.

I cannot support giving medicine that you do not know the potential interactions of.

Again please support HB 1003

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill Williams
Tilton, NH

Cameron Lapine

From: Melanie Steenbeke <edswife4life@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 6:17 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1003

Hi,

I support this bill because it's not ok to discriminate against someone and not provide them care they need based on vaccination status.

Thank you

Melanie

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Cameron Lapine

From: Matt <mattcol@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 6:38 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Please Pass HB 1003

Dear HHS/EA Committee Members:

Please vote YES to move HB 1003 forward. People make individual health care decisions based on their doctor's best medical advice and their own best judgment. This bill would protect New Hampshire citizens who received only one or two vaccinations, or none at all. People who had an adverse reaction from the first or second vaccination should not be forced to risk a more severe outcome--including death--because they feared the withholding of future medical care for other ailments. These people are not second class citizens.

Please OTP HB 1003 at your hearing this week.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tyszka
Newport, NH 03773

Cameron Lapine

From: Michelle Slack <khrisma888@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 6:43 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB -1003.

Dear committee members I am asking you to please support this Bill HB 1003 thank you !.

Cameron Lapine

From: Alan Graustein <alangraustein@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 6:54 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Support HB1003

**Please support HB1003 and protect the rights of those who choose to not take
Experimental vaccinations.**

Thank you,

**Alan Graustein
Sanbornton, NH**

Cameron Lapine

From: scott barr <scottbarr107@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 8:50 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1003

Dear Committee,

Thank you for your work. PLEASE Support HB 1003. This bill is very much needed to protect unvaccinated citizens from being treated as second-class citizens.

Thank you,
Lisa Barr

Cameron Lapine

From: Michael Willett <mapleknollfarmnh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 7:33 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1003

All Representatives!

Please support HB 1003.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Willett
165 Swanzey Lake Rd
Swanzey, NH 03446
603 357 3552

Cameron Lapine

From: Lori Schreier <schreierlori@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 9:09 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Support HB1 003

Dear Esteemed Senators

I am writing to ask for your support for HB 1003, prohibiting health care providers from refusing to provide care or services based on patient vaccination status. Sadly, this bill is very much needed to protect unvaccinated citizens from being treated as second-class citizens. Many of us have had moral, ethical and medical reasons for not taking the current COVID vaccines and stratifying our population on this basis is discriminatory and immoral, especially since we know that the COVID shots do not even prevent transmission of the virus. And if the vaccine is so effective at preventing disease then a person's lack of the vaccine should not be considered a risk to those that are vaccinated while in their presence. But I know this is the illogical conclusion we have been spreading throughout this pandemic.

Punishing people in this way will only lead to more deaths and disease that our society pays for in one way or another and only creates a bigger divide amongst our community. Refusal of health care services is just another type of coercion which may lead to involuntary compliance in some situations, forcing people to go against their own moral and medical choices but mostly it will just breed animosity and division, along with an alternative health care system that only the few can afford to pay for. Maybe I can put it this way, how is my being refused health care based on my vaccination status justified as helping society as a whole? This discrimination would only spark my creativity to get care elsewhere and would make me more determined to resist this coercion. I suspect many others will feel the same.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important bill.

Lori Schreier
916 River Road
Westmoreland, NH 03467

Cameron Lapine

From: CARL TUTTLE <runagain@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 9:53 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1003, prohibiting health care providers from refusing to provide care or services based on patient vaccination status.

HB 1003, prohibiting health care providers from refusing to provide care or services based on patient vaccination status.

To: Senate Committee on Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs

I support all legislation prohibiting discrimination based on patient vaccination status! These COVID vaccines have caused large numbers of deaths and permanent disabilities per the updated chart below. Where there is risk there **MUST** be choice! Refusal to acknowledge these deaths and permanent disabilities is an act of **Moral Disengagement**.

