

Amendment to HB 215

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

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3 1 New Subdivision; Commission to Study the Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of
4 Marijuana. Amend RSA 318-B by inserting after section 42 the following new subdivision:

5 Commission to Study the Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana
6 318-B:43 Commission to Study the Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana
7 Established.

8 I. There is established a commission to study the legalization, regulation, and taxation of
9 marijuana. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

10 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
11 house of representatives.

12 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

13 (c) The attorney general, or designee.

14 (d) The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee.

15 (e) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

16 (f) The commissioner of the department of revenue administration, or designee.

17 (g) The commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food, or designee.

18 (h) The banking commissioner, or designee.

19 (i) The chief justice of the New Hampshire superior court, or designee.

20 (j) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed by
21 that organization.

22 (k) A representative of New Futures, appointed by that organization.

23 (l) One representatives of the public, appointed by the governor.

24 II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
25 attending to the duties of the commission.

26 III. The commission shall examine the possible impacts of changing state policy to treat
27 marijuana in a manner similar to the way the state deals with alcohol and shall study the
28 legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana including the specific issues related to growing,
29 selling, taxing, limiting use, advertising, promoting, and otherwise regulating marijuana and
30 marijuana-infused edible products. The commission shall also study the experiences of New
31 Hampshire and other states regarding the use of marijuana for medical purposes and for
32 recreational purposes. The commission shall also study the experiences of states that have or are in

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1 the process of legalizing and regulating the recreational use of marijuana by adults, with particular
2 attention to be given to the ways the changes in marijuana laws in Maine and Massachusetts, as
3 well as Canada, impact our state. The commission shall study any other issue that the commission
4 deems relevant to its objective. The commission may solicit the advice or testimony of any
5 organization or individual with information or expertise relevant to its study.

6 IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
7 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first
8 meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Eight
9 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

10 V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
11 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
12 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2018.

13 2 Repeal. RSA 318-B:43, relative to a commission to study the legalization, regulation, and
14 taxation of marijuana, is repealed.

15 3 Effective Date.

16 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 2, 2018.

17 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.