

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, April 9, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 1240-FN**

AN ACT relative to the apparent use of a deadly weapon
 during the offense of criminal threatening.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Daryl Abbas
For the Committee

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