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Senate Democrats' Bill to Address Skyrocketing Prescription Drug Costs Signed Into Law

CONCORD - Today, HB 1280, a comprehensive omnibus bill to increase prescription drug affordability and improve access to affordable health care was signed into law.

Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes (D-Concord) issued the following statement in response:

“Long before the coronavirus pandemic, New Hampshire faced the highest health care costs in the nation —the highest premiums, copays, deductibles, and skyrocketing prescription drugs. As families across the state have been economically crushed, the need to curb skyrocketing prescription drug costs and the rationing of life-sustaining prescription drugs has only increased. For many, the situation is quite literally life or death. No one should be forced to choose between their health and their financial security. Drafted and led by Senate Democrats, HB 1280 makes significant improvements, 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.

New Hampshire will be recovering from the economic impacts of COVID-19 for years to come. Particularly for families facing evictions and foreclosures due to Governor Sununu’s veto of reasonable housing protections, or who can’t take the time they or their child need to get healthy because of Governor Sununu’s vetoes of paid family and medical leave, we must pick up the pieces to ensure no one is choosing basic necessities and life-sustaining medication. I am proud of the hard work done by Senate Democrats to address the prescription drug affordability crisis.”

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