

SB 267-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***267-FN***

AN ACT relative to the penalty for engaging in prostitution as a patron.

SPONSORS: Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. N. Murphy,
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COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a mandatory \$500 fine for engaging in prostitution as a patron, in addition to any other penalty, and directs that the funds are to be forwarded for use in the victims' assistance fund.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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; Prostitution and Related Offenses. Amend RSA 645:2 by inserting after
2 paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

3 X. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the court shall levy a fine of \$500 for
4 each conviction under this section where the court finds that the defendant engaged in prostitution
5 as a patron. The court shall not reduce or suspend any sentence or the payment of any fine imposed
6 under this paragraph. If the court determines that the defendant is unable to pay the fine on the
7 date imposed, the court may defer payment or order periodic payments thereof. Fines imposed
8 under this paragraph shall not be subject to an additional penalty assessment and shall not be
9 subject to the provisions of RSA 618:8 or 618:9. The clerk shall forward all fines collected under this
10 paragraph to the victims' assistance commission for the purposes of funding the victims' assistance
11 fund pursuant to RSA 21-M:8-g, 21-M:8-h and 21-M:8-i.

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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**SB 267-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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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 2026 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch