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HB 1233, relative to animal chiropractors.

HB 1233

Executive Departments and Administration: OTP 4-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill exempts individuals who have completed a nationally recognized animal chiropractic program, as determined by the executive director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, from veterinary licensure requirements.

**YEA
OTP**

- This bill allows those trained in animal chiropractic therapy to practice in New Hampshire without being required to become a licensed veterinarian.
- This bill will keep the cost of treatment low and availability high for animal chiropractic as the provider's costs will not be heavily inflated by excessive training requirements.

HB 1296, relative to insurance coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations.

HB 1296

Health and Human Services: OTP 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill forces insurance companies to charge their network members more to make care for a select few free.

**NAY
OTP**

- This bill seeks to make certain types of care for a privileged group free at the expense of everyone else who is in the insurance network.
- Other groups have health issues specific to their genetic background that this bill inequitably ignores to elevate the privilege of an already highly privileged group.
- The current system for payment of services is far more fair as those seeking the service are held accountable for the cost.
- There is no evidence that additional screening will save lives, and in fact there is evidence that excessive screening can result in harms to the individual as well as unnecessary costs to the premium payers. A 2021 paper (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8633447) indicates: *"However, the detection of greater numbers of early stage breast cancers can also lead to overdiagnosis, which refers to the detection of cancers that pose no threat to life and would never have been detected in the absence of screening. Indeed, the detection of greater numbers of early stage cancers in the absence of a subsequent decline in rates of metastatic cancers and cancer deaths is the hallmark of overdiagnosis.... The overtreatment of breast cancer, as a consequence of overdiagnosis, is costly and undoubtedly contributes to this waste. Moreover, for each patient who is overdiagnosed with breast cancer, there are substantial adverse consequences: unnecessary anxiety, financial hardships, and a small risk of morbidity and mortality from unnecessary treatments."*

This is one of several bills that were rushed into an addendum calendar ahead just prior to session and caucus, reducing the opportunity for public outreach.

HB 229, relative to requiring an official declaration of war for the activation of the New Hampshire national guard.

HB 229

Finance: IS 7-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill limits the activation of the New Hampshire National Guard for active duty combat to only those times where the United States Congress has passed an official action pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

- This bill helps to ensure that the state upholds the U.S. Constitution by requiring Congress to formally declare war before deploying National Guard units for overseas combat missions. This measure reinforces the separation of powers and prevents the executive branch from bypassing Congress in matters of war.
- By keeping National Guard units within NH, the bill helps ensure that these resources are available for state emergencies, such as natural disasters. This allows New Hampshire to better protect our residents and respond to local crises more effectively.
- This bill is particularly relevant with rapidly deteriorating world events and should have broad bipartisan support. For example, NH Democratic State Senator Lou D'Allesandro was quoted by CNN *'Nearly 3,500 U.S. troops have been killed in Iraq, and the war is now widely unpopular. New Hampshire state Sen. Lou D'Allesandro, a Manchester Democrat, said the war has hit close to home in New Hampshire "because of the number of National Guard people there." ... "You are witnessing your friends and neighbors passing away or being killed," said D'Allesandro, who has not yet endorsed a candidate'* - www.cnn.com/2007/POLITICS/06/04/nh.debate.main/
- The recent NH GOP convention adopted a platform plank in support of Defend the Guard - "Demand that Congress exercise their sole authority over war declarations and protect the New Hampshire National Guard by requiring a Congressional declaration of war prior to any National Guardsman deployment to overseas combat zones." - nh.gop/platform/

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