



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5004

Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Patrick Sheehan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/31-10 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a first responder who reasonably believes that a person's presence within 14 feet of the first responder will interfere with the performance of the first responder's legal duty may warn the person not to approach or to remain within 14 feet of the first responder. Provides that it is unlawful for a person, after receiving a warning not to approach from a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly or intentionally violate the warning and approach or remain within 14 feet of the first responder with the intent to: (1) interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform the first responder's legal duty; (2) threaten the first responder with physical harm; or (3) harass the first responder by interfering with the first responder performing the first responder's legal duty. Provides that a violation is a Class A misdemeanor. Defines "harass" and "first responder".

LRB104 15335 RLC 28626 b

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 adding
5 Section 31-10 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/31-10 new)

7 Sec. 31-10. Approaching a first responder after a warning
8 with intent to impede, threaten, or harass.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "First responder" includes a law enforcement officer,
11 as defined in Section 2 of the Line of Duty Compensation
12 Act, a fire fighter, as defined in Section 2 of the
13 Illinois Fire Protection Training Act, a peace officer, as
14 defined in Section 2-13 of this Code, emergency medical
15 services personnel, as defined in Section 3.5 of the
16 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, or a
17 probation officer, as defined in paragraph (3) of Section
18 9b of the Probation and Probation Officers Act.

19 "Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct
20 directed at a first responder that causes substantial
21 emotional distress in that first responder.

22 (b) A first responder who reasonably believes that a
23 person's presence within 14 feet of the first responder will

1 interfere with the performance of the first responder's legal
2 duty may warn the person not to approach or to remain within 14
3 feet of the first responder.

4 (c) It is unlawful for a person, after receiving a warning
5 not to approach from a first responder who is engaged in the
6 lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly or
7 intentionally violate the warning and approach or remain
8 within 14 feet of the first responder with the intent to:

9 (1) interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere
10 with the first responder's ability to perform the first
11 responder's legal duty;

12 (2) threaten the first responder with physical harm;
13 or

14 (3) harass the first responder by interfering with the
15 first responder performing the first responder's legal
16 duty.

17 (d) Sentence. A person who violates this Section commits a
18 Class A misdemeanor.