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drug cartels; terrorist organizations

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# HOUSE BILL 2675

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 41, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 41-4256; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY.

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 41, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-4256, to read:

4 41-4256. Drug cartels; terrorist organizations; definitions

5 A. THIS STATE DECLARES THAT DRUG CARTELS ARE TERRORIST  
6 ORGANIZATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS AUTHORITY TO  
7 ADDRESS THE THREAT POSED BY DRUG CARTELS.

8 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

9 1. "DRUG CARTEL" MEANS AN ONGOING FORMAL OR INFORMAL ASSOCIATION OF  
10 PERSONS IN WHICH MEMBERS OR ASSOCIATES INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY ENGAGE  
11 IN UNLAWFUL HUMAN SMUGGLING, DRUG TRAFFICKING FOR PROFIT OR ANY ACT OF  
12 TERRORISM DEFINED BY SECTION 13-2301.

13 2. "THREAT" MEANS ANYTHING DESIGNED TO DISTURB, VIOLATE OR CAUSE  
14 HARM TO INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS GUARANTEED UNDER THE STATE AND FEDERAL  
15 CONSTITUTIONS OR TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH OR GENERAL WELFARE OF THE  
16 PEOPLE.