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Respectfully submitted,

Carl Tuttle
Hudson, NH

Member of Gov Chris Sununu's Lyme Disease Study Commission

<https://www.change.org/p/the-us-senate-calling-for-a-congressional-investigation-of-the-cdc-idsa-and-aldf/u/30346445>

Cameron Lapine

From: Renee Reid <renmr1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 1:06 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1003

Unvaccinated citizens should not be treated as second-class citizens.

Please support HB 1003

Thank you,
Renee Reid
Alton Bay, NH

Cameron Lapine

From: Kate Demers <booblue39@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 4:02 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB1003 - support

Dear Senators,

Up until recent months, I had been a registered nurse for almost 15 years. Choosing to let my license expire became an easy decision. I never went into nursing imagining that we ("healthcare") would ever refuse access to patients based on symptoms of illness or vaccine status - as has been happening over the past 2 years. It is critical to support HB1003, and prohibit discrimination.

Healthcare clinicians (like doctors and nurses) have always prided ourselves on treating all patients equally, *regardless* of our personal feelings, our political viewpoints, or even our given mood. It has been shameful to see some doctors and nurses abandon these ethics and claim that they have the right to choose who is given access to healthcare, and who is denied. The fact that healthcare administrators were involved does *not* surprise me - but the complacency of doctors and nurses, and their willingness to abandon their oaths, has been shocking. I don't believe trust will be re-established for many, many years. And after the past two years, I believe that this same distrust extends to our elected officials.

I urge each of you to consider where *normalizing discrimination by healthcare facilities and healthcare workers* will lead us, and how it *will* effect each of you and your families down the road. What will be the grounds for refusing care next? Obesity? Addiction? HIV/AIDS, hepatitis? Bedbugs at home? Tuberculosis? An oozing rash? How about sexually transmitted diseases and infections altogether? Smoking? Non-compliance? How about if you're just "white"? Or "black"? Or if you have Down Syndrome? Maybe it'll be denying healthcare to the mentally ill? Or to inmates and felons? What about stage 4 cancer - maybe the "norm" eventually becomes "it's too late to even try"?

The term "slippery slope" is appropriate here. Once we start allowing discrimination in healthcare, there will be no end to it. It *will* eventually effect you and your loved ones. There is only one decent, moral, and ethical way to vote on HB1003, and that is to support it.

Most Sincerely,
Katherine Barth

Cameron Lapine

From: Claudia St-Yves <st_yvesclo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 10:33 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: support bill 1003

Good morning,

Please support bill 1003 tomorrow. Thank you for doing your job to protect freedom and people's rights. Never a person should be treated in regard of his vaccine-status.

Thanks to protect our LIVE FREE OR DIE state.

I wish you a wonderful day

Claudia St-Yves

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Cameron Lapine

From: The Doctor <jgren124@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 12:32 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Becky Whitley; Tom Sherman; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Please support HB1003

Dear members of the Comittee,

Please support this bill: people have a right to health care, regardless of whether we agree with their choices or not.

Segregation has no place in a free and compassionate society, whether by color, creed, orientation, gender identity or expression of any of these.

Thank you for all that you do in service to the people of New Hampshire.

J. Grenier
Nashua, NH

As amended by House:

1 New Paragraph; Patients' Bill of Rights; Vaccination Status. Amend RSA 151:21 by inserting after paragraph XXI the following new paragraph:

XXII. The patient shall not be denied admission, care, or services based solely on the patient's vaccination status.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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Cameron Lapine

From: Mimi Alberu <malberu@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 1:31 PM
To: NOEMI (MIMI) Alberu
Subject: HB1003

Please support this great bill -HB1003- in support of our health freedom!

Thank you,

*Mimi Alberu
Langford Homestead Farm
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603-867-7397*

Cameron Lapine

From: Keri Haruza <kharuza@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 4:43 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1003

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Keriann Haruza. I am not yet a resident of NH, (for full transparency). I currently live in Connecticut. My husband and I are making all the arrangements to move out of Connecticut in the next 2 months. My husband is a physicist-turned-engineer who works for ASML in Wilton, CT. I am a full-time homeschooling mother of four.

