

HB 1229 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **1229**

AN ACT relative to waivers of alimony.

SPONSORS: Rep. Markell, Rock. 18; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires waivers of alimony to be enforced unless the waiver is found invalid.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 New Paragraph; Term and Reimbursement Alimony. Amend RSA 458:19-a by inserting after
2 paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

3 VII. Agreements in which the parties waive any and all rights to past, present, or future
4 alimony, or any portion thereof, shall be given full force and effect unless the agreement is found by
5 a preponderance of the evidence to be invalid due to coercion, deceit, duress, fraud, mutual mistake,
6 material misrepresentation, supervening illegality, or where such enforcement would be
7 unconscionable or the facts and circumstances have changed since the agreement was executed so as
8 to make the agreement unenforceable.

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