

HB 1158-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1158-FN***

AN ACT relative to the definition of intimate partner.

SPONSORS: Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Manos, Rock. 12; Rep. Rombeau, Hills. 2; Rep. Turer, Rock. 6; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Reardon, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill expands the definition of intimate partner applicable in domestic violence cases.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Protection of Persons from Domestic Violence; Definitions. Amend RSA 173-B:1, XV to read as
2 follows:

3 XV. "Intimate partners" means persons currently or formerly involved in a ***sexual***
4 ***relationship, or in a*** romantic relationship, whether or not such relationship was ever sexually
5 consummated.

6 2 Criminal Code; Domestic Violence. Amend RSA 631:2-b, III(b) to read as follows:

7 (b) "Intimate partner" means a person with whom the actor is currently or was formerly
8 involved in a ***sexual relationship, or in a*** romantic relationship, regardless of whether or not the
9 relationship was sexually consummated.

10 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1158-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:

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