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HOUSE BILL ***1367-FN***

AN ACT establishing a criminal offense of doxing.

SPONSORS: Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Rep. Devoid, Merr. 1; Rep. D. Mannion, Rock. 25; Rep. Paquette, Hills. 25; Rep. Rhodes, Ches. 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill adds and defines an offense of doxing, and provides criminal and civil penalties for violations.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a criminal offense of doxing.

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

1 1 New Chapter; Doxing. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 644-A the following new
2 chapter:

3 CHAPTER 644-B

4 DOXING

5 644-B:1 Definitions.

6 In this chapter:

7 I. "Doxing" means the intentional publication of another person's personal identifying
8 information without their consent, with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or cause
9 substantial emotional distress or physical harm to that person or their immediate family.

10 II. "Pattern of harassment" means 2 or more acts over a period of time, however short, which
11 evidences a continuity of purpose. A pattern of harassment shall not include constitutionally
12 protected activity, nor shall it include conduct that was necessary to accomplish a legitimate purpose
13 independent of making contact with the targeted person. A course of conduct may include, but not
14 be limited to, any of the following acts or a combination thereof:

- 15 (a) Threatening the safety of the target or their family.
- 16 (b) Following, approaching, or confronting the target or their family.
- 17 (c) Appearing near the home, work, school, or other locations where the target is.
- 18 (d) Damaging the target's property.

19 III. "Personal identifying information" means any information that can be used to identify or
20 locate an individual, including but not limited to, home or work address, telephone number, email
21 address, social security number, date of birth, financial account numbers, or medical records. It does
22 not include information that is lawfully made available from public records or is part of a legitimate
23 news report.

24 IV. "Publication" means posting or disseminating information through any electronic or
25 digital means, including the Internet, social media, or email.

26 V. "Immediate family" means a spouse, child, parent, sibling, or any person residing in the
27 same household.

28 644-B:2 Prohibited Conduct.

29 I. A person commits the offense of doxing if the person:

- 30 (a) Recklessly publishes another person's personal identifying information;

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1 (b) Does so with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or cause substantial
2 emotional distress or physical harm to that person or their immediate family; and

3 (c) The publication creates a reasonable fear of harm or results in harm.

4 II. This section does not apply to:

5 (a) Information published with the consent of the person.

6 (b) Information obtained from public records or government sources and published for a
7 lawful purpose.

8 (c) Reporting of suspected criminal activity to law enforcement.

9 (d) Constitutionally protected speech, including journalistic activities or commentary on
10 matters of public concern.

11 644-B:3 Penalties.

12 I. Doxing is a class A misdemeanor.

13 II. If the doxing results in physical harm, economic loss exceeding \$1,000, or is part of a
14 pattern of harassment, it is a class B felony.

15 2 New Section; Civil Actions for Doxing. Amend RSA 507 by inserting after section 8-k the
16 following new section:

17 507:8-1 Civil Action for Doxing.

18 I. A person aggrieved by a violation of RSA 644-B may bring a civil action against the
19 violator in superior court.

20 II. Remedies may include:

21 (a) Actual damages, but not less than \$1,000 per violation;

22 (b) Punitive damages if the conduct was willful or malicious;

23 (c) Injunctive relief to remove the information or prevent further publication; and

24 (d) Reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

25 III. The attorney general may bring an action to enforce this chapter and seek civil penalties
26 up to \$10,000 per violation.

27 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1367-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