

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1421, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting  
2 after all of the said section and line the following:

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4 "575.356. 1. A person commits the offense of impeding, threatening, or harassing a first  
5 responder if such person after receiving an oral warning not to approach from an individual that  
6 the person knows or reasonably should know is a first responder and the individual is engaged in  
7 the lawful performance of his or her duties as a first responder knowingly and willfully violates  
8 such warning and approaches or remains within twenty-five feet of the first responder with the  
9 intent to:

10 (1) Impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform such duties;

11 (2) Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or

12 (3) Harass the first responder.

13 2. The offense of impeding, threatening, or harassing a first responder is a class D  
14 misdemeanor.

15 3. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

16 (1) "Emergency medical care provider", an ambulance driver, emergency medical  
17 technician, paramedic, registered nurse, physician, or medical director. The term "emergency  
18 medical care provider" also includes a physician, employee, agent, or volunteer of a hospital as  
19 defined in section 190.100 who is employed, under contract, or otherwise authorized by a  
20 hospital to perform duties directly associated with the care and treatment rendered by the  
21 hospital's emergency department or the security thereof;

22 (2) "First responder", a law enforcement officer as defined in section 556.061, a parole  
23 or probation officer, a firefighter as defined in section 87.120, or an emergency medical care  
24 provider;

25 (3) "Harass", to willfully engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder that  
26 intentionally causes substantial emotional distress in that first responder and serves no legitimate  
27 purpose."; and

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29 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
30 accordingly.

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_