

0 **Meeting or Procession Disruption Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Matt MacPherson**

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2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill modifies the criminal offense concerning disrupting a meeting or procession.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

- 7 ▶ modifies the criminal offense concerning disrupting a meeting or procession; and
- 8 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

9 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

10 None

11 **Other Special Clauses:**

12 None

13 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

14 AMENDS:

15 **76-9-103**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1973, Chapter 196

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

18 Section 1. Section **76-9-103** is amended to read:

19 **76-9-103 . Disrupting a meeting or procession.**

20 (1) ~~[A person is guilty of ]~~ Terms defined in Section 76-1-101.5 apply to this section.

21 (2) ~~An actor commits disrupting a meeting or procession if[, intending to prevent or disrupt~~  
 22 ~~a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, he obstructs or interferes with] the actor,~~  
 23 ~~acting intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly, prevents or substantially obstructs or~~  
 24 ~~disrupts a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering by[ physical action, verbal utterance,~~  
 25 ~~or any other means.] :~~

26 (a)(i) using force, violence, or the threat of violence; or

27 (ii) engaging in another unlawful act, if the penalty for the unlawful act is a class B  
 28 misdemeanor or higher;

29 (b) interfering with or preventing the ingress or egress to the physical facility where the  
 30 meeting, procession, or gathering is taking place, including through the use of

31 threatening language or actions that would put a reasonable person in fear of entering  
32 or leaving the location; or

33 (c) denying the use of the property or facility where the meeting, procession, or  
34 gathering is taking place through the use of excessive sound.

35 [~~(2)~~] (3) [~~Disrupting a meeting or procession~~] A violation of Subsection (2) is a class B  
36 misdemeanor.

37 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

38 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.