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Governor Hassan's Statement on Bipartisan Senate Vote to Pass Bill Requiring Updated Prescribing Rules for Opioids

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement on the bipartisan vote by the New Hampshire State Senate to pass House Bill 1423, relative to rulemaking for prescribing controlled drugs:

“Recognizing that the heroin and opioid crisis stems in part from the overuse, misuse and abuse of addictive prescription opioids, we have been working to improve provider training and prevent the overprescribing of opioids. The boards of medicine, nursing and dental examiners have all adopted emergency rules on the prescribing of opioids, and the boards of medicine and nursing have been working to establish permanent rules.

“Those efforts by the boards are an important step forward, and this bipartisan legislation will build on those efforts by requiring the boards governing all prescribers to adopt updated, permanent rules this year and by providing a uniform, statewide standard. I applaud members from both parties for working together to pass this important measure, and I urge the legislature to keep this legislation moving toward my desk so that I can sign it into law.”

House Bill 1423 will be referred to the Senate Finance Committee before returning to the Senate floor for another vote.

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