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manslaughter; online advice; encouragement

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HOUSE BILL 2665

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-1103, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HOMICIDE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 13-1103, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 13-1103. Manslaughter; classification; definition
5 A. A person commits manslaughter by doing any of the following:
6 1. Recklessly causing the death of another person.
7 2. Committing second degree murder as prescribed in section
8 13-1104, subsection A on a sudden quarrel or heat of passion resulting
9 from adequate provocation by the victim.
10 3. Intentionally providing the physical means that another person
11 uses to die by suicide, with the knowledge that the person intends to die
12 by suicide.
13 4. Committing second degree murder as prescribed in section
14 13-1104, subsection A, paragraph 3, while being coerced to do so by the
15 use or threatened immediate use of unlawful deadly physical force on the
16 person or a third person that a reasonable person in his situation would
17 have been unable to resist.
18 5. Knowingly or recklessly causing the death of an unborn child by
19 any physical injury to the mother.
20 B. A person who is at least eighteen years of age commits
21 manslaughter by intentionally providing advice or encouragement, **INCLUDING**
22 **BY A DIRECTED COMMUNICATION**, that a minor uses to die by suicide with the
23 knowledge that the minor intends to die by suicide.
24 C. An offense under subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section
25 applies to an unborn child in the womb at any stage of its development. A
26 person shall not be prosecuted under subsection A, paragraph 5 of this
27 section if any of the following applies:
28 1. The person was performing an abortion for which the consent of
29 the pregnant woman, or a person authorized by law to act on the pregnant
30 woman's behalf, has been obtained or for which the consent was implied or
31 authorized by law.
32 2. The person was performing medical treatment on the pregnant
33 woman or the pregnant woman's unborn child.
34 3. The person was the unborn child's mother.
35 D. Manslaughter is a class 2 felony.
36 E. **FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DIRECTED COMMUNICATION":**
37 **1. MEANS ANY VERBAL, WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING**
38 **THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS, TEXT MESSAGING OR OTHER ONLINE PLATFORMS, THAT**
39 **IS SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED TO OR REASONABLY UNDERSTOOD TO BE DIRECTED AT**
40 **THE MINOR WHO DIES BY SUICIDE.**

1 2. INCLUDES AN ONLINE POST, MESSAGE OR OTHER CONTENT THAT
2 IDENTIFIES, TAGS OR IS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT THE MINOR WHO
3 DIES BY SUICIDE.

4 3. DOES NOT INCLUDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTARY, ARTISTIC EXPRESSION
5 OR DISCUSSION OF SUICIDE OR MENTAL HEALTH THAT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY
6 DIRECTED AT THE MINOR WHO DIES BY SUICIDE.

7 Sec. 2. Short title

8 This act may be cited as "Cade's Law: If You See Something Say
9 Something".