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HOUSE BILL **484**

AN ACT establishing a commission on the seacoast cancer cluster investigation.

SPONSORS: Rep. Messmer, Rock. 24; Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Malloy, Rock. 23; Rep. Berrien, Rock. 18; Rep. Bean, Rock. 21; Rep. P. Gordon, Rock. 29; Rep. H. Marsh, Rock. 22; Sen. Innis, Dist 24; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission on the seacoast cancer cluster investigation.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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1 appointed by the dean of the Boston University School of Public Health.

2 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
3 when attending to the duties of the commission.

4 III.(a) In response to the department of health and human services' findings on February 2,
5 2016, the commission shall:

6 (1) Develop a common understanding of the key definitions and concepts of cancer
7 clusters and environmental investigation.

8 (2) Review the progress made by state and federal agencies and their partners.

9 (3) Delineate the potential roles and responsibilities for municipalities, state
10 agencies, and their partners.

11 (4) Provide informed communication about the cancer cluster investigation to their
12 constituencies.

13 (5) Calibrate and utilize the Seacoast New Hampshire Groundwater Availability
14 Study developed by the United States Geological Survey in 2003 to assess localized groundwater
15 flow and contaminant migration from sites selected by the commission.

16 (b) The commission shall solicit information from any person or entity the commission
17 deems relevant to its study.

18 IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
19 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first
20 meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Ten
21 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

22 V. The commission shall make 2 interim reports, one on or before November 1, 2017, and
23 one on or before November 1, 2018, and issue a final report on its findings and any
24 recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the
25 president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or
26 before June 30, 2020.

27 2 Repeal. RSA 126-A:73, relative to the commission on the seacoast cancer cluster
28 investigation, is repealed.

29 3 Effective Date.

30 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2020.

31 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.