

Amendment to SB 498-FN

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

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3 AN ACT requiring an annual report detailing activity related to forfeiture of personal
4 property.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Section; Forfeitures of Personal Property; Report. Amend RSA 617 by inserting after
9 section 11 the following new section:

10 617:12 Report.

11 I. The attorney general, no later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year, shall post a
12 report on the department of justice website detailing forfeiture activity in the state, for the
13 preceding fiscal year, including the type, approximate value, and disposition of the property seized,
14 and the amount of any proceeds received or expended at the state and local levels. The report shall
15 provide a categorized accounting of all proceeds expended. Summary data on seizures, forfeitures,
16 and expenditures of forfeiture proceeds shall be provided by the law enforcement agency in
17 disaggregated form to the attorney general.

18 II. The attorney general may include proposed legislative recommendations to improve
19 policies to ensure that seizures and forfeitures are undertaken and reported in a manner that is fair
20 to crime victims, innocent property owners, secured interest holders, citizens, and law enforcement
21 officers.

22 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the attorney general to post an annual report on the department's website detailing activity related to forfeiture of personal property.