

HB 1757 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1757**

AN ACT prohibiting the remedy of alimony for marriages that existed for six years or less.

SPONSORS: Rep. Barton, Graf. 1; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. Love, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits a court from ordering alimony for marriages that lasted 6 years or less.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 prohibiting the remedy of alimony for marriages that existed for six years or less.

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

1 1 Term Alimony; Minimum Length of Marriage. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA
2 458:19-a, I to read as follows:

3 I. The court may order term alimony upon agreement of the parties or in the absence of an
4 agreement, at the request of either party by petition or motion in a case for divorce, legal separation,
5 or annulment. Any request for alimony shall be made either before the final decree is effective or not
6 later than 5 years from the effective date. The purpose of term alimony is to allow both parties to
7 maintain a reasonable standard of living. If the issue of term alimony is contested, the court may
8 order term alimony only if it finds ***that the marriage existed for more than 6 years and*** that:

9 2 Reimbursement Alimony; Minimum Length of Marriage. Amend the introductory paragraph
10 of RSA 458:19-a, V to read as follows:

11 V. The court may order reimbursement alimony upon agreement of the parties or in the
12 absence of an agreement, at the request of either party by petition or motion in a case for divorce,
13 legal separation, or annulment ***where the marriage existed for more than 6 years***. The request
14 for reimbursement alimony shall be made before the final decree is effective. The purpose of
15 reimbursement alimony is to compensate the payee for economic or non-economic contribution to the
16 financial resources of the payor, where the property subject to division under RSA 458:16-a is either
17 inappropriate or inadequate to provide such compensation. The contribution to the payor's financial
18 resources may include support of education or job training, or an investment of time or money. The
19 following shall apply to reimbursement alimony orders:

20 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.