

## Nate Biscotti

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**From:** Martin LaLonde  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 9:17 AM  
**To:** Nate Biscotti  
**Subject:** Fw: [External] Re: EXTERNAL: Question on hate crime

Post under H.118 under my name.

thanks,  
Martin

*Representative, Chittenden 12, South Burlington, VT*  
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**From:** Shawn Burke <SBurke@southburlingtonpolice.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 2:45 PM  
**To:** Martin LaLonde <MLaLonde@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** [External] Re: EXTERNAL: Question on hate crime

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Chair,

Commissioner Morrison and I feel that a specific carve out for law enforcement is unnecessary. Thanks for asking!

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**From:** Martin LaLonde <MLaLonde@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 9:43 AM  
**To:** Shawn Burke <SBurke@southburlingtonpolice.org>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Question on hate crime

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Chief Burke,

Do you have thoughts on whether to add law enforcement as a protected class in subsection (c) in the linked bill regarding hate crimes? Adding law enforcement was brought up in committee, but I'm concerned about the line drawing that the addition would entail. If law enforcement, why not doctors,

legislators, etc. Don't get me wrong, I'm supportive of law enforcement, but not sure about this suggestion.

Thanks,  
Martin

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2026/Docs/BILLS/H-0118/H-0118%20As%20Introduced.pdf>

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