

URGENT Action Alert !

HB 410 is scheduled to be voted on by the full House of Representatives on January 6, 2009.

The time to act is NOW!

It is urgent that as many people as possible call their representatives in the NH House of Representatives. Call your representatives on January 4th and 5th (or evening of Jan. 3rd) to urge them to vote to pass HB 410.

On November 19, 2009 the Executive Departments & Administration Committee (ED&A) of the House of Representatives voted UNANIMOUSLY to send HB410 as amended to the full House of Representatives with a recommendation that it ought to pass.

Many of the members of the House of Representatives will have limited information about this bill. It is *IMPERATIVE* that you contact the people who represent you in the legislature to educate them on the importance of this bill for our profession and our clients.

Tell your legislators that the members of the ED&A Committee gave a great deal of time, research and

careful consideration to their recommendation that HB 410 ought to pass. Urge them to uphold the carefully made decision of this well respected committee by voting YES on HB 410.

- ***Legislators pay most attention to phone calls so please CALL.***
 - **Legislators expect to get phone calls, especially from their own constituents.**

- ***Make your phone calls close to the date of the vote.***
 - ***You can begin making calls on Sunday evening, January 3, 2009.***
 - ***Make phone calls on January 4th and 5th.***

- **If you reach the representative directly:**
 - **Identify yourself.**
 - **Be sure to tell your legislator that you live and VOTE in his/her district.**
 - **Tell the legislator that you are calling because you want him/her to vote FOR HB 410.**
 - **Be sure to point out that the ED&A Committee, after much research and deliberation, voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend that HB 410 ought to pass.**
 - **Use the talking points to provide him/her with supporting info if requested.**
 - **Be sure to thank the legislator for his/her service.**

- **If you get an answering machine, LEAVE A MESSAGE:**
 - **Leave your name and phone number and good times to reach you.**
 - **Make sure that you make yourself accessible to a return call.**

- Tell the legislator that you are calling to urge him/her to acknowledge the careful work done by the ED&A Committee, which voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend that HB 410 ought to pass and vote **YES** on HB 410.
- Tell the legislator that you hope to hear back from him/her so you can discuss with him/her the reasons this bill is important to you and the clients you serve.
- Thank the legislator for his/her service.

Make sure that all of your comments are positive. Talk about the merits of the legislation and don't be negative about opponents of the legislation!

Focus on the importance of the work done by the ED&A Committee and the significance of a **UNANIMOUS vote resulting from the months of work by this highly respected committee.**

To find your legislator go to:

www.gencourt.state.nh.us

1. Click on "House of Representatives"
2. Click on "Find a Legislator"
3. Click on "Who is My Legislator"
4. Select your town
5. Click "GO"

If you need help finding your representatives or you want some direction, support or assistance in planning your phone calls, please contact:

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