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SENATE BILL **96**

AN ACT relative to vexatious litigants.

SPONSORS: Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6; Rep. Rowe, Hills 22

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes certain requirements for persons who are determined by the court to be vexatious litigants.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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:

1 181:1 New Sections; Frivolous Lawsuits; Vexatious Litigants; Powers of Court. Amend RSA 507
2 by inserting after section 15 the following new sections:

3 507:15-a Vexatious Litigants.

4 I. In this section, “vexatious litigant” means an individual who has been found by a judge to
5 have filed 3 or more frivolous lawsuits which the judge finds, by clear and convincing evidence, were
6 initiated for the primary purpose of harassment.

7 II. The court may require a vexatious litigant to:

8 (a) Retain an attorney or other person of good character to represent him or her in all
9 actions; or

10 (b) Post a cash or surety bond sufficient to cover all attorney fees and anticipated
11 damages.

12 507:15-b Powers of Court. RSA 507:15 and RSA 507:15-a shall not be construed to diminish the
13 inherent power of any court to grant appropriate relief not specified in those sections.

14 181:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

15 Approved: July 2, 2013

16 Effective Date: July 2, 2013