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STATE OF COLORADO

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LLS NO. 25-0672.01 Owen Hatch x2698

HOUSE BILL 25-1142

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Phillips, Bird

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Judiciary

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING INCREASING THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR FAILING OR
102 REFUSING TO LEAVE A PREMISES OR PROPERTY UPON REQUEST
103 OF A PEACE OFFICER.

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 increases criminal penalties for failing or refusing to leave a premises or property when requested by a peace officer.

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.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-9-119, **amend** (2),
3 (3), and (4) as follows:

4 **18-9-119. Failure or refusal to leave premises or property**
5 **upon request of a peace officer - penalties - payment of costs.** (2) ~~Any~~
6 A person who barricades or refuses police entry to any premises or
7 property through use of or threatened use of force and who knowingly
8 refuses or fails to leave any premises or property upon being requested to
9 do so by a peace officer who has probable cause to believe a crime is
10 occurring and that ~~such~~ THE person constitutes a danger to ~~himself or~~
11 ~~herself~~ THEMSELF or others commits a ~~class 2 misdemeanor~~ CLASS 6
12 FELONY.

13 (3) ~~Any~~ A person who violates subsection (2) of this section and
14 who, in the same criminal episode, knowingly holds another person
15 hostage or who confines or detains ~~such~~ THE other person without that
16 person's consent, without proper legal authority, and without the use of
17 a deadly weapon commits a ~~class 1 misdemeanor~~ CLASS 5 FELONY.

18 (4) ~~Any~~ A person who violates subsection (2) or (3) of this section
19 and who, in the same criminal episode, recklessly or knowingly causes a
20 peace officer to believe that ~~he~~ THE PERSON possesses a deadly weapon
21 commits a ~~class 1 misdemeanor~~ CLASS 5 FELONY.

22 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
23 July 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

24 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.