

HB 1031 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1031***

AN ACT prohibiting law enforcement from encrypting public frequencies.

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ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits law enforcement from encrypting public frequencies.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT prohibiting law enforcement from encrypting public frequencies.

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

1 1 New Section; Encrypted Communications Prohibited. Amend RSA 104 by inserting after
2 section 28-a the following new section:

3 104:28-b Encrypted Communications Prohibited. No law enforcement agency in the state of
4 New Hampshire shall encrypt communication frequencies except when engaged in highly sensitive
5 incidents including hostage negotiations, incidents involving special weapons and tactics, or other
6 operations where encryption is necessary to ensure the safety of the law enforcement officers and the
7 public and to protect sensitive information that could negatively impact an investigation.

8 2 New Section; Encrypted Communications Prohibited. Amend RSA 106-B by inserting after
9 section 18-a the following new section:

10 106-B:18-b Encrypted Communications Prohibited. No law enforcement agency in the state of
11 New Hampshire shall encrypt communication frequencies except when engaged in highly sensitive
12 incidents including hostage negotiations, incidents involving special weapons and tactics, or other
13 operations where encryption is necessary to ensure the safety of the law enforcement officers and the
14 public and to protect sensitive information that could negatively impact an investigation.

15 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.