



**HOUSE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**February 6, 2019**

**HB 615 – relative to the regulation of pharmacies and pharmacists  
Testimony**

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, Executive Vice President of the New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA), and I am here representing all 26 of our state's community hospitals as well as all specialty hospitals.

NHHA supports HB 615. We believe that the Board of Pharmacy is headed in the right direction regarding the proposed changes they are requesting. We do have a couple of minor suggestions for the Board of Pharmacy:

- Renewal of license: page 1, line 22. We recommend using the word "renew" instead of "reapply" to be consistent with the title of the section. Reapply could also be construed as to having to re-take the exam for licensure which is part of the application process.
- Timeframe for renewals: page 1, lines 20 and 23. It was suggested that the Board of Pharmacy consider doing individual pharmacists license renewals based on their birth dates, thus spreading out the work load of renewals throughout the year instead of all in the month of December. The Board of Nursing follows this practice for their licensees. Just a suggestion!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.