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Bragdon: Big government mandates don't fly in NH ***Senate vote on SB148 makes individual insurance mandates illegal***

(Concord) Senate President Peter Bragdon issued the following statement today regarding SB 148:

"On Wednesday, the state Senate voted to make the individual mandate requirement in the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (PPACA) illegal in New Hampshire. We believe this legislation is necessary because people in our state do not like being told that they must have insurance let alone what type of insurance it will be.

"Had the new national healthcare law focused on areas such as pre-existing conditions and insurance reform, our debate on this issue would be very different. But because the law dictates individual mandates, it gives people reasonable pause. Looking down the road, it's likely that the PPACA will lead to large tax hikes and unfunded mandates to states. This causes Granite Stater's concern, especially when we are already worried enough about our country's current trillion dollar deficit.

"SB 148 also urges our attorney general, without an ultimatum, to join the lawsuit brought by other states against the act and let New Hampshire's voice be heard: we reject individual mandates and any penalties for not being insured."

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