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HOUSE BILL **288**

AN ACT relative to the statutory construction of the phrase "under oath."

SPONSORS: Rep. Rouillard, Hills. 6; Rep. Berch, Ches. 1; Rep. Rosenwald, Hills. 30; Sen.
Carson, Dist 14

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

 This bill expands the general statutory definition of the phrase "under oath" to apply to documents filed with a state agency under certain circumstances.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

- 1 57:1 Statutory Construction; Under Oath. Amend RSA 21:52 to read as follows:
- 2 21:52 Under Oath. The words "under oath" when used in connection with a document to be
- 3 filed with the court ***or a state agency, which does not require a notary acknowledgment or***
- 4 ***notarization under New Hampshire law***, shall be satisfied by electronic signature "under the
- 5 penalty of perjury" if the document is filed with the court ***or state agency*** electronically, ***and if***
- 6 ***the document is accompanied by a statement under the electronic signature stating "the***
- 7 ***penalty for perjury may include a fine or imprisonment or both.***"

57:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018.

Approved: June 02, 2017

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