

HB 1336 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to employees' firearms in locked vehicles.

SPONSORS: Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17; Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. T. Lekas, Hills. 38; Rep. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits employers from inquiring into, searching for, or banning employee's storage of firearms or ammunition in their locked vehicles and provides civil immunity to employers for any economic loss, injury, or death that results from an employer's adherence to this law.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to employees' firearms in locked vehicles.

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

1 1 New Section; Pistols and Revolvers; Concealed Firearms in Vehicles. Amend RSA 159 by
2 inserting after section 6-f the following new section:

3 159:6-g Concealed Firearms in Vehicles.

4 I. An employer or an agent of an employer may not prohibit an employee who may legally
5 possess a firearm from storing a firearm or ammunition in the employee's vehicle while entering or
6 exiting the employer's property or while the vehicle is parked on the employer's property as long as
7 the vehicle is locked and the firearm or ammunition is not visible. An employer or agent of an
8 employer is prohibited from requiring an employee to disclose whether or not the employee is storing
9 a firearm or ammunition in the employee's vehicle, and no searches of the employee's vehicle for a
10 firearm or ammunition may be undertaken except by a law enforcement officer pursuant to a
11 warrant or pursuant to a recognized exception to the warrant requirement.

12 II. No employer or any agent of an employer shall take any adverse action against any
13 employee who stores a firearm or ammunition in accordance with this section.

14 III. An employer or an agent of an employer may not be held liable in any civil action for any
15 damages for any economic loss, injury, or death resulting from or arising out of another person's
16 actions involving a firearm or ammunition stored pursuant to this section, including, but not limited
17 to, the theft of a firearm from an employee's vehicle, unless the employer or an agent of the employer
18 intentionally solicited or procured the other person's injurious actions.

19 IV. This section applies to the state or any municipality as an employer when the state or
20 municipal employee's vehicle is on property owned or leased by the state or municipality.

21 V. This section shall not be construed to authorize an employee to carry a firearm in any
22 place where carrying a firearm is prohibited by law.

23 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.