I am writing because NH is our intended destination-home, though, and the bills currently in consideration have an enormous impact on our family. Our dissent with vaccines started when we had our first child almost ten years ago; we investigated the decisions we made medically for each of our children in great detail, as many others did and do. But in our research we discovered that many "essential" vaccines on the schedule were intimately connected with abortion-based research and/or production; over time, we found that the trials on many of them were moreover conducted in utterly reprehensible ways, where consent was impossible by the participants (as with the Willowbrook scandal, and the Hep-A vaccine, for example, or the many many problems with pre-Roe abortion as a coerced procedure done in conjunction with sterilization of "the feeble-minded," as the eugenics aspect of public health policy and ethics lasted for decades; some might argue it is still present.) As for the argument that this has never gone away, Leonard Hayflick's "water bag method" of abortion and subsequent harvest of the baby's parts, apparently alive, has been utilized at least as recently as 2015, with the development of the Walwax cell strain. That strain, created in China, with nine abortions of candidates and the final person murdered and utilized being one little girl of between twenty and thirty weeks gestational age, still could obviously be a result of coerced abortion because it was China and significantly because in their description of methodology they specify the Hayflick water-bag method, traditionally used to abort and sterilize simultaneously, and is/was frequently employed in government-mandated abortions ...but coerced or not, they removed and dissected babies. That is simply the fact. Over 1,550 cell strains created from dozens to hundreds of abortions for each one, exist today.

Our consciences, as informed by our Christian faith, are in utter condemnation of these actions, and participation in their outcome absolutely impossible.

I do not write about our personal convictions in the hope that anyone on the committee may be convinced similarly--if facts and ethics could persuade, there would be enough dissent to have changed this heinous practice of abusing children and other innocent minorities in medical experimentation long before COVID. But I do write, asking you from the bottom of my heart to consider HB1003 with an open mind. When my husband and I first had children, pediatricians who were willing to admit us as patients were easy to find. He was in graduate school in Rochester, NY; it was no pro-life, pro-freedom hub; but still, we found care. When we moved to Missouri, we also found care providers. After moving to Connecticut, however, we were shocked to find that while religious exemptions to vaccines existed legally (at the time), actual care for unvaccinated children was virtually non-existent. We pursued practice after practice; the crazy part was, here you aren't ever even allowed to talk to the doctor, until you have filled out all the paperwork in their system and compromised your child's privacy, for which doctors and state alike are totally unaccountable, all to be told "No, we won't take you." It has been several years, and we have moved around to several communities within this state and tried numerous times, yet our care has been relegated to telehealth appointments through our Christian costshare and urgent care centers. I cannot elaborate enough on how much this has been a difficulty over the years, and an increasing worry for my children. I know that to someone not similarly convicted the dilemma is nonexistent, but I must ask you to consider that to those of us for whom it is morally tainted, it is morally tainted. Taking them is not an option. When this part of the equation is taken seriously, as it must be for religious exemptions to be remotely

meaningful (or indeed any reference to religious liberty at all), the result of being denied from practices becomes terribly clear. In fact, doctors have been under a great deal of pressure to NOT provide care to unvaccinated patients from their own boards, and those that do so openly get written up and vilified by newspapers, publications, and lobby groups, to the extent where they cannot risk openly saying they accept unvaccinated patients, which makes them still more difficult for the unvaccinated to find.

This gross lack of care for any population of children, whatever you do or do not agree with in their religious, cultural or ethnic features, does not bode well for the future of healthcare ethics as a whole. I do not agree with the veganism of some of our Hindu friends from Rochester; I cannot imagine denying their children access to medical care because I didn't agree with their beliefs about meat. One can also argue that there is a negative risk to child-bearing and growth of young children, from a lack of protein and iron and other nutrients. Care providers generally tend to agree that it is difficult to achieve a healthy pregnancy or childhood for a vegan. But no one has yet assumed that it is the role of the provider to banish vegans until they change their convictions. This is not a matter of whether you agree with someone else's conscientious convictions: this is the next step, of whether it is the majority's role in society to penalize those with whom the majority does not agree. I speculate perhaps in this region of the country with its early heavy Puritan influences, the normalization of forcing minorities out of society and driving them out of existence by methods largely today regarded as genocidal (such as forcing Quaker children into Puritan public schools, there to deliberately force them to reject their family convictions and heritage, and charging so heavy financial penalties that it was nearly impossible for Quakers to support their own meetings or schools or structures in addition to the ones created by the Puritan communities around them, which all were forced to support....a feature still present in public schools today), is an old cultural feature that may be hard for some to objectively consider.

