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Introduced by
Representatives Sandoval: Tsosie; Senator Sundareshan

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1203, 13-1303, 13-2406 AND 13-2411, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 24, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 13-2415; RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-1203, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 13-1203. Assault; classification

5 A. A person commits assault by:

6 1. Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing any physical
7 injury to another person; or

8 2. Intentionally placing another person in reasonable apprehension
9 of imminent physical injury; or

10 3. Knowingly touching another person with the intent to injure,
11 insult or provoke such person; OR

12 4. PERFORMING LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES AS A PEACE OFFICER IN
13 VIOLATION OF THE WRITTEN POLICY REQUIRED BY SECTION 13-2411 OR 13-2415.

14 B. Assault committed intentionally or knowingly pursuant to
15 subsection A, paragraph 1 OR 4 is a class 1 misdemeanor. Assault
16 committed recklessly pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 OR 4 is a class
17 2 misdemeanor. Assault committed pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 2 or
18 3 is a class 3 misdemeanor.

19 Sec. 2. Section 13-1303, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
20 read:

21 13-1303. Unlawful imprisonment; classification; definition

22 A. A person commits unlawful imprisonment by knowingly restraining
23 another person.

24 B. In any prosecution for unlawful imprisonment, it is a defense
25 that:

26 1. The restraint was accomplished by a peace officer or detention
27 officer acting in good faith in the lawful performance of ~~his~~ THE
28 OFFICER'S duty AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WRITTEN POLICIES REQUIRED BY
29 SECTIONS 13-2411 AND 13-2415; or

30 2. The defendant is a relative of the person restrained and the
31 defendant's sole intent is to assume lawful custody of that person and the
32 restraint was accomplished without physical injury.

33 C. Unlawful imprisonment is a class 6 felony unless the victim is
34 released voluntarily by the defendant without physical injury in a safe
35 place before arrest in which case it is a class 1 misdemeanor.

36 D. For the purposes of this section, "detention officer" means a
37 person other than an elected official who is employed by a county, city or
38 town and who is responsible for the supervision, protection, care, custody
39 or control of inmates in a county or municipal correctional institution.
40 Detention officer does not include counselors or secretarial, clerical or
41 professionally trained personnel.

1 ~~A.~~ B. A person commits impersonating a peace officer if the
2 person, without lawful authority, pretends to be a peace officer and
3 engages in any conduct, **INCLUDING THE FRAUDULENT DISPLAY OF GOVERNMENT**
4 **EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION**, with the intent to induce another to submit to
5 the person's pretended authority or to rely on the person's pretended
6 acts.

7 ~~B.~~ C. It is not a defense to a prosecution under this section that
8 the law enforcement agency the person pretended to represent did not in
9 fact exist or that the law enforcement agency the person pretended to
10 represent did not in fact possess the authority claimed for it.

11 D. **A PEACE OFFICER WHO VIOLATES A WRITTEN POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT**
12 **TO THIS SECTION AND WHO IS FOUND TO HAVE COMMITTED ASSAULT OR UNLAWFUL**
13 **IMPRISONMENT MAY NOT ASSERT ANY PRIVILEGE OR IMMUNITY FOR THE PEACE**
14 **OFFICER'S CONDUCT AGAINST A CLAIM OF CIVIL LIABILITY AND IS LIABLE TO THE**
15 **PERSON INJURED BY THE PEACE OFFICER'S CONDUCT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 OR**
16 **ACTUAL DAMAGES, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.**

17 ~~C.~~ E. Impersonating a peace officer is a class 6 felony, except
18 that impersonating a peace officer during the commission of any of the
19 following felonies is a class 4 felony:

- 20 1. Negligent homicide.
- 21 2. Manslaughter.
- 22 3. First degree murder.
- 23 4. Second degree murder.
- 24 5. Assault.
- 25 6. Aggravated assault.
- 26 7. Sexual assault.
- 27 8. Violent sexual assault.
- 28 9. Sexual abuse.
- 29 10. Unlawfully administering intoxicating liquors, narcotic drugs or
30 dangerous drugs.
- 31 11. Attack by a person's vicious animal as prescribed in section
32 13-1208.
- 33 12. Drive by shooting.
- 34 13. Discharging a firearm at a structure.
- 35 14. Aggravated criminal damage.
- 36 15. Theft.
- 37 16. Theft by extortion.
- 38 17. Theft of a credit card or obtaining a credit card by fraudulent
39 means.
- 40 18. Misconduct involving weapons.
- 41 19. Misconduct involving explosives.
- 42 20. Depositing explosives.
- 43 21. Procuring or placing persons in a house of prostitution.
- 44 22. Dangerous crimes against children as prescribed in section
45 13-705.

1 (iii) A MASK, HELMET OR DEVICE, INCLUDING AN AIR PURIFYING
2 RESPIRATOR, FULL OR HALF MASK OR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS, THAT
3 IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT AGAINST EXPOSURE TO ANY TOXIN, GAS, SMOKE,
4 INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER HAZARDOUS OR HARMFUL ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION.

5 (iv) A MASK, HELMET OR DEVICE, INCLUDING A SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING
6 APPARATUS, THAT IS NECESSARY FOR UNDERWATER USE.

7 (v) A MOTORCYCLE HELMET WHEN WORN BY A PEACE OFFICER USING A
8 MOTORCYCLE OR OTHER VEHICLE THAT REQUIRES A HELMET FOR SAFE OPERATIONS
9 WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES.

10 (vi) EYEWEAR THAT IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT FROM THE USE OF RETINAL
11 WEAPONS, INCLUDING LASERS.

12 2. "PEACE OFFICER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-215
13 AND INCLUDES ANY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR AGENT WHO HAS THE
14 POWER TO MAKE ARRESTS PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW.