



1 election official, medical care provider, or crime victim, and as a  
2 result places that peace officer, public official, election  
3 official, medical care provider, or crime victim in reasonable fear  
4 of death or serious bodily injury shall, upon conviction, be guilty  
5 of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a  
6 term not to exceed six (6) months, or by a fine not to exceed One  
7 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.  
8 Upon conviction for a second or subsequent violation, the person  
9 shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not  
10 to exceed one (1) year, or by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand  
11 Dollars (\$2,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

12 B. To the extent the provisions of Section A apply to medical  
13 care providers, the protections provided herein shall not apply when  
14 the incident is unrelated to the provider's professional duties.

15 C. As used in this section:

16 1. "Crime victim" shall have the same meaning as defined in  
17 Section 142A-1 of this title;

18 2. "Election ~~Official~~ official" means a member or employee of  
19 the State Election Board or a county election board, the Secretary  
20 of the State Election Board or a county election board, or a person  
21 serving as a precinct official or absentee voting board member  
22 appointed as required by law;

23 3. "Electronic communication" shall have the same meaning as  
24 defined in Section 1172 of this title. Electronic communication

1 does not include broadcast transmissions or similar communications  
2 that are not targeted at any specific individual;

3 4. "Electronic communication device" means any cellular  
4 telephone, facsimile, pager, computer, or any device capable of  
5 electronic communication;

6 5. "Medical care provider" means a doctor, resident, intern,  
7 nurse, nurse practitioner, nurses' aide, ambulance attendant or  
8 operator, paramedic, emergency medical technician, laboratory  
9 technician, radiologic technologist, physical therapist, physician  
10 assistant, chaplain of a health care facility, volunteer of a health  
11 care facility, pharmacist, nursing student, medical student, member  
12 of a hospital security force, and any other employee or contractor  
13 working in or for a health care facility;

14 6. "Peace officer" shall have the same meaning as that term is  
15 defined in Section 99 of this title;

16 7. "Personally identifiable information" means information  
17 which can identify an individual including but not limited to name,  
18 birth date, place of birth, mother's maiden name, biometric records,  
19 Social Security number, official state- or government-issued driver  
20 license or identification number, government passport number,  
21 employer or taxpayer identification number or any other information  
22 that is linked or linkable to an individual, such as medical,  
23 educational, financial or employment information;

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1 8. "Public official" means any person elected or appointed to a  
2 state office in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of  
3 state government or other political subdivision of the state,  
4 including any person elected or appointed to a municipal office,  
5 authority, board or commission, or public school board member; and

6 9. "Publish" means to circulate, deliver, distribute,  
7 disseminate, transmit, or otherwise make available to another  
8 person.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
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