

Amendment to HB 1586-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Penalty; Impersonation of a Firefighter. Amend RSA 154:9 to read as follows:
4 154:9 Penalty.

5 ***I.*** If any person present at a fire, emergency or service call, at or to which the fire
6 department is responding shall refuse or neglect to obey the commands of any member who is
7 recognized as, or should have been recognized as, a member of the fire department, or shall
8 unlawfully assume the office or badge of office of a fire chief, fire officer or firefighter, such person
9 shall be guilty of a violation.

10 ***II.*** *Any person who knowingly and falsely assumes or exercises the functions,*
11 *powers, duties, or privileges incident to the position of firefighter of any city, town, or*
12 *private fire department, or any other firefighter or fire investigator employed by any state,*
13 *county, or political subdivision of a state or county, or who wears or displays without*
14 *authority any uniform, badge, or other identification by which such firefighter or*
15 *investigator is lawfully identified, and with the intent to be recognized as such, shall be*
16 *guilty of a class B felony. This paragraph shall not apply to a retired firefighter who*
17 *wears apparel with his or her former station's insignia upon it.*

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19 Amend RSA 153-A:21-a as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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21 153-A:21-a Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics; False Personation. Any person
22 who knowingly and falsely assumes or exercises the functions, powers, duties, or privileges incident
23 to the position of emergency medical technician or paramedic of any city, town, or private entity, or
24 any emergency medical technician or paramedic employed by any state, county, or political
25 subdivision of a state or county, or who wears or displays without authority any uniform, badge, or
26 other identification by which such emergency medical technician or paramedic is lawfully identified,
27 and with the intent to be recognized as such, shall be guilty of a class B felony.