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Floor Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 460 the following and renumbering the original section 461
2 to read as 465:

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4 461 Short Title. Sections 462-463 of this act shall be known as the Protect New Hampshire
5 Veterans and Seniors Act of 2021.

6 462 New Subdivision; COVID-19 Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Audit. Amend RSA 151-E
7 by inserting after section 21 the following new subdivision:

8 COVID-19 Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Audit

9 151-E:22 COVID-19 Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Audit. The commissioner of the
10 department of health and human services shall issue a request for proposals for a qualified grantee,
11 with the approval of governor and council, to undertake an independent audit of the COVID-19
12 situation in long-term care and nursing homes in New Hampshire and provide a needs assessment
13 to provide recommendations for further COVID-19 related funding, safety, and public health
14 upgrades, standards and rules for nursing homes, nursing facilities, residential care facilities, long
15 term care facilities, and the New Hampshire veterans' home, and providing a preparedness plan for
16 COVID-19 at such facilities, to be submitted to the governor, the chairpersons of the house and
17 senate finance committees, the chairpersons of the senate health and human services committee and
18 the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, and the health and human services
19 oversight committee established in RSA 126-A:13, no later than November 1, 2021. All information
20 received or created by the department related to the inspection or survey results of licensed health
21 care facilities may be shared with the grantee, except that protected health information or
22 personally identifiable information shall not be shared with the grantee for any reason. All
23 information which is received by the grantee for the purposes of this section, and which otherwise
24 constitutes confidential information pursuant to state law, shall remain confidential, and shall
25 receive the protections afforded to such confidential information under existing state law.

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1 463 Appropriation. The sum of \$250,000 is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June
2 30, 2022 to the commissioner of the department of health and human services from federal COVID-
3 19 relief funds for the purpose of hiring a qualified grantee as required in RSA 151-E:22. If such
4 federal funds are unavailable, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any
5 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose set forth in RSA 151-E:22.
6 464 Effective Date. Sections 461-464 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Insert:

136. Requires a COVID-19 needs assessment of nursing homes and long-term care facilities and makes an appropriation therefor.