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Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

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SENATE BILL 25-060

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXPANDING THE CRIME OF OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT**
102 **OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE THE REPEATED CALLING OF PUBLIC**
103 **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.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 10, 2025

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 7, 2025

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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

1 takes effect October 1, 2025; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
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.