Whatever the old or new cultural influences guiding this practice, the fact remains that denial for care to our children is our primary and most essential reason for fleeing the state we are currently in the process of leaving (Connecticut). We have already begun to search for practitioners in NH; we started with DPCs, thinking our chances of being accepted would be higher. We have already discovered two, however, who blatantly state on their websites that vaccination is required to be admitted as their patients. My greatest fear, is to throw everything financially into removing us from the situation we find in Connecticut, only to find ourselves "out of the frying pan and into the fire," somewhere else. It shouldn't be this difficult. Practitioners already have to have a plan in place, an alternative, for those who do not receive vaccines for medical reasons; and religious objectors have existed since the inception of vaccines as well, so it has been at least a century or so for thinking about other ways of handling the risk. In fact I cannot praise highly enough, two of our care providers in Rochester, who simply kept unvaccinated parents abreast of any sort of infectious outbreak that occurred, and advised as to what we could do. It doesn't happen terribly frequently, and is usually associated with international travel.

I am sure practitioners dislike the idea of being responsible to treat or manage cases of illnesses which are unfamiliar to them (standard treatment of measles in the US is grossly outdated by comparison with say, the EU); but then, I would guess it is easier to tell a vegan they ought to eat meat than to advise them from within the confines of their convictions, as well. This is the very heart of what makes an advisory role, like a doctor, so difficult to begin with. It is not unlike parenting adult children; you advise, and you may be positive you are right, but it is in the end your child's life, and it is a poor parent who casts off their child with a shrug anytime they don't do exactly what you "advise" (at which point "advice" becomes coercion.) While I am empathetic to the difficulty, I am not empathetic to any authority figure who takes on a coercive role in order to achieve what they believe to be the paramount outcomes, by bypassing genuinely free consent. I have been listening to the hospital board reps and practitioners testifying on a lot of these bills in NH, trying to keep abreast of what we may face after moving, and what strikes me most is that they refer to "consent" frequently as "making people comfortable" with "the decision." (I added the emphasis.) They do not admit that there is more than one choice; which is already a statement of coercion. Consent, in their rhetoric, means just coaxing or convincing people to settle down about the decision that has been made for them by someone else. Legally however, and morally or ethically, this is not what the terms "consent" and "choice" refer to. There is certainly plenty of case law that refers to consent, and it has generally been ruled that the term "consent" is only meaningful when the person granting it has not been compelled by the threat of losing something necessary to the ordinary course of life—whether their jobs, or their medical treatment, and so on, this cannot be referred to as meaningful consent (hence the recent

threat to many of our jobs and livelihoods, was called a *mandate*. Not a choice.) I suppose not many people had the incentive we had to read every word of every last-minute briefing filed by the federal government during the OSHA mandate case, but notably the federal government did *not* argue what the NH hospitals and care providers seem to be arguing, that a thing can be a mandate and a choice, at the same time. The federal arguments hinged on justifying the breach of consent... and the Supreme Court did not conclude they had met the standard for that. Clearly however, the providers giving testimony in NH on behalf of vaccination prerequisites, have not considered the matter of vaccine coercion from a legal perspective...rationally they may argue that they are justified in violating consent norms, and lobby for a change in NH law, to provide for the violation of consent with regard to vaccination, but they cannot rationally argue that care being denied to children on the basis of vaccination status is an act of respect for the principle of medical consent, or of anything but coercion...a medical mandate, which they do not have the authority to unilaterally take upon themselves. Anyone can see this distinction by considering the definition of the term "consensual" with regard to the crime of rape, and know that the medical field's testimonies are in the moral and definitive wrong over this. Maybe intentionally, and maybe not. I wouldn't assign intent; only God sees the heart. But outcomes and methods matter, whatever the intent. Law cannot examine the heart, only the fruit of the behavior. And the attempt to wrest medical decision making out of the moral or physical scope of the person themselves, and place it instead in the hands of the medical community, has born very bad fruit before and is bearing terrible fruit now.

