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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-2402, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 13-2402, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 13-2402. Obstructing governmental operations; classification

5 A. A person commits obstructing governmental operations if, by
6 using or threatening to use violence or physical force, ~~such~~ THE person
7 knowingly obstructs, impairs or hinders:

8 1. The performance of a governmental function by a public servant
9 acting under color of his official authority; or

10 2. The enforcement of the penal law or the preservation of the
11 peace by a peace officer acting under color of his official authority;
12 OR -

13 3. THE MAKING OF A LAWFUL ARREST.

14 B. This section does not apply to the obstruction, impairment or
15 ~~hinderance~~ HINDRANCE of the making of an arrest.

16 C. OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A,
17 PARAGRAPH 3 IS A CLASS 5 FELONY. Obstructing governmental operations
18 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 OR 2 is a class 1 misdemeanor.