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**HOUSE REPUBLICANS PASS DANGEROUS REPEAL OF BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF
MEDICAL TECHNICIANS**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, the New Hampshire House voted to pass HB 1330, a bill to repeal the Board of Registration of Medical Technicians. Following the vote, **Representative Bill Marsh (D-Brookfield), MD**, released the following statement:

“The passage of this bill puts the entire state at risk of recurrence of the 2016 Exeter Hospital Hepatitis C outbreak, where 1,074 people were exposed to hepatitis C, resulting in at least 32 infections and at least 1 fatality, by the preventable criminal actions of a traveling technician addicted to opioids. New Hampshire was the first state to require registration of such technicians, and there have been no similar outbreaks in the state subsequently. Just by requiring registration, we deter most of these people who skip from state to state one step ahead of the law from applying for positions in NH. It is a shame that Republicans in the House chose to undermine public health today by stripping away this critical safeguard.”