

**CHAPTER 227**  
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SENATE BILL            **58**

AN ACT                    relative to arrests without a warrant while in the care of a medical professional on the premises of a residential care or health care facility.

SPONSORS:            Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE:          Judiciary

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes a law enforcement officer to arrest a person without a warrant for interfering with the provision of medically-necessary health care services.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

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

1            227:1 Arrests in Criminal Cases; Arrest Without a Warrant. Amend RSA 594:10, I to read as  
2 follows:

3            I. An arrest by a peace officer without a warrant on a charge of a misdemeanor or a violation  
4 is lawful whenever:

5                      (a) ~~[He]~~ ***The peace officer*** has probable cause to believe that the person to be arrested  
6 has committed a misdemeanor or violation in ~~[his]~~ ***the peace officer's*** presence; or

7                      (b) ~~[He]~~ ***The peace officer*** has probable cause to believe that the person to be arrested  
8 has within the past 12 hours committed abuse as defined in RSA 173-B:1, I against a person eligible  
9 for protection from domestic violence as defined in RSA 173-B:1, has within the past 12 hours  
10 violated a temporary or permanent protective order issued under RSA 173-B or RSA 458:16 by  
11 committing assault, criminal trespass, criminal mischief or another criminal act, or has within the  
12 last 12 hours violated stalking provisions under RSA 633:3-a.

13                      (c) ~~[He]~~ ***The peace officer*** has probable cause to believe that the person to be arrested  
14 has committed a misdemeanor or violation, and, if not immediately arrested, such person will not be  
15 apprehended, will destroy or conceal evidence of the offense, ~~[or]~~ will cause further personal injury or  
16 damage to property, ***or, while in the care of a medical professional on the premises of a***  
17 ***residential care or health care facility as defined in RSA 151:2, through actual or***  
18 ***threatened violence, interfere in the provision of health care services that a licensed***  
19 ***medical professional has determined to be medically necessary.***

227:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: August 04, 2023  
Effective Date: August 04, 2023