



SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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HB 1372

Prohibiting the Implanting of Subcutaneous Identification Devices in Individuals

Testimony

Good morning, Madam Chair and members of the committee. My name is Paula Minnehan, VP, State Government Relations with the New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA), representing all 26 of the state's community hospitals as well as all of our specialty hospitals.

The NHHA is neutral on HB 1372 but we do want to raise a concern about the bill and ask for consideration of a potential amendment to avoid any potential confusion.

The definition that we are concerned with is (g) "Subcutaneous" means existing or introduced under or on the skin. The Hospitals in New Hampshire utilize bracelets for newborns that are worn on the skin. Other patients may also need to wear a bracelet, depending on their medical condition. We want to ensure that, if you pass this bill, the hospitals and any other health care provider that utilize bracelets for the safety of patients, are not negatively impacted. While V. of the bill does reference the existing statutory or case law we are not sure this is sufficient protections. One suggestion would be to explicitly exempt health care facilities and providers that utilize patient identification bracelets for patient safety from the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments. I'd be happy to answer any questions.