

Amendment to HB 1443

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

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3 2 Jury Instruction. RSA 519:23-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

4 519:23-a Jury Instruction. In all criminal proceedings the court shall inform the jury of its
5 right to judge the facts and the application of the law in relation to the facts in controversy. At the
6 request of the defendant or the defendant's attorney, the court shall instruct the jury as follows: If
7 you have a reasonable doubt as to whether the state has proved any one or more of the elements of
8 the crime charged, you must find the defendant not guilty. However if you find that the state has
9 proved all the elements of the offense charged beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the
10 defendant guilty, unless your right of conscience dictates that the facts of the case reveal that a
11 guilty verdict will yield an unjust result; accordingly you shall find the defendant not guilty.