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SB 382, relative to licensure requirements for telehealth services.

Executive Departments and Administration: OTP 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill reduces consumer choice and increases costs in employing the services of a medical professional in New Hampshire.

- This bill explicitly requires that a medical professional who is providing services to an individual currently within the state of New Hampshire must be licensed, certified, or registered by a New Hampshire licensing board — even if that professional is already licensed in another state.
- New Hampshire is experiencing a healthcare shortage and requires out-of-state help to meet the demand. This bill seeks to reduce citizens' access to healthcare by prohibiting out-of-state healthcare workers who would be otherwise qualified to assist. We should be allowing *more* access for our citizens' healthcare needs, not less.
- As written, an individual visiting New Hampshire may be surprised to find they are denied access to their long-term physician who has a deep understanding of their medical history because the New Hampshire legislature believes they know better who should provide telehealth services.

SB 382

**NAY
OTP**

SB 403, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Finance: IS 4-3

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill re-establishes the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

- The taxpayer should not have to shoulder providing expensive organic fruits and vegetables. This bill seeks to further cripple the taxpayer by instituting another social program that will increase taxes, incentivize poverty, and expand the power of the government, all the while reducing the quality of life of Granite Staters in the process.
- This also replaces private charitable work with government aid, which will always inevitably result in a decrease in the amount and care given to those who are genuinely disadvantaged.
- While the appropriate motion for this bill is ITL, referral to Interim Study is acceptable.

SB 403

YEA IS

SB 415, making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of increasing rates paid to homeless shelters.

Finance: ITL 4-3

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill makes an appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of increasing rates paid to homeless shelters.

- Privately funded charity always works best, and crippling the taxpayer should not be the solution to solve poverty. The appropriation will be \$9 million in 2022 and the same amount in 2023, and would likely set a new baseline that would be increased in future budgets.

SB 415

YEA ITL

SB 442

SB 442, relative to the suspension of a vehicle registration as a result of evading toll collection systems.

Finance: OTP/A 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, denies a vehicle owner the right to utilize their property as the result of even a potentially trivial toll collection issue.

- Under current law, an individual's ability to renew their vehicle registration may be denied if there is an unresolved issue with a toll collecting account associated with the individual. With this bill, it changes from a failure to renew to a mandated suspension of registration within 30 days.
- Billing disputes should not be handled by invoking the heavy-handed power of the state to deny the right to travel and potentially cause a vehicle owner to lose their job. Collection of unpaid bills is a civil matter and should be handled accordingly.
- This heavy-handed state action is particularly troubling when reciprocal tolling is used, as there have been a number of high profile cases of E-ZPass improperly billing people (usatoday.com/story/news/local/2021/12/10/ri-ez-pass-truck-toll-gantry-system-incorrectly-charged-1800-cars/6460940001) as well as instances of improper bills being generated by the pay-by-plate system that is used in multiple states (cbsnews.com/chicago/news/despite-reform-instituted-last-year-some-illinois-tollway-users-struggle-to-resolve-incorrect-charges/).

**NAY
OTP/A**

SB 459

SB 459, relative to a health care facility workplace violence prevention program.

Finance: OTP 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill requires health care facilities to implement and maintain workplace violence prevention programs and establishes the health care workplace safety commission.

This bill also permits law enforcement to arrest an individual without a warrant in certain circumstances related to health care workplaces.

- Violence in any space is already illegal. This bill adds a large amount of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost to further burden health care facilities.
- Law enforcement does not require a warrant to arrest someone when they observe or suspect criminal behavior. No further expansion of state powers that would erode the rights of the private citizen is required.

**NAY
OTP**

SB 446

SB 446, establishing a child care workforce fund and grant program and making an appropriation therefor.

Health and Human Services: OTP/A 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, directs a state agency to develop and submit a childcare plan with a stated purpose that includes taxpayer subsidy.

- Parents have a right and a responsibility to care for their children. This bill presumes that it is the responsibility of the state to provide child care.
- Though the amendment is an improvement over the bill as introduced, it puts New Hampshire on a path to expanding state control of private industry.
- Government programs create dependency and perverse incentives that often do far more harm than good. Effective social assistance is based on sincere care for a person and most often occurs in the context of a genuine personal relationship. Voluntary charities are the ideal way to address these problems, and foster these kinds of relationships.

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OTP/A**