

**Representative John G. Mathis** proposes the following substitute bill:

**AGRICULTURAL OPERATION INTERFERENCE**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John G. Mathis**

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill establishes the crime of agricultural operation interference.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines "agricultural operation";
- ▶ provides that a person is guilty of agricultural operation interference if the person records an image of, or sound from, an agricultural operation under certain circumstances; and
- ▶ establishes penalties.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**76-6-112**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



26 Section 1. Section 76-6-112 is enacted to read:

27 **76-6-112. Agricultural operation interference -- Penalties.**

28 (1) As used in this section, "agricultural operation" means property used for the  
29 production of livestock, poultry, livestock products, or poultry products.

30 (2) A person is guilty of agricultural operation interference if the person:

31 (a) without consent from the owner of the agricultural operation, or the owner's agent,  
32 knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation by  
33 leaving a recording device on the agricultural operation;

34 (b) knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, an agricultural  
35 operation while the person is lawfully present on the agricultural operation, after receiving  
36 notice from the owner of the agricultural operation or the owner's agent that the person is  
37 prohibited from recording an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation; or

38 (c) without consent from the owner of the operation or the owner's agent, knowingly or  
39 intentionally records an image of, or sound from, an agricultural operation while the person is  
40 committing criminal trespass, as described in Section 76-6-206, on the agricultural operation.

41 (3) A person who commits agricultural operation interference described in Subsection  
42 (2)(a) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

43 (4) A person who commits agricultural operation interference described in Subsection  
44 (2)(b) or (c) is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.