

1 **Rescue Tracking Equipment Offense Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

Senate Sponsor:

2 **LONG TITLE**3 **General Description:**

4 This bill creates a criminal offense concerning rescue tracking equipment.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

7 ▶ defines terms;
8 ▶ creates a criminal offense for certain actions taken with respect to rescue tracking
9 equipment; and
10 ▶ establishes a criminal penalty.11 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

12 None

13 **Other Special Clauses:**

14 None

15 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

16 ENACTS:

17 **76-6-106.4**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

18 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*19 Section 1. Section **76-6-106.4** is enacted to read:20 **76-6-106.4 . Destroying, tampering with, or unlawfully interacting with rescue**
21 **tracking equipment.**22 **(1)(a) As used in this section, "rescue tracking equipment" means property that:**23 **(i) is located in a public place; and**
24 **(ii) is designed to allow an individual to take possession of an item, or take a similar**
25 **action, that will:**
26 **(A) notify law enforcement that the individual is in need of emergency assistance;**
27 **and**
28 **(B) assist law enforcement to track the location of the individual in order to render**

emergency assistance.

(b) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.1 and 76-6-101 apply to this section.

(2) An actor commits destroying, tampering with, or unlawfully interacting with rescue tracking equipment if the actor:

(a) destroys rescue tracking equipment;

(b)(i) damages, disables, removes, or tampers with rescue tracking equipment; and

(ii) the conduct described in Subsection (2)(b)(i) inhibits or impedes the proper use or functioning of the rescue tracking equipment; or

(c) interacts with a piece of rescue tracking equipment knowing that the action will

result in a false report to a law enforcement agency of an individual who is in need of emergency assistance.

(3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a class B misdemeanor.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.