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4 SYNOPSIS:

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

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14 A BILL

15 TO BE ENTITLED

16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to crimes and offenses; to add Section
19 13A-10-2.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to establish the crime
20 of interference with a first responder; and to provide
21 criminal penalties for a violation.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

25 §13A-10-2.1

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



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

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

37 (2) Threatens the first responder with physical harm.

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

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

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

45 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
46 1, 2026.