

HB 278 -- PUBLIC NUISANCES

SPONSOR: Proudie

This bill prohibits requests to law enforcement or emergency services for assistance from being considered a "public nuisance", as defined in the bill.

Political subdivisions are prohibited from penalizing a resident, tenant, or landlord for a contact made for police or emergency assistance by or on behalf of a victim of abuse or crime or an individual in an emergency if the contact is reasonably believed to be necessary or is actually necessary.

If a political subdivision attempts to enforce an ordinance in violation of this prohibition, the resident, tenant, or landlord may file civil suit against the political subdivision for various remedies including a cease and desist order, compensatory damages, attorney's fees, court costs, and other equitable relief.

This bill is the same as HB 2823 (2024).