

## CHAPTER 143

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**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**

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SENATE BILL 04-187

BY SENATOR(S) Dyer, and Groff;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Harvey, Frangas, and Madden.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING REMOVAL FROM CRIMES LIMITING INTERACTIONS WITH PERSONS INVOLVED IN OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS THE QUALIFIER THAT A PERSON BE LEGALLY SUMMONED TO THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDING.**

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

**SECTION 1.** The introductory portion to 18-8-703 (1) and 18-8-703 (1) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**18-8-703. Bribing a witness or victim.** (1) A person commits bribing a witness or victim if he OR SHE offers, confers, or agrees to confer any benefit upon a witness, or a victim, or a person he OR SHE believes is to be called to testify as a witness or victim in any official proceeding, or upon a member of the witness' family, a member of the victim's family, a person in close relationship to the witness or victim, or a person residing in the same household as the witness or victim with intent to:

(c) Induce the witness or victim to absent himself OR HERSELF from an official proceeding. ~~to which he has been legally summoned.~~

**SECTION 2.** 18-8-704 (1) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**18-8-704. Intimidating a witness or victim.** (1) A person commits intimidating a witness or victim if, by use of a threat, act of harassment as defined in section 18-9-111, or act of harm or injury to any person or property directed to or committed upon a witness or a victim to any crime, a person he or she believes has been or is to be called or who would have been called to testify as a witness or a victim, a member of the witness' family, a member of the victim's family, a person in close relationship to the witness or victim, a person residing in the same household with the witness or victim, or any person who has reported a crime or who may be called to testify as a

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

witness to or victim of any crime, he or she intentionally attempts to or does:

(c) Induce the witness or victim to absent himself OR HERSELF from an official proceeding; ~~to which he has been legally summoned;~~ or

**SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said date.

**SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 13, 2004