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### HB 638 - AS INTRODUCED

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#### HOUSE BILL **638**

AN ACT requiring health care providers to provide an **OPIOID** disclosure form to patients for whom an **OPIOID** is prescribed.

SPONSORS: Rep. Janigian, Rock. 8; Rep. Gay, Rock. 8; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

#### ANALYSIS

This bill requires health care providers to require patients to sign a form upon dispensing controlled drugs explaining the addictive nature of such drugs.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT requiring health care providers to provide an **OPIOID** disclosure form to patients for whom an **OPIOID** is prescribed.

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

1 Statement of Intent. The general court hereby recognizes that the **OPIOID** crisis continues to grip our communities. Many persons become addicted after being prescribed **OPIOID** pain killers by their health care provider for an injury they have sustained. Patients are often given a choice to take an alternative pain killer or the **OPIOID** pain killer the health care provider has prescribed. This may give the patient a false sense of security that either is fine to take. Unfortunately, depending on the patient, he or she may become addicted to the **OPIOID** that was prescribed.

2 New Section; Controlled Drug Act; **OPIOID** Disclosure. Amend RSA 318-B by inserting after section 1-c the following new section:

318-B:1-d Disclosure Form for **OPIOID** Prescriptions. Licensed health care providers shall require patients to sign a disclosure form informing the patient that taking **OPIOID** drugs could possibly lead to addiction and that such drugs should only be taken if pain is severe. If the patient may be able to use an alternative medication, the form shall include a statement to that effect and that it would be a preferable course of action. The form required under this section may be used to satisfy the requirements of RSA 318-B:41, II(a)(5). The commissioner may adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the form and content of the form required under this section.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.