

HB 1240-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1240-FN***

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

SPONSORS: Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Rep. Devoid, Merr. 1; Rep. Lascelles, Hills. 14; Rep. D. Mannion, Rock. 25; Rep. Paquette, Hills. 25; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill makes it a class B felony to violate certain provisions of the criminal threatening statute while using what reasonably appears to the victim to be a deadly weapon.

This bill is a request of the county attorneys.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Criminal Threatening. Amend RSA 631:4, II(a)(2) to read as follows:
- 2 (2) Uses a deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V, ***or uses what reasonably***
- 3 ***appeared to the victim to be a deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V***, in the violation of
- 4 the provisions of subparagraph I(a), I(b), I(c), or I(d).
- 5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1240-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