

Senate Engrossed House Bill

crime scene investigation interference; offense

State of Arizona
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. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT A PERSON FROM PEACEABLY OBSERVING
11 A POLICE PROCEEDING IF THE PERSON DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH OR OBSTRUCT THE
12 PEACE OFFICER'S CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION.

13 C. INTERFERING WITH A CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION IS A CLASS 2
14 MISDEMEANOR.

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