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SENATE BILL 25-060

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| A BILL FOR AN ACT |
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| CONCERNING EXPANDING THE CRIME OF OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT |
| OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE THE REPEATED CALLING OF PUBLIC |
| SAFETY EMERGENCY ENTITIES WITHOUT JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE. |

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill expands the conduct that can constitute the crime of obstructing governmental operations to include the repeated calling of 911 dispatch centers without justifiable cause.

| 1 | Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: |
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| 2 | SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-8-101, add (2.7) |
| 3 | and (2.8) as follows: |
| 4 | 18-8-101. Definitions. As used in this article 8, unless the context |
| 5 | otherwise requires: |
| 6 | (2.7) "Public safety emergency call center" means any |
| 7 | PUBLIC ENTITY THAT PROVIDES EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES TO THE |
| 8 | PUBLIC, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, 911 DISPATCH CENTERS. |
| 9 | (2.8) "Public safety entity" means a law enforcement |
| 10 | AGENCY, FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DISTRICT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL |
| 11 | SERVICES PROVIDER, OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE |
| 12 | FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. |
| 13 | SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-8-102, amend (1) |
| 14 | as follows: |
| 15 | 18-8-102. Obstructing government operations. (1) (a) A person |
| 16 | commits obstructing government operations if he THE PERSON |
| 17 | intentionally obstructs, impairs, or hinders the performance of a |
| 18 | governmental function by a public servant by using or threatening to use |
| 19 | violence, force, or physical interference or obstacle. |
| 20 | (b) A PERSON COMMITS OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT |
| 21 | OPERATIONS IF THE PERSON REPEATEDLY CONTACTS OR CALLS A PUBLIC |
| 22 | SAFETY EMERGENCY CALL CENTER OR PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITY AND THE |
| 23 | CONTACT OR CALL IS NOT FOR THE LEGITIMATE REPORTING OF A PUBLIC |
| 24 | SAFETY CONCERN, TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY, OR TO SEEK ASSISTANCE. |
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| 27 | SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act |

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takes effect October 1, 2025; except that, if a referendum petition is filed 1 2 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this 3 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period 4 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, 5 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the 6 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take 7 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the 8 governor.

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