



# Legislative Activity Report

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## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY—LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

*This report contains descriptions and/or excerpts of relevant bills that passed the first chamber, passed the second chamber, or were enacted during the specific periods. In addition, a recap of significant legislative and judicial activity impacting the workers compensation system will be included in the first report published each month. This report is issued on a weekly basis throughout the legislative season, and it provides updates on the content of these bills if and when they progress through the legislative process. This report includes bills from states where NCCI provides ratemaking services (see state list under Contact Information) and the US Congress.*

### BILLS ENACTED

There were no relevant workers compensation-related bills enacted within the one-week period ending January 8, 2016.

### BILLS PASSING SECOND CHAMBER

The following workers compensation-related bills passed the second chamber within the one-week period ending January 8, 2016.

#### New Hampshire

**SB 45** was:

- Passed by first chamber on March 19, 2015
- Included in NCCI's March 27, 2015 *Legislative Activity Report* (RLA-2015-12)
- Amended and passed by the second chamber on January 6, 2016

**SB 45** establishes a committee to study opioid use in workers compensation cases.

**SB 203** was:

- Passed by first chamber on March 26, 2015
- Included in NCCI's April 3, 2015 *Legislative Activity Report* (RLA-2015-13)
- Amended and passed by the second chamber on January 7, 2016

**SB 203** amends *section 281-A:48. Review of Eligibility for Compensation* of the New Hampshire Statutes as follows:

I. Any party at interest with regard to an injury occurring after July 1, 1965, may petition the commissioner to review a denial or an award of compensation made pursuant to RSA 281-A:40 by filing a petition with the commissioner not later than the fourth anniversary of the date of such denial or the last payment of compensation under such award or pursuant to RSA 281-A:40, as the case may be, upon the ground of a change in conditions, mistake as to the nature or extent of the injury or disability, fraud, undue influence, or coercion. This section shall not apply to requests for extensions of medical and hospital benefits, or other remedial care, which shall be governed solely by those sections of this chapter relating thereto. This section shall not apply to lump sum agreements, except upon the grounds of fraud, undue influence, or coercion.

I-a. Any party at interest with regard to an injury occurring after January 1, 2016, where medical treatment for that injury is purposefully and intentionally postponed for medical reasons beyond the fourth anniversary of the date of denial or the last payment of compensation, may petition the commissioner to review such denial or award of compensation made pursuant to RSA 281-A:40 by filing a petition with the commissioner no later than 180 days after the date of the postponed treatment. A written acknowledgment by the employee and notification to the workers' compensation carrier shall be included in the worker's medical record including the medical reason for postponing the medical procedure. Any award or denial of indemnity payments made under this paragraph shall not extend the time frame under paragraph I.

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## BILLS PASSING FIRST CHAMBER

There were no relevant workers compensation-related bills that passed the first chamber within the one-week period ending January 8, 2016.

### Contact Information

If you have any questions about the legislation or proposals mentioned, please contact the appropriate NCCI state relations executive (listed below) or a representative of your local insurance trade association.

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