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HOUSE BILL 681-FN-A

AN ACT establishing a fine for persons convicted of domestic violence and increasing the

 $marriage\ license\ fee.$

SPONSORS: Rep. Cushing, Rock 21; Rep. Mangipudi, Hills 35; Rep. Pantelakos, Rock 25;

Rep. Harvey, Hills 29; Rep. Simpson, Rock 18; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a fine for persons convicted of the crime of domestic violence and requires that such funds be deposited in the fund for domestic violence grant programs under RSA 173-B:15. The bill also increases the marriage license fee.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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

1 244:1 New Paragraph; Domestic Violence; Fine Established. Amend RSA 631:2-b by inserting 2 after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the court shall levy a fine of \$50 for each conviction under this section. If the court determines that the defendant is unable to pay the fine on the date imposed, the court may defer payment or order periodic payments thereof. Fines imposed under this section shall not be subject to an additional penalty assessment. The clerk shall forward all fines collected under this paragraph to the department of health and human services for the purposes of RSA 173-B:15.

244:2 Marriage License Fee. Amend RSA 457:29 to read as follows:

457:29 Marriage License Fee. The fee for the marriage license shall be [\$45] \$50 to be paid by the parties entering into the marriage. The clerk shall forward [\$38] \$43 from each fee to the department of health and human services for the purposes of RSA 173-B:15. The clerk shall retain the remaining \$7 as the fee for making the records of notice, issuing the certificate of marriage, and forwarding the [\$38] \$43 portion of the marriage license fee.

244:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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