

HB 638 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL                    **638**

AN ACT                    requiring health care providers to provide an opioid disclosure form to patients for whom an opioid is prescribed.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Janigian, Rock. 8; Rep. Gay, Rock. 8; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE:        Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires health care providers to require patients to sign a form upon dispensing controlled drugs explaining the addictive nature of such drugs.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Statement of Intent. The general court hereby recognizes that the opioid crisis continues to  
2 grip our communities. Many persons become addicted after being prescribed opioid pain killers by  
3 their health care provider for an injury they have sustained. Patients are often given a choice to  
4 take an alternative pain killer or the opioid pain killer the health care provider has prescribed.  
5 This may give the patient a false sense of security that either is fine to take. Unfortunately,  
6 depending on the patient, he or she may become addicted to the opioid that was prescribed.

7            2 New Section; Controlled Drug Act; Opioid Disclosure. Amend RSA 318-B by inserting after  
8 section 1-c the following new section:

9            318-B:1-d Disclosure Form for Opioid Prescriptions. Licensed health care providers shall  
10 require patients to sign a disclosure form informing the patient that taking opioid drugs could  
11 possibly lead to addiction and that such drugs should only be taken if pain is severe. If the patient  
12 may be able to use an alternative medication, the form shall include a statement to that effect and  
13 that it would be a preferable course of action. The form required under this section may be used to  
14 satisfy the requirements of RSA 318-B:41, II(a)(5). The commissioner may adopt rules, pursuant to  
15 RSA 541-A, relative to the form and content of the form required under this section.

16            3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.