

HB 1244-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1244-FN**

AN ACT relative to exceptions to the charge of criminal threatening.

SPONSORS: Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8; Rep. Aures, Merr. 13; Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 28; Rep. Drew, Hills. 19; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. Polozov, Merr. 10; Rep. Sabourin dit Choinere, Rock. 30; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill adds an additional exception to when a person shall not have been deemed to commit the offense of criminal threatening to include certain actions in response to a person criminally trespassing that may result in property damage or threat of serious bodily injury or death.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Trespass; Exception. Amend RSA 631:4, IV to read as follows:

2 IV. A person who responds to a ***person criminally trespassing in violation of RSA 635:2***
3 ***or other*** threat which would be considered by a reasonable person as likely to cause ***property***
4 ***damage***, serious bodily injury or death to the person or to another by displaying a firearm or other
5 means of self-defense with the intent to warn away the person ***criminally trespassing or*** making
6 the threat shall not have committed a criminal act under this section.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1244-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