SENATE BILL   465-FN

AN ACT relative to the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images.


COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a penalty for nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
CHAPTER 126
SB 465-FN - FINAL VERSION

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen

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

126:1 New Section; Breaches of the Peace and Related Offenses; Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images. Amend RSA 644 by inserting after section 9 the following new section:

644:9-a Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images.

I. In this section:
(a) "Disseminate" means to import, publish, produce, print, manufacture, distribute, sell, lease, exhibit, or display.
(b) "Image" means a photograph, film, videotape, or digital image or recording.
(c) "Intimate parts" means the fully unclothed, partially unclothed, or transparently clothed genitals, pubic area, or anus, or, if the person is female, a partially or fully exposed nipple, including exposure through transparent clothing.
(d) "Sexual act" means sexual penetration, masturbation, or sexual activity.
(e) "Sexual activity" means any:
(1) Knowing touching or fondling by any person, either directly or through clothing, of the sex organs, anus, or breast of that person, or another person, or animal; or
(2) Any transfer or transmission of semen upon any part of the clothed or unclothed body of a person; or
(3) An act of urination within a sexual context; or
(4) Any bondage, fetter, or sadism masochism; or
(5) Sadomasochism abuse in any sexual context.

II. A person commits nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images when he or she:
(a) Purposely, and with the intent to harass, intimidate, threaten, or coerce the depicted person, disseminates an image of such person:
(1) Who is identifiable from the image itself or information displayed in connection with the image; and
(2) Who is engaged in a sexual act or whose intimate parts are exposed, in whole or in part; and
(b) Obtains the image under circumstances in which a reasonable person would know or understand that the person in the image intended that the image was to remain private; and
(c) Knows or should have known that the person in the image has not consented to the dissemination.
III. The intentional dissemination of an image of another identifiable person who is engaged in a sexual act or whose intimate parts are exposed is exempt from the provision of this section:

(a) When the dissemination is made for the purpose of a criminal investigation that is otherwise lawful.

(b) When the dissemination is for the purpose of, or in connection with, the reporting of unlawful conduct.

(c) When the images involve voluntary exposure in public or commercial settings.

(d) When the dissemination serves a lawful public purpose.

(e) When the dissemination is done in compliance with a subpoena or court order.

IV. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose liability upon the following entities solely as a result of content or information provided by another person:

(a) An interactive computer service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. section 230(f)(2);

(b) A provider of public cellular or mobile services or private radio services; or

(c) A telecommunications network or broadband provider.

V. Any property used in committing, or facilitating the commission of, any offense under this section shall be subject to forfeiture.

VI. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class B felony.

126:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 20, 2016

Effective Date: July 19, 2016