In most eras, this would be called persecution. But each generation's persecution looks justified in its own eyes, in a way that history does not permit us, and it is my experience as one of those affected, that this is such a moment. Please consider the bill HB1003, this week. It impacts a minority in the immediacy; but it impacts everyone in the long run. Everyone is a minority in at least one respect or feature of their lives--everyone is unique from the majority in some way or other. Please think of that feature in your own life, whether it be religious, or cultural, or something else; and vote as you would if your own children were denied care on the basis of that feature.

Respectfully,
Weri Haruza
New Milford, CT



SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

HB1003 - prohibiting health care providers from refusing to provide care or services based on patient vaccination status

Testimony

Good morning, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee. My name is Paula Minnehan, Senior Vice President, State Government Relations of the New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA), representing all 26 of the state's community hospitals as well as all specialty hospitals.

The New Hampshire Hospital Association is in opposition to HB 1003. This bill adds a section to the Patient Bill of Rights (RSA 151:21) that states that "the patient shall not be denied admission, care, or services based solely on the patient's vaccination status." This bill was amended in the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee.

While the amended bill is less troubling, we contend that this bill is simply not necessary. Let me be very clear and direct, hospitals DO NOT refuse care or services to ANYONE, period. Regardless of whether this bill is passed, patients are not denied care or services based on any status, including their vaccination status.

In addition, from a technical perspective, the statute being amended could lead to confusion for patients. The patient bill of rights does not apply to individual providers. New Hampshire licenses clinicians that provide direct care to patients. RSA 151 is related to health facilities only. No individual provider falls under this statute.

Again, I will emphasize that hospitals treat all patients, regardless of their ability to pay and certainly, they are agnostic when it comes to vaccination status. The hospitalization data that NH has been tracking for two years bears this out. At points during the recent surge in COVID-19, 45% of all hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients were unvaccinated. I would argue that this fact clearly demonstrates that this bill is misplaced and unnecessary.

Further, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) requires hospitals with emergency departments to provide a medical screening examination to any individual who comes to the emergency department and requests such an examination and prohibits hospitals with emergency departments from refusing to examine or treat regardless of their ability to pay.

On behalf of all our health care heroes, who have been tirelessly and compassionately caring for patients with COVID-19 for the last two years, I ask you to reject this unnecessary bill. Please

stand with the overwhelming majority of New Hampshire citizens that support our health care heroes and find this bill Inexpedient to Legislate.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments with you.

Cameron Lapine

From: litval1958 <litval1958@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 6:38 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB1003

Dear senators,

Please support HB1003

I am a Healthcare worker that worked 26 years in the Healthcare field. I resigned in October of 2021 and am not employed at this time. I feel I was discriminated because I could not take the covid shot. I have severe autoimmunity that I see an ND for. Flu shots make me terribly sick. I can't for medical and religious reasons take the shots.

I believe your body belongs to you. I also believe my health is up to me. I take responsibility for my health. I am no more of a threat to anyone than someone who eats McDonald's every day and sits on the couch all day ,but gets the shot. We don't discriminate against them. It is their choice.

Why can I make this choice without losing my livelihood? I will find work. It won't be what I did before. I love helping people with their health.

Please support this bill. People like me and others should not be discriminated against. There is already a shortage of workers,

Than you

Valerie Little

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Cameron Lapine

From: Joanna Berardi <jberardi2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7:21 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: SUPPORT HB1003

Please, please, please support this bill to prohibit discrimination in healthcare!

