

HB 587-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

587-FN

AN ACT allowing admission of one-party audio and video recordings in certain circumstances.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sabourin, Rock. 30; Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill allows a person to record or possess a recording of what he or she reasonably believes to be a crime and to provide it to law enforcement for use in court.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Subparagraph; Domestic Violence; One-Party Recording. Amend RSA 570-A:2, II by
2 inserting after subparagraph (m) the following new subparagraph:

3 (n) Any person, except a law enforcement officer acting in their official capacity, to make
4 or possess a recording when that recording:

5 (1) Is provided to a law enforcement agency or utilized for the purpose of court
6 proceedings, and

7 (2) Is or contains evidence of what the person reasonably believes to be a crime.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**HB 587-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
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 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
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