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crime scene investigation interference; offense

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House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2343

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 24, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 13-2413; RELATING TO OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 13, chapter 24, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding section 13-2413, to read:

4 13-2413. Interfering with a crime scene investigation;  
5 classification; definition

6 A. A PERSON COMMITS INTERFERING WITH A CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION IF  
7 THE PERSON KNOWINGLY DISOBEYS A PEACE OFFICER'S REASONABLE VERBAL ORDER  
8 TO REMAIN OFF THE PREMISES OF A POSSIBLE CRIME SCENE OR OTHERWISE  
9 INTERFERES WITH A PEACE OFFICER'S CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION.

10 B. INTERFERING WITH A CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION IS A CLASS 2  
11 MISDEMEANOR.

12 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CRIME SCENE" MEANS AN AREA  
13 WHERE A CRIME HAS POSSIBLY OCCURRED AND A PEACE OFFICER WHO IS ON SITE HAS  
14 DETERMINED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO RESTRICT THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO THE  
15 AREA UNTIL ANY POTENTIAL EVIDENCE OF THE CRIME AT THE SCENE IS IDENTIFIED  
16 AND PRESERVED, VICTIMS AND SUSPECTS ARE IDENTIFIED AND, IF NECESSARY, ANY  
17 EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION IS REQUESTED.