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HOUSE BILL ***587-FN***

AN ACT allowing admission of one-party audio and video recordings in certain circumstances.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sabourin, Rock. 30; Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill allows a person to record or possess a recording of what he or she reasonably believes to be a crime and to provide it to law enforcement for use in court.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 New Subparagraph; Domestic Violence; One-Party Recording. Amend RSA 570-A:2, II by inserting after subparagraph (m) the following new subparagraph:

(n) Any person who is a party to a conversation, or who has the prior explicit consent of such a party, except a law enforcement officer acting in their official capacity, to make or possess a recording when that recording:

(1) Is intended to be provided to a law enforcement agency or utilized for the purpose of court proceedings and is not publicly disclosed or released by the person or their agent; and

(2) Is or contains evidence of what the person reasonably anticipates or believes to be a crime.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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HB 587-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue Fund	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
Funding Source	General Fund			
Appropriations*	$0	$0	$0	$0
Funding Source	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill** ***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**
County Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association