Thank you kindly,

Joanna Brown

Cameron Lapine

From: altieripiv@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9:47 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Support HB1003 - prohibit discrimination in healthcare

I IMPLORE YOU TO SUPPORT HB1003 - prohibit discrimination in healthcare!

DISCRIMINATION? DESCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE NEEDING MEDICAL TREATMENT?! Isn't this against the oath medical professionals take? When I was an EMergency Medical Technician, NO ONE/human being was refused medical treatment!!!! No mater what! I am appalled that people think discrimination in any sense is ok...
Support HN 1003 and stop discrimination!

This bill prohibits health care providers from refusing to provide care or services based on patient vaccination status.

As amended by House:

1 New Paragraph; Patients' Bill of Rights; Vaccination Status. Amend RSA 151:21 by inserting after paragraph XXI the following new paragraph:

XXII. The patient shall not be denied admission, care, or services based solely on the patient's vaccination status.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Jenny Altieri
Rye, NH

Cameron Lapine

From: Julia Beame <juliabeame@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 11:42 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Support HB1003 – Prohibit Discrimination in Healthcare!

Importance: High

Dear Senators Bradley, Gray, Sherman, Whitley, Avard and Lapine,

Health care providers should not be allowed to refuse care or services based on patient vaccination status. It is completely unacceptable to allow the government or the private sector to limit participation in society in any way based on vaccination or immunity status. This is discrimination and an appalling violation of our basic human rights.

The choice to immunize is a personal decision individuals should make for themselves in consultation with their physicians; based on their health status, risk level, and other factors.

Please help keep New Hampshire a free state! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Julia Beame
Hancock, NH

Cameron Lapine

From: Elizabeth Lidman <elizabethlidman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 12:10 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Support HB1003

Dear Committee Members,

Please support HB1003 prohibiting healthcare providers from refusing to provide care based on vaccination status. Unfortunately this is a much needed bill. I personally know someone who was not allowed to see her primary care and had to go to urgent care to get treated because she was unvaccinated.

This discrimination is problematic for a number of reasons. For one, it shifts the burden of care when we need all healthcare workers working to help everyone and not shrugging off patients on others who may be already overwhelmed. Also, it penalizes patients who have legitimate reasons for not getting vaccinated such as those with medical conditions and those with religious convictions. Also, it doesn't actually solve the problem of transmission anyway as vaccinated patients can still spread Covid like their unvaccinated counterparts.

Most importantly, it says something about our moral state as a society when medical care is denied to those who need it. We don't deny medical care to the lung cancer patient who smoked their whole life, or the heart attack victim who ate fast food every day, or the drug addict who overdosed even though those were obviously bad life choices. Yet we are denying medical care to those who are uncomfortable with the short time-span these vaccines have been available for research when for all we know they may be taking other precautions to strengthen their immune systems and protect others in the mean time. And if the goal is to protect healthcare workers please remember that they have these vaccines and PPE available to them, and they did choose a profession where they can reasonably expect to encounter sick people.

Please do the right thing and protect patients from discrimination.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sylvia

Nashua, NH

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Cameron Lapine

From: Lucy <bikeerz@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 8:27 AM
To: Lucy
Subject: Today's vote should remind you of the Neuremberg Trials

Dear Senators,

Please support HB1003, prohibiting medical discrimination and remember your oath to uphold the constitution. Live free or die! End the narrative.

Thank you for doing what's right for the people you represent,

Lucy Roy

North Hampton, NH

Cameron Lapine

From: Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home <DJFuneralHome@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Testimony in opposition to HB1320

Good Morning Committee Members,

My name is Susan Hopkins. I have been a NH licensed funeral director and embalmer for 20 years. I am a business owner in Salem and I am a current member of the NH State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers and I strongly oppose HB 1320. The State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers are opposed to changing the embalming statute RSA 325:40a. We don't know how the repeal of this RSA would impact the administrative rules and the legacy of funeral service.

