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drug cartels; terrorist organizations

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 41, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-4256; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 41, chapter 41, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-4256, to read:

41-4256. Drug cartels; terrorist organizations; definitions

A. THIS STATE DECLARES THAT DRUG CARTELS ARE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS THE THREAT POSED BY DRUG CARTELS.

B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

1. "DRUG CARTEL" MEANS AN ONGOING FORMAL OR INFORMAL ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS IN WHICH MEMBERS OR ASSOCIATES INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY ENGAGE IN UNLAWFUL HUMAN SMUGGLING, DRUG TRAFFICKING FOR PROFIT OR ANY ACT OF TERRORISM DEFINED BY SECTION 13-2301.

2. "THREAT" MEANS ANYTHING DESIGNED TO DISTURB, VIOLATE OR CAUSE HARM TO INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS GUARANTEED UNDER THE STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS OR TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH OR GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE.