

HB 1108-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

1108-FN

AN ACT relative to the offense of criminal threatening.

SPONSORS: Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. Aures, Merr. 13; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17;
Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. Drew, Hills. 19; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Sen. Innis, Dist
7; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill revises the standard for when a person shall not be deemed to have committed the offense of criminal threatening, when responding to certain threats.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Criminal Threatening; Actions in Response to Certain Threats. RSA 631:4, IV is repealed and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

3 IV. A person who, in response to conduct that could reasonably be perceived by a reasonable
4 person as likely to result in serious bodily injury, death, property damage, theft, unlawful intrusion,
5 or refusal to leave after lawful trespass notice, displays a firearm or other lawful means of self-
6 defense with the intent to deter such conduct, shall not be deemed to have committed a criminal act
7 under this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the open carrying of firearms
8 as otherwise permitted by law.

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1108-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