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House Concurs with Prescription Drug Omnibus

CONCORD - Today, the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted to concur with the Senate recommendation of Ought to Pass as Amended on HB 1280 in a vote of 225-104. HB 1280 as amended is a comprehensive omnibus bill which increases prescription drug affordability and improves access to affordable health care for Granite Staters. HB 1280 will next be enrolled with the Secretary of State's office and then go to the governor's desk at which time he will have five days to act.

After the vote, Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes (D-Concord) issued the following statement:

"No one should have to choose between their health and their financial security," stated **Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes (D-Concord)**. "Unfortunately, that is the reality for too many Granite Staters, as New Hampshire grapples with the highest health care costs in the nation under Governor Chris Sununu due to prescription drug costs, behavioral health care costs and the lack of treatment opportunities, and the absence of paid family and medical leave insurance. The measures taken in HB 1280 help deal with prescription drug costs, including an importation program of safe, low-cost prescription drugs from Canada, transparency and consumer protection, and the most progressive price cap on insulin in the nation. This package of reforms is critical to the health and economic wellbeing of Granite Staters; at a minimum, I hope Governor Sununu will allow this to become law without his signature."

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On Background:

- HB 1280 as amended included text from the following bills:
 - SB 685 establishing a wholesale prescription drug importation program and establishing the New Hampshire prescription drug competitive marketplace, sponsored by Senator Dan Feltes
 - SB 686 relative to prescription drug benefits paid by health plans and establishing the New Hampshire prescription drug competitive marketplace, Sponsored by Senator Cindy Rosenwald

- SB 687 relative to transparency in prescription drug pricing and establishing a New Hampshire prescription drug affordability board, Sponsored by Senator Tom Sherman
- SB 688 relative to the pricing of generic prescription drugs, Sponsored by Senator Fuller Clark
- SB 691 relative to prior authorization for prescription drug coverage, Sponsored by Senator Cindy Rosenwald
- HB 1281 requiring insurance coverage for epinephrine auto-injectors, Sponsored by Representative Chuck Grassie
- HB 1280 relative to copayments for insulin, Sponsored by Rep. Garrett Muscatel