

Amendment to HB 194-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Paragraphs; Interference with Custody. Amend RSA 633:4 by inserting after paragraph
4 IV the following new paragraphs:

5 V. A person commits an offense under this section if, with the intent to interfere with the
6 lawful custody of a child under 18 years of age, the person knowingly entices or persuades the child
7 to leave the custody of:

8 (a) The other parent or guardian; or

9 (b) A person lawfully acting in the capacity of parent or guardian.

10 VI. (a) A first or second violation of paragraph V shall be a civil violation punishable by a
11 fine of \$500 per offense.

12 (b) A third or subsequent violation of paragraph V shall be a class B felony.

13 VII. Any person who violates paragraph V by taking or removing the child from the state of
14 New Hampshire, without consent or contrary to a valid court order, shall be guilty of a class B
15 felony.

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the crime of interference with custody to add certain actions with an intent to interfere with lawful custody.