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Stiles applauds updates to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, prescriber rules

Concord, NH - Today, a bill, HB 1423, updating the rulemaking for prescribing controlled drugs, which expanded who must adhere to these rules, as well as updating the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, became law.

Senator Nancy Stiles (R-Hampton) issued the following statement on the passage of this bill into law.

"In the Legislature's rigorous efforts to upend the opioid and heroin crisis facing our state, we worked hard to ensure that we put into place stronger prescribing rules for highly addictive controlled drugs with this legislation. Stronger standards for prescribing opioid pain medication can better prevent patients from becoming addicted to these drugs in the first place. In addition, the updates that will be made to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program [PDMP] make this program more inclusive and user-friendly to help eliminate the practice of doctor shopping or patients seeking opioid medications from multiple prescribers."

"These measures will strengthen our goal for addiction prevention and have a strong effect in helping to end the opioid and heroin crisis in our state. This legislation is an important step to ensure that we are addressing this multi-faceted issue by focusing on the key areas of prevention, treatment and recovery."

"I want to also sincerely thank Representative Cindy Rosenwald for her determination and hard work in moving this legislation forward."

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