

Section 1 Header

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HOUSE BILL *[bill number]*

AN ACT prohibiting state and local law enforcement from participating in the enforcement of copyright claims against free and open source software projects.

SPONSORS: [sponsors]

COMMITTEE: [committee]

ANALYSIS

This bill prevents New Hampshire law enforcement from assisting in the prosecution of copyright infringement cases against free and open source software projects.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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of copyright claims against free and open source software projects.

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

1 1 New Section; Law Enforcement Powers Relative to Free and Open Source Software. Amend
2 RSA 21-P by inserting after section 21-P:68 the following new section:

3 21-P:69 Enforcement Powers Over Copyright Claims Against Free and Open Source Software
4 Projects. No member of law enforcement in the state of New Hampshire, or any of it's political
5 subdivisions, shall assist federal law enforcement in any investigation or prosecution of copyright
6 claims or other claims of intellectual property crimes brought by makers of proprietary software
7 against makers of competing free and open software projects.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.