

SB 622-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **622-FN**

AN ACT relative to the offense of identity fraud.

SPONSORS: Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9;
Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill adds a definition of entity and explicitly includes entities in the prohibited conduct for the offense of identity fraud.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to the offense of identity fraud.

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

1 1 Identity Fraud; Definitions. Amend RSA 638:25 to read as follows:

2 638:25 Definitions.

3 In this subdivision:

4 I. ***"Entity" means any corporation, limited liability company, trust, partnership,***
5 ***incorporated or unincorporated association or organization, and any other legal entity or***
6 ***combination of entities, including any state, county, or municipal government and any***
7 ***subdivision, branch, department, or agency thereof.***

8 II. "Personal identifying information" means any name, number, or information that may be
9 used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to assume the identity of an individual ***or***
10 ***entity***, including any name, address, telephone number, driver's license number, social security
11 number, employer or place of employment, employee identification number, mother's maiden name,
12 demand deposit account number, savings account number, credit card number, debit card number,
13 personal identification number, account number, or computer password identification, ***or logo or***
14 ***other mark used to identify an entity.***

15 ~~III.~~ III. "Pose" means to falsely represent oneself, directly or indirectly, as another person
16 or persons, ***or entity or entities.***

17 ~~IV.~~ IV. "Victim" means any person ***or entity*** whose personal identifying information has
18 been unlawfully obtained or recorded or any person or entity that provided money, credit, goods,
19 services, or anything of value and has suffered financial loss as a direct result of the commission or
20 attempted commission of a violation of this subdivision.

21 2 Identity Fraud. Amend RSA 638:26, I to read as follows:

22 I. A person is guilty of identity fraud when the person:

23 (a) Poses as another person ***or entity*** with the purpose to defraud in order to obtain
24 money, credit, goods, services, or anything else of value;

25 (b) Obtains or records personal identifying information about another person ***or entity***
26 without the express authorization of such person ***or entity***, with the intent to pose as such person ***or***
27 ***entity***;

28 (c) Obtains or records personal identifying information about a person ***or entity*** without
29 the express authorization of such person ***or entity*** in order to assist another to pose as such person
30 ***or entity***; or

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1 (d) Poses as another person *or entity*, without the express authorization of such person
2 *or entity*, with the purpose of obtaining confidential information about such person that is not
3 available to the general public *or entity*.

4 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**SB 622-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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