

HB 407 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **407**

AN ACT relative to the penalty for making a false statement in a criminal complaint.

SPONSORS: Rep. Itse, Rock 10

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a law enforcement officer who makes a false statement in a criminal complaint may be prosecuted for false swearing.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Thirteen

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

- 1 1 Complaints. Amend RSA 592-A:7, I to read as follows:
2 I. Criminal proceedings before a circuit court shall be begun by complaint, signed and under
3 oath, addressed to such court, briefly setting forth, by name or description, the party accused and the
4 offense charged, provided that a complaint filed by a police officer, as defined in RSA 188-F:23, I, for
5 a violation-level offense or a class B misdemeanor shall not require an oath. All complaints filed by a
6 police officer shall include the officer's signature and printed name and notice that making a false
7 statement on the complaint may result in criminal prosecution *for false swearing pursuant to*
8 ***RSA 641:2.***
9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014.