

HB 1435 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2328

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HOUSE BILL

***1435***

AN ACT                   relative to the right of a victim of domestic violence to have a support person present when testifying or being deposed.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Gay, Rock. 8; Rep. Stapleton, Sull. 5; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 16; Rep. Greeson, Graf. 16; Rep. Woods, Merr. 23; Rep. Langley, Hills. 8; Rep. Homola, Hills. 27; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 4; Rep. Rung, Hills. 21; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23

COMMITTEE:       Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

      This bill establishes the right for a petitioner in a domestic violence case to have a support person present without restriction by the presiding judge.

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                      Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    relative to the right of a victim of domestic violence to have a support person present when testifying or being deposed.

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

1            1    New Paragraph; Protection of Persons from Domestic Violence; Commencement of  
2    Proceedings; Hearing; Establishing Right to Support Person. Amend RSA 173-B:3 by inserting after  
3    paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

4            IX. A plaintiff in family court proceedings shall be permitted a support person outside the  
5    presence of the defendant or the defendant's legal counsel. Such use of a support person shall not be  
6    restricted by the presiding judge.

7            2    Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.