

HB 1157 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **1157**

AN ACT                relative to liability of New Hampshire news media for failure to update stories on criminal proceedings.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Flanagan, Hills. 26

COMMITTEE:          Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires a news media to update, retract, or correct an Internet published article about a criminal proceeding following an acquittal, dismissal, or finding of not guilty.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                   relative to liability of New Hampshire news media for failure to update stories on criminal proceedings.

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

1           1 New Section; Liability of News Media. Amend RSA 507 by inserting after section 8-i the  
2 following new section:

3           507:8-j Liability of News Media. The failure of a New Hampshire news media organization to  
4 update, retract, or correct an Internet published story concerning a criminal proceeding against a  
5 named person, immediately following written notification of the media organization by the injured  
6 person of a subsequent finding of not guilty, acquittal, or dismissal of the charges against such  
7 person in a criminal proceeding, shall result in the liability of the New Hampshire news media  
8 organization for any damages incurred by the person caused by such failure.

9           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.