

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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CHAPTER 265

HOUSE BILL 2071

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-2508, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO RESISTING
ARREST.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 13-2508, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 13-2508. Resisting arrest; classification; definition
5 A. A person commits resisting arrest by intentionally preventing or
6 attempting to prevent a person reasonably known to him to be a peace officer,
7 acting under color of such peace officer's official authority, from effecting
8 an arrest by:
9 1. Using or threatening to use physical force against the peace
10 officer or another. ~~;~~
11 2. Using any other means creating a substantial risk of causing
12 physical injury to the peace officer or another.
13 3. ENGAGING IN PASSIVE RESISTANCE.
14 B. Resisting arrest PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 OR 2 OF THIS
15 SECTION is a class 6 felony. RESISTING ARREST PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A,
16 PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.
17 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PASSIVE RESISTANCE" MEANS A
18 NONVIOLENT PHYSICAL ACT OR FAILURE TO ACT THAT IS INTENDED TO IMPEDE, HINDER
19 OR DELAY THE EFFECTING OF AN ARREST.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 17, 2012.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 17, 2012.