

HB 1046-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1046-FN**

AN ACT enabling a person to carry a firearm on a snowmobile being operated on private property.

SPONSORS: Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. J. Smith, Carr. 5; Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8; Rep. DeVito, Rock. 8; Rep. Sabourin dit Choinière, Rock. 30; Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Sellers, Graf. 10; Rep. Giasson, Hills. 29; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill enables a person to carry a firearm on a snowmobile being operated on private property.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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-Six

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

- 1 1 Loaded Firearms; Snowmobiles. Amend RSA 215-C:35 to read as follows:
2 215-C:35 Loaded Firearms Forbidden. No person shall carry on a snowmobile, or a trailer towed
3 by same, any firearms unless said firearm is unloaded. This section shall not apply to law
4 enforcement officers carrying firearms in the course of duty or to pistols or revolvers carried by any
5 person who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm by a New Hampshire statute. ***This section***
6 ***shall not apply when the snowmobile is being operated on private property where the***
7 ***operator has the express or implied permission or license of the landowner or lawful***
8 ***occupant to be present, provided that such permission does not arise solely by way of a***
9 ***public right-of-way, public trail, or designated snowmobile corridor. For the purposes of***
10 ***this section, "unloaded" shall mean that the firearm is not loaded as defined in RSA 207:1,***
11 ***XIV-a. A firearm shall not be considered to be loaded merely because a magazine, tube, or***
12 ***other ammunition storage device attached to the firearm contains ammunition, so long as***
13 ***no round is chambered.***
14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1046-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill *Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association