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SENATE BILL ***464-FN***

AN ACT relative to civil rights enforcement.

SPONSORS: Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18;
Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Innis, Dist 7;
Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the standard for civil rights enforcement.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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:

1 204:1 Civil Rights Act; Civil Rights Enforcement. RSA 354-B:1 is repealed and reenacted to read as
2 follows:

3 354-B:1 Civil Rights Enforcement.

4 I.(a) Any person who, motivated in whole or in part by hostility, including but not limited to
5 animus, bias, or prejudice, toward the race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation,
6 sex, gender identity, or disability of the person, group, or organization directly or indirectly targeted by the
7 unlawful act, or the affiliation or association of the person, group, or organization directly or indirectly
8 targeted by the unlawful act with a person or people of a certain race, color, religion, national origin,
9 ancestry, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, or disability, knowingly commits one of the following
10 unlawful acts shall be subject to civil liability under RSA 354-B:2 and to the remedies provided in RSA
11 354-B:3 and RSA 354-B:4:

- 12 (1) Using unprivileged force against another;
13 (2) Committing an act of violence against another;
14 (3) Causing damage to or trespassing on the property of another; or
15 (4) Threatening to commit any of the acts listed above.

16 (b) In this section, "threatening to commit" means the communication, by physical conduct or
17 by declaration, of an intent to inflict harm or damage to a person or property that, taken in the context of
18 surrounding circumstances, would convey to a reasonable person that the actor has the apparent ability to
19 carry out the threat and the real possibility that such harm or damage may occur.

20 II. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit any conduct or speech that is protected
21 under the United States Constitution or the New Hampshire constitution.

22 III. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere or attempt to interfere with the rights secured by
23 this chapter.

24 204:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Approved: June 20, 2026

Effective Date: January 01, 2027

Enacted in accordance with Article 44, Part II of the N.H. Constitution, without the signature of the
governor June 20, 2026

