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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – The House of Representatives voted [213-137](#) today to pass [SB 4](#), legislation that enshrines the basic provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in state law. **Representative Edward Butler (D-Hart's Location)**, Chair of the House Commerce Committee released the following statement:

“Today’s House vote in support of SB 4 provides support for families who rely on health care services provided through the Affordable Care Act. Given the level of uproar and division in Washington, it is critical that the health care services of Granite Staters are protected regardless of federal action. So many New Hampshire families are dependent on the essential health benefits of the Affordable Care Act. SB 4 protects those essential health benefits, like mental health and substance use disorder services, maternity care, and protection for pre-existing conditions. Failing to codify the protections of the Affordable Care Act in New Hampshire statute would harm countless Granite State families should unforeseen federal changes occur.”

“I urge Governor Sununu to sign SB 4 into law, allowing families to breathe a sigh of relief in knowing that New Hampshire believes that the insurance industry deserves consistency. Affordable and accessible healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and the healthcare of New Hampshire citizens should not be compromised by political turbulence in Washington.”

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