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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would establish the crime of interference with a first responder when, after receiving a lawful order to not interfere with the performance of a first responder's duties, the person approaches or remains within 25 feet of the first responder and impedes, threatens, or otherwise harasses the first responder.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to crimes and offenses; to add Section 13A-10-2.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to establish the crime of interference with a first responder; and to provide criminal penalties for a violation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 13A-10-2.1 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§13A-10-2.1

(a) As used in this section, the term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel.



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(b) A person commits the crime of interference with a first responder if, after receiving instruction to not approach or to vacate the area from a first responder engaged in a lawful government function, the person: (i) approaches or remains within 25 feet of the first responder, and (ii) does any of the following:

(1) Impedes or interferes with the first responder's ability to perform his or her duties.

(2) Threatens the first responder with physical harm.

(3) Strikes, shoves, kicks, or otherwise touches the first responder, or subjects the first responder to physical contact.

(d) Interference with a first responder is a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) This section does not apply to the obstruction, impairment, or hindrance of the making of an arrest.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.