

Amendment to HB 111-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT extending the position of right-to-know ombudsman for 2 years and exempting
4 individuals who assist in the preparation of a right-to-know complaint at no charge
5 from the unauthorized practice of law.
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7 Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to
8 read as 4:

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10 2 New Paragraph; Complaint Process; Assistance. Amend RSA 91-A:7-b by inserting after
11 paragraph I the following new paragraph:

12 I-a. A person who, for no compensation of any kind, assists a petitioner with the preparation
13 of a complaint shall not be acting in violation of RSA 311:7, and shall not be subject to a petition for
14 injunctive relief pursuant to RSA 311:7-a or an investigation pursuant to RSA 311:7-b.

15 3 Ombudsman; Fee Awards. Amend RSA 91-A:7-b, III(f) to read as follows:

16 (f) Make any finding and order any other remedy to the same extent as provided by the
17 court under RSA 91-A:8, ***except that the ombudsman is prohibited from awarding or ordering***
18 ***reimbursement for attorney's fees.***

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the office of the right-to-know ombudsman, complaint process, appeal and enforcement, and rulemaking for 2 years, and exempts a person who assists a petitioner with a right-to-know complaint at no charge from the unauthorized practice of law.