

HB6059



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB6059

Introduced 2/11/2016, by Rep. Sue Scherer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/26-2

from Ch. 38, par. 26-2

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person also commits interference with emergency communication when he or she knowingly prevents or attempts to prevent a person who reasonably believes an emergency is taking place from contacting a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system, obtaining medical assistance, or making a report to a law enforcement official. Provides that a violation is a Class A misdemeanor.

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CORRECTIONAL
BUDGET AND
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing
5 Section 26-2 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/26-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 26-2)

7 Sec. 26-2. Interference with emergency communication.

8 (a) A person commits interference with emergency
9 communication when he or she knowingly, intentionally and
10 without lawful justification interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or
11 otherwise interferes with the transmission of a communication
12 over a citizens band radio channel, the purpose of which
13 communication is to inform or inquire about an emergency.

14 (a-5) A person commits interference with emergency
15 communication when he or she knowingly prevents or attempts to
16 prevent a person who reasonably believes an emergency is taking
17 place from contacting a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system,
18 obtaining medical assistance, or making a report to a law
19 enforcement official.

20 (b) For the purpose of this Section, "emergency" means a
21 condition or circumstance in which an individual is or is
22 reasonably believed by the person transmitting the
23 communication to be in imminent danger of serious bodily injury

1 or in which property is or is reasonably believed by the person
2 transmitting the communication to be in imminent danger of
3 damage or destruction.

4 (c) Sentence.

5 (1) Interference with emergency communication under
6 subsection (a) of this Section is a Class B misdemeanor,
7 except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) or (3) of
8 this subsection (c).

9 (2) Interference with emergency communication under
10 subsection (a) of this Section, where serious bodily injury
11 or property loss in excess of \$1,000 results, is a Class A
12 misdemeanor.

13 (3) Interference with emergency communication under
14 subsection (a-5) of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor.

15 (Source: P.A. 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13.)