

SB 58-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL

58-FN

AN ACT relative to venue in criminal prosecutions of distribution of a controlled drug with death resulting.

SPONSORS: Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Reardon, Dist 15; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Seaworth, Merr. 12; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13; Rep. Aures, Merr. 13

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill broadens criminal venue to allow for prosecution of the crime of distribution of a controlled drug with death resulting in the jurisdiction where either the death occurred or where the manufacturing, selling, or dispensing took place.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Distribution of a Controlled Drug with Death Resulting; Venue. Amend RSA
2 318-B:26 by inserting after paragraph IX-a the following new paragraph:

3 IX-b. A prosecution for an offense under paragraph IX of this section may be commenced in
4 the jurisdiction where either the death occurred or the manufacturing, selling, or dispensing took
5 place.

6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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SB 58-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2025-0377s)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Justice and Judicial Branch