

1 HB403  
2 209795-3  
3 By Representatives Stringer, Brown (C), Lipscomb, Isbell,  
4 Oliver, Whitt, Reynolds, Moore (P), Estes, Marques, Sorrells  
5 and Simpson  
6 RFD: Judiciary  
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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
6 AN ACT  
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8 Relating to crimes and offenses; to create the crime  
9 of doxing; to establish penalties for violations; and in  
10 connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the  
11 requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds  
12 within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of  
13 Alabama of 1901, as amended by Amendment 890, now appearing as  
14 Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the  
15 Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the  
18 following terms shall have the following meanings:

19 (1) FIREFIGHTER. The term as defined in Section  
20 36-21-180, Code of Alabama 1975.

21 (2) GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION. The term as defined in  
22 Section 13A-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

23 (3) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. An officer employed by  
24 the state, county, or municipality who is certified by the  
25 Alabama Police Officer's Standards and Training Commission and  
26 who has the power of arrest.

1           (4) PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. Includes, but  
2 is not limited to, all of the following:

- 3           a. Home address.
- 4           b. Work address.
- 5           c. Phone number.
- 6           d. Email address.
- 7           e. Photographs or information of the victim's  
8 children, including the schools they attend.
- 9           f. Any other information that would enable the  
10 victim to be located, contacted, harassed, threatened, or  
11 harmed.

12           (5) PUBLIC SERVANT. The term as defined in Section  
13 13A-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

14           (b) An individual commits the crime of doxing if he  
15 or she does either of the following:

16           (1) Intentionally electronically publishes, posts,  
17 or provides personal identifying information of another  
18 person, with the intent that others will use that information  
19 to harass or harm that other person, and the other person is  
20 actually harassed or harmed.

21           (2) Intentionally electronically publishes, posts,  
22 or provides personal identifying information of a law  
23 enforcement officer, firefighter, or public servant, with the  
24 intent that others will use that information to harass, harm,  
25 or impede the duties of that law enforcement officer,  
26 firefighter, or public servant, and the law enforcement  
27 officer, firefighter, or public servant is actually harassed,

1 harmed, or impeded from performing his or her governmental  
2 function.

3 (c) (1) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class A  
4 misdemeanor.

5 (2) A second or subsequent violation of subsection  
6 (b) is a Class D felony.

7 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its  
8 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
9 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further  
10 requirements and application under Amendment 621, as amended  
11 by Amendment 890, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the  
12 Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,  
13 as amended, because the bill defines a new crime or amends the  
14 definition of an existing crime.

15 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
16 first day of the third month following its passage and  
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 97, Nays 0, Abstains 1

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