

Amendment to HB 150-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to statements of financial interests filed by state officials.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Statements of Financial Interests; Penalty; Examination of Disclosures. Amend RSA 15-A:7
8 and 15-A:8 to read as follows:

9 15-A:7 Penalty.

10 **I.** Any person who knowingly fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or
11 knowingly files a false statement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

12 **II.** *The attorney general shall notify any person who fails to file the statement of*
13 *financial interests within the deadline prescribed by RSA 15-A:6. Any person who fails to*
14 *file within 30 days of receiving such notice shall be assessed an administrative fine of \$50.*

15 **III.** It shall be an absolute defense in any prosecution under this chapter that the person
16 acted in reliance upon an advisory opinion on the subject issued under RSA 14-B:3, I(c) or RSA 21-
17 G:30, I(c).

18 15-A:8 Examination of Disclosures. The attorney general [~~may~~] **shall** examine the statements
19 of financial interests which are made under this chapter to the secretary of state and compel such
20 disclosures to be made to comply with the law.

21 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the attorney general to contact any person who fails to file a statement of financial interests required under RSA 15-A and establishes a \$50 late fee for the failure to file in a timely manner. The bill also directs the attorney general to review disclosures made under RSA 15-A and compel compliance with the filing requirement.