Funeral service has not changed much in decades and embalming remains the only way to temporarily preserve a deceased person for viewing. Embalming doesn't stop a deceased person from returning to their natural state, it only slows down the process. Embalming sanitizes and temporarily preserves a deceased person to allow family members and friends the opportunity to have a private or public viewing if they choose. Embalming is not mandatory and currently is not required if the family chooses a closed casket service or a service with cremation prior to any services. For me personally, the biggest issues are public safety around the natural decomposition process and the mental health of families that we are honored to serve. I am about to give a graphic explanation of what happens when someone passes away, but I think it's important for you to understand the process and it's necessary to understand the consequences of repealing this legislation.

When a person passes away, decomposition begins within several minutes with a process called autolysis or self digestion. Chemical reactions occur, enzymes digest cell walls, tissues and organs break down, discoloration occurs, rigor mortis sets in, bacteria spreads throughout the body, gases build up and the pressure causes fluids to leak out. This happens at different intervals due to a number of factors. We do not want to traumatize families if they witness any consequence of the decomposition process. Embalming is currently the only way to delay this process. Most funeral homes and nursing home do not have refrigeration and many hospitals have very small morgues. Refrigeration does not prohibit the chemical reactions from occurring the same way that embalming does. Often, death occurs suddenly or in a hospital or nursing home where family and friends have minimal contact.

Due to the current pandemic, it is not in the best interest of the public to view people that have died of COVID-19 without their being embalmed. Families may not been able to visit with their loved ones in their last days because they are in isolation. It is difficult to place a value on comfort. It is a treasured gift for families to safely have the opportunity to say goodbye to their loved ones. Families are often relieved to see their loved ones at peace. This also helps with the grieving process. These are just a few of the reasons that I urge you to find HB 1320 Inexpedient to Legislate.

Thank you,
Susan Hopkins

Cameron Lapine

From: Jessica Seeger <jessicaseeger@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: SUPPORT HB1003

Dear Committee, please SUPPORT HB1003 to prohibit discrimination in healthcare based on vaccine status. Denying healthcare based on vaccine status would go against the hippocratic oath, the freedom of choice and bodily autonomy we have historically enjoyed in the state of NH, and would be morally wrong.

Thank you for your service,
Jessica Seeger & Matthew Stokes

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J. A. Seeger

Voting Sheets

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # HB 1003

Hearing date: 3-23-22

Executive Session date: 4-13-22

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Bradley, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Gray, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: CONSENT Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Sen. Avard

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **HB 1003**

AN ACT

prohibiting health care providers from refusing to
provide care or services based on patient
vaccination status.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Kevin Avard
For the Committee

HB 1003 provides that a patient shall not be denied admission, care, or services based solely on the patient's vaccination status. The Committee heard testimony that this practice does not occur and would not occur, so HB 1003 is simply an assurance that the current practices will continue and declares that New Hampshire does not support the denial of admission, care, or services based on individual vaccination decisions.

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1003, prohibiting health care providers from refusing to provide care or services based on patient vaccination status.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Kevin Avarad for the committee.

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Docket of HB1003

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: prohibiting health care providers from refusing to provide care or services based on patient vaccination status.

Official Docket of HB1003.:

Date	Body	Description
10/29/2021	H	Introduced 01/05/2022 and referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs
2/1/2022	H	Public Hearing: 02/01/2022 1:00 p.m. LOB210-211
2/25/2022	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2022-0702h (Vote 21-0; CC)
3/11/2022	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2022-0702h: MA VV 03/10/2022 HJ 5
3/15/2022	S	Introduced 02/24/2022 and Referred to Health and Human Services; SJ 5
3/17/2022	S	Hearing: 03/23/2022, Room 100, SH, 09:45 am; SC 12
4/14/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 04/21/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 16
4/21/2022	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 04/21/2022; SJ 9
5/13/2022	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 05/12/2022); SJ 13
5/13/2022	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 05/12/2022
5/24/2022	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 05/20/2022; Chapter 52; Eff. 05/20/2022

NH House

NH Senate

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