

**Section 1 Header**

**2010 SESSION**

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**HOUSE BILL**                    *[bill number]*

**AN ACT**                    relative to the prolonged use of anti-infective agents for the treatment of Lyme disease and associated tick-borne diseases.

**SPONSORS:**                [sponsors]

**COMMITTEE:**             [committee]

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**ANALYSIS**

This bill authorizes physicians to prescribe prolonged use of anti-infective agents for therapeutic purposes to patients diagnosed with Lyme disease and associated tick-borne diseases..

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

**Section 2 Header**

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Ten*

AN ACT                    relative to the prolonged use of anti-infective agents for the treatment of Lyme disease and associated tick-borne diseases.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representative in General Court convened:*

1    New Section; Physicians: Treatment of Lyme Disease and associated tick-borne diseases. Amend RSA 329 by inserting after section 31 the following section:

329:32    Treatment of Lyme disease and associated tick-borne diseases. A licensed healthcare provider may prescribe, administer, or dispense long-term anti-infective agent therapy for therapeutic purposes to a person diagnosed with and having symptoms of Lyme disease and associated tick-borne diseases if a diagnosis and treatment plan has been documented in the medical record for that patient. No licensed healthcare provider may be subject to disciplinary action solely for prescribing, administering, or dispensing long-term anti-infective agent therapy for a patient clinically diagnosed with Lyme disease, if a diagnosis and treatment plan has been documented in the medical record for that patient.

I. In this section:

- a. “ Long-term anti-infective agent therapy” means the administration of oral, intramuscular or intravenous anti-infective agents, singly or in combination, for periods of time in excess of four weeks
- c. “ Lyme disease and associated tick-borne diseases” means the clinical diagnosis by a licensed physician of the presence in a patient of signs or symptoms compatible with acute infection with *Borrelia burgdorferi*; or with late stage or persistent or chronic infection with *Borrelia burgdorferi*, or with complications related to such an infection; or such other strains of borrelia that are recognized by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a cause of Lyme disease. Lyme disease and associated tick-borne diseases includes an infection that meets the surveillance criteria set forth by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other acute and chronic manifestations of such an infection as determined by a licensed healthcare provider including associated tick-borne co-infections.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.