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HOUSE BILL 1555

AN ACT adding an exemption from immunization for conscientious beliefs.

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COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill adds an exemption from immunization because of conscientious beliefs.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten

AN ACT adding an exemption from immunization for conscientious beliefs.

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

1 Immunizations; Exemption Added. Amend RSA 141-C:20-c and 141-C:20-d to read as follows:

141-C:20-c Exemptions. A *child* shall be exempt from immunization if:

I. A physician licensed under RSA 329, or a physician exempted under RSA 329:21, III, certifies that immunization against a particular disease may be detrimental to the child's health. The exemption shall exist only for the length of time, in the opinion of the physician, such immunization would be detrimental to the child. An exemption from immunization for one disease shall not affect other required immunizations.

II. A parent or legal guardian objects to immunization because of religious beliefs. The parent or legal guardian shall sign a notarized form stating that the child has not been immunized because of religious beliefs.

III. A parent or legal guardian of a child objects to immunization, or some immunizations, or the official age schedule for immunizations, because of conscientious beliefs. The parent or legal guardian shall sign a form that will be witnessed by a health care provider or notary public, stating that the child has not been immunized or had been partially immunized as specified on the form, because of conscientious beliefs.

141-C:20-d Exclusion During Outbreak of Disease. During an outbreak of a communicable disease for which immunization is required under RSA 141-C:20-a, *children* exempted under RSA 141-C:20-c shall not attend the school or child care agency threatened by the communicable disease. The commissioner shall prepare a written order as required under RSA 141-C:12, I.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011.