

SENATE BILL NO. 669

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR GREGORY (15).

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 574, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the offense of interference with a first responder, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 574, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 574.207, to read as follows:

574.207. 1. A person commits the offense of interference with a first responder if:

(1) The person has received a verbal warning not to approach from a person that he or she knows or reasonably should know to be a first responder;

(2) The first responder is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty; and

(3) The person knowingly and willfully violates the verbal warning and approaches within twenty-five feet of the first responder with the intent to:

(a) Impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform his or her legal duty;

(b) Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or

(c) Engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which intentionally causes emotional distress in that first responder and serves no legitimate purpose.

2. The offense of interference with a first responder is a class A misdemeanor.

19 3. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

20 (1) "Advanced emergency medical technician", the same
21 meaning as such term is defined in section 190.100;

22 (2) "Emergency medical technician", the same meaning
23 as such term is defined in section 190.100;

24 (3) "Firefighter", any officer or employee of a fire
25 department or fire protection district who is employed for
26 the purpose of fighting fires, but does not include anyone
27 employed in a clerical or other capacity not involving fire-
28 fighting duties;

29 (4) "First responder", any law enforcement officer,
30 firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or
31 advanced emergency medical technician;

32 (5) "Paramedic", the same meaning as such term is
33 defined in section 190.100.

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