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HOUSE BILL

59-FN

AN ACT relative to the assault of a firefighter, emergency medical care provider, or law enforcement officer.

SPONSORS: Rep. D. Mannion, Rock. 25; Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 13; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 29; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes felony-level offenses for assaults on firefighters, emergency medical care providers, and law enforcement and for assaults specifically targeting law enforcement officers.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the assault of a firefighter, emergency medical care provider, or law enforcement officer.

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

1 1 New Subparagraph; Criminal Code; First Degree Assault; Elements of Offense. Amend RSA
2 631:1, I by inserting after subparagraph (d) the following new subparagraph:

3 (e) Knowingly causes serious bodily injury to a law enforcement officer, a paid
4 firefighter, volunteer firefighter, on-call firefighter, or licensed emergency medical care provider as
5 defined in RSA 153-A:2, V, acting in the line of duty; or commits such an act against a law
6 enforcement officer whether or not the officer is on duty, where the purpose was to harm the officer
7 because of his or her present or previous employment as a law enforcement officer.

8 2 New Subparagraph; Criminal Code; Second Degree Assault; Elements of Offense. Amend RSA
9 631:2, I by inserting after subparagraph (f) the following new subparagraph:

10 (g) Knowingly causes bodily injury to a law enforcement officer, a paid firefighter,
11 volunteer firefighter, on-call firefighter, or licensed emergency medical care provider as defined in
12 RSA 153-A:2, V, acting in the line of duty; or commits such an act against a law enforcement officer
13 whether or not the officer is on duty, where the purpose was to harm the officer because of his or her
14 present or previous employment as a law enforcement officer.

15 3 Extended Term of Imprisonment. Amend RSA 651:6, I(g) to read as follows:

16 (g) Has knowingly committed or attempted to commit any of the crimes defined in RSA
17 631, **other than a violation of RSA 631:1, I(e) or RSA 631:2, I(g)**, where he or she knows the
18 victim was, at the time of the commission of the crime, a law enforcement officer, a paid firefighter,
19 volunteer firefighter, on-call firefighter, or licensed emergency medical care provider as defined in
20 RSA 153-A:2, V acting in the line of duty;

21 4 First Degree Assault; Elements. Amend RSA 631:1, I(d) to read as follows:

22 (d) Knowingly or recklessly causes serious bodily injury to a person under 13 years of
23 age[-]; **or**

24 5 Second Degree Assault; Elements. Amend RSA 631:2, I(f) to read as follows:

25 (f) Purposely or knowingly engages in the strangulation of another[-]; **or**

26 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 59-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT # 2025-3083s)**

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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