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HOUSE BILL *[bill number]*

AN ACT relative to false reports to law enforcement.

SPONSORS: [sponsors]

COMMITTEE: [committee]

ANALYSIS

This bill makes it a crime to knowingly falsely allege misconduct or criminal conduct against a police officer acting in the performance of his or her official duty.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Criminal Code; False Reports to Law Enforcement. Amend RSA 641:4 to read as follows:

2 641:4 False Reports to Law Enforcement.

3 ***I.*** A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if he ***or she***:

4 [~~H~~] ***(a)*** Knowingly gives or causes to be given false information to any law enforcement
5 officer with the purpose of inducing such officer to believe that another has committed an offense; or

6 [~~H~~] ***(b)*** Knowingly gives or causes to be given information to any law enforcement
7 officer concerning the commission of an offense, or the danger from an explosive or other dangerous
8 substance, knowing that the offense or danger did not occur or exist or knowing that he ***or she*** has
9 no information relating to the offense or danger.

10 ***II.*** *A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if he or she knowingly reports to a law*
11 *enforcement officer or agency, by word or action, false or baseless information regarding*
12 *an allegation of misconduct by a law enforcement officer in the performance of such*
13 *officer's duty.*

14 ***III.*** *A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if he or she knowingly reports to a*
15 *law enforcement officer or agency, by word or action, false or baseless information*
16 *regarding an allegation of criminal conduct by a law enforcement officer in the*
17 *performance of such officer's duty.*

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.