

Matt MacPherson proposes the following substitute bill:

Meeting or Procession Disruption Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Matt MacPherson

Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- modifies the criminal offense concerning disrupting a meeting or procession;
- adds a coordination clause between this bill and H.B. 21, Criminal Code Recodification and Cross References, to provide that the changes to Section 76-9-103 in this bill will supersede the changes to that section in H.B. 21; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a coordination clause.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

Utah Code Sections affected by Coordination Clause:

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

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

The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.

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

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

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

(2) An actor commits disrupting a meeting or procession if ~~[, intending to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, he obstructs or interferes with]~~ the actor.

30 acting intentionally or knowingly, prevents or substantially obstructs or disrupts a lawful
31 meeting, procession, or gathering by~~[physical action, verbal utterance, or any other~~
32 means.] :

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

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

36 (b) interfering with or preventing the ingress or egress to the physical facility where the
37 meeting, procession, or gathering is taking place, including through the use of
38 threatening language or actions that would put a reasonable person in fear of entering
39 or leaving the location; or

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

42 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) ~~[Disrupting a meeting or procession]~~ A violation of Subsection (2) is a class B
43 misdemeanor.

44 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

45 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

46 **Section 3. Coordinating H.B. 271 with H.B. 21.**

47 If H.B. 271, Meeting or Procession Disruption Amendments, and H.B. 21, Criminal
48 Code Recodification and Cross References, both pass and become law, the Legislature intends
49 that, on May 7, 2025, the amendments to Section 76-9-103 in H.B. 271 supersede the
50 amendments to Section 76-9-103 in H.B. 21.