

REFERENCE TITLE: interfering with law enforcement; offense

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# **SB 1047**

Introduced by  
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-2413, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CRIME  
SCENE INVESTIGATIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 13-2413, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 13-2413. Interfering with law enforcement; classification;  
5 definitions

6 A. A person commits interfering with ~~a crime scene investigation~~  
7 LAW ENFORCEMENT if the person DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 1. Knowingly disobeys a peace officer's reasonable verbal order  
9 to remain off the premises of a possible OR AN ACTUAL crime scene or  
10 otherwise interferes with a peace officer's crime scene investigation.

11 2. KNOWINGLY ENTERS INTO A CRIME SCENE THAT IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC  
12 BY PLACEMENT OF A PEACE OFFICER'S BARRIER, BARRICADE, SIGN, ROPE OR TAPE.

13 3. INTENTIONALLY DISOBEYS A PEACE OFFICER'S REASONABLE VERBAL ORDER  
14 TO REMAIN AT LEAST TWENTY FEET AWAY FROM A DANGEROUS INCIDENT.

15 B. This section does not prevent a person from peaceably observing  
16 a police proceeding OR DANGEROUS INCIDENT if the person does not interfere  
17 with or obstruct the peace officer's ~~crime scene investigation~~ ACTIONS.

18 C. Interfering with ~~a crime scene investigation~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT is  
19 a class 2 misdemeanor.

20 D. For the purposes of this section: ~~;~~

21 1. "Crime scene" means an area where a crime has possibly occurred  
22 OR HAS OCCURRED and a peace officer who is on-site has determined that it  
23 is necessary to restrict the public's access to the area until any  
24 potential evidence of the crime at the scene is identified and preserved,  
25 ANY victims and suspects are identified and, if necessary, any emergency  
26 medical care and ambulance transportation is requested.

27 2. "DANGER" MEANS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

28 (a) AN ACTUAL OR ATTEMPTED VIOLENT ACT THAT IS COMMITTED AGAINST A  
29 PERSON OR PROPERTY.

30 (b) THE POTENTIAL FOR A VIOLENT ACT IS IMMINENT BASED ON FACTORS  
31 THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLENT BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING WHEN A PEACE OFFICER  
32 INTERACTS WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

33 (i) AN ACTUAL OR SUSPECTED VIOLENT CRIMINAL OR CRIMINAL INCIDENT.

34 (ii) AN AGITATED PERSON.

35 (iii) AN EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON WHO IS ENGAGING IN ABNORMAL  
36 BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING PSYCHOTIC, DELUSIONAL OR SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR.

37 3. "DANGEROUS INCIDENT" MEANS AN OCCURRENCE OR LOCATION WHERE A  
38 PEACE OFFICER REASONABLY BELIEVES THAT DANGER IS PRESENT OR IMMINENT.