

1 **DISRUPTING LEGISLATIVE OR OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

2 2020 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Don L. Ipson**

5 House Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends criminal provisions relating to disturbing the Legislature or an official
10 meeting.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ defines terms;
- 14 ▶ modifies the elements of the crime of disturbing the Legislature or an official
15 meeting; and
- 16 ▶ modifies penalties for a violation of this bill.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20 None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 **REPEALS AND REENACTS:**

23 **76-8-304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 30

25 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26 Section 1. Section **76-8-304** is repealed and reenacted to read:

27 **76-8-304. Disturbing Legislature or official meeting.**



28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Minor violation" means a single, loud outburst, absent other disruptive conduct,
30 that does not exceed five seconds in length.

31 (b) "Official meeting" means a lawful meeting of public servants for the purpose of
32 conducting a government function.

33 (2) It is unlawful for an individual to intentionally:

34 (a) disrupt or disturb the Legislature, the House of Representatives, or the Senate while
35 in session;

36 (b) commit disorderly conduct in the immediate view or presence of the Legislature,
37 the House of Representatives, or the Senate;

38 (c) disrupt or disturb an official meeting; or

39 (d) commit disorderly conduct in the immediate view or presence of participants in an
40 official meeting.

41 (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is:

42 (a) an infraction, if the violation is a minor violation and is a first offense;

43 (b) a class C misdemeanor, if the violation:

44 (i) is not a minor violation, but is a first offense; or

45 (ii) is a minor violation, but is a second offense, regardless of whether the first offense
46 was a minor violation; or

47 (c) a class B misdemeanor, if the violation:

48 (i) is not a minor violation and is a second or subsequent offense, regardless of whether
49 the previous offenses were minor violations; or

50 (ii) is a minor violation, but is a third or subsequent offense, regardless of whether the
51 previous offenses were minor violations.