

New Hampshire Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Association

2026 Legislative end of year report.

During the 2025–2026 legislative cycle, NHADACA’s Public Policy Committee monitored 26 bills related to substance use disorders and the substance use workforce. The following section provides an overview of each bill, NHADACA’s position, and the bill’s current legislative status.

- **HB 1328** - relative to alcohol and other drug use professionals and relative to the qualifications to obtain certain occupational licenses.

Position: support with amendments

Last Actions: signed by Governor Ayotte on 07/02/2026

- **SB 624** - restricting access to certain hemp-derived products and establishing the offenses of criminal adulteration and distribution of adulterated controlled substances.

Position: support/ monitor

Last Action: remainder effective 01/01/2027

- **SB 470** - relative to the expungement of certain disciplinary matters.

Position: support

Last Action: signed by Governor Ayotte 06/19/2026

- **HB 1630** - prohibiting the sale of nitrous oxide and certain inhalants for recreational purposes.

Position: support

Last Actions: signed by Governor Ayotte on 06/19/2026

- **HB 751**- establishing a committee to study licensure of outpatient substance use disorder treatment facilities, authorizing parents to enroll their children in any public school in the state, and creating a limited exemption from parental consent required for certain recordings under the parental bill of rights.

Position: monitor

Last Action: Pending Motion of Committee of Conference Report 06/04/2026

- **SB 549** - requiring certain syringe service program entities to provide options for disposal of used syringes and needles and creating reporting requirements for such entities.

Position: oppose

Last Action: signed by Governor Ayotte on 05/28/2026

- **SB 557**- making synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal to prepare, distribute, manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise, with exceptions made for scientific research, and relative to the official ballot referendum form of town meetings.

Position: support

Last Action: Sen. Gannon moved nonconcur with the House Amendment 05/21/2026

- **SB 461**- relative to the definition of hemp.

Position: support

Last Action: Sen. Gannon moved nonconcur with the House Amendment 05/21/2026

- **SB 298**- relative to the scope of review of state agency interpretations, prohibiting the use of scented products in public areas of state buildings, and establishing a committee to study the implementation and effectiveness of the mandatory statewide certification process and operational standards for recovery residences.

Position: support

Last Action: Sen. Pearl Moved Nonconcur with the House Amendment 05/21/2026

- **SB 640**- relative to the use of artificial intelligence to provide services requiring a professional license.

Position: monitor

Last Action: Inexpedient to legislate 05/14/2026

- **SB 465**- classifying xylazine as a schedule III controlled drug.

Position: support

Last Action: Inexpedient to Legislate 04/23/2026

- **SB 450** - relative to a state parks pass pilot program for recovery centers and community mental health centers.

Position: neutral/ monitor

Last Action: Inexpedient to Legislate 04/23/2026

- **SB 441** - relative to the financial responsibility for local assistance and enabling municipalities to request a hearing regarding the residency of an assisted person.

Position: oppose

Last Action: Refer for interim study 04/23/2026

- **SB 620** - relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated.

Position: support

Last Action: Signed by Governor Ayotte on 04/20/2026

- **HB 529** - relative to the liquor commission.

Position: neutral

Last Action: signed by Governor Ayotte on 03/27/2026

- **CARC 19** - relative to the personal possession of cannabis. Providing that adults 21 years of age or older shall have the right to possess a modest amount of cannabis intended for their personal consumption.

Position: oppose

Last Action: special order to next of business 03/11/2026

- **HB 1790** - relative to involuntary admissions for certain individuals with a substance use disorder.

Position: support / monitor

Last Action: Refer to Interim study 03/11/2026

- **HB 1538** - preventing vape products from being marketed towards minors.

Position: support

Last Action: Refer to Interim Study 03/11/2026

- **HB 1052**- relative to qualifications for licensure as a LADC, or licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

Position: oppose

Last Action: Refer to Interim Study 03/05/2026

- **HB 186** - relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.

Position: neutral/ monitor

Last Action: Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate 03/05/2026

- **HB 1235** - legalizing certain quantities of cannabis.

Position: monitor

Last Action: Majority Committee Report: inexpedient to Legislate 02/13/2026

- **HB 1572** - relative to licensure as a master licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

Position: support with amendments

Last Action: Lay on the Table 02/19/2026

- **SB 452** - enabling health care providers to offer certain complementary and alternative health care services.

Position: oppose

Last Action: refer Interim Study 02/19/2026