

REFERENCE TITLE: obstruction highway; large event; classification

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SB 1073

Introduced by
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-2906, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO OFFENSES
AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 13-2906, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 13-2906. Obstructing a highway or other public thoroughfare;
5 classification; definition

6 A. A person commits obstructing a highway or other public
7 thoroughfare if the person, alone or with other persons, does any of the
8 following:

9 1. Having no legal privilege to do so, recklessly interferes with
10 the passage of any highway or public thoroughfare by creating an
11 unreasonable inconvenience or hazard.

12 2. Intentionally activates a pedestrian signal on a highway or
13 public thoroughfare if the person's reason for activating the signal is
14 not to cross the highway or public thoroughfare but to do both of the
15 following:

16 (a) Stop the passage of traffic on the highway or public
17 thoroughfare.

18 (b) Solicit a driver for a donation or business.

19 3. After receiving a verbal warning to desist, intentionally
20 interferes with passage on a highway or other public thoroughfare or
21 entrance into a public forum that results in preventing other persons from
22 gaining access to a governmental meeting, a governmental hearing or a
23 political campaign event.

24 4. AFTER RECEIVING A VERBAL WARNING TO DESIST, INTENTIONALLY
25 INTERFERES WITH PASSAGE ON ANY ROADWAY IN OR LEADING TO AN AIRPORT OR
26 PASSAGE ON A HIGHWAY, BRIDGE OR TUNNEL CURRENTLY HOLDING TWENTY-FIVE OR
27 MORE VEHICLES OR PEOPLE.

28 B. Obstructing a highway or other public thoroughfare under:

29 1. SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4 OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS 6 FELONY.

30 ~~1.~~ 2. Subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section is a class 1
31 misdemeanor.

32 ~~2.~~ 3. Subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section is a class 2
33 misdemeanor, except that a second or subsequent violation within a period
34 of twenty-four months is a class 1 misdemeanor.

35 ~~3.~~ 4. Subsection A, paragraph 2 of this section is a class 3
36 misdemeanor.

37 C. For the purposes of this section, "public forum" has the same
38 meaning prescribed in section 15-1861.