

Rescue Tracking Equipment Offense Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill creates a criminal offense concerning rescue tracking equipment.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates a criminal offense for certain actions taken with respect to rescue tracking equipment; and
- establishes a criminal penalty.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

76-6-106.4, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **76-6-106.4** is enacted to read:

76-6-106.4 . Destroying, tampering with, or unlawfully interacting with rescue tracking equipment.

(1)(a) As used in this section, "rescue tracking equipment" means property that:

- (i) is located in a public place; and
- (ii) is designed to allow an individual to take possession of an item, or take a similar action, that will:

(A) notify law enforcement that the individual is in need of emergency assistance;

and

(B) assist law enforcement to track the location of the individual in order to render

31 emergency assistance.

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

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

35 (a) destroys rescue tracking equipment;

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

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

39 (c) interacts with a piece of rescue tracking equipment knowing that the action will
40 result in a false report to a law enforcement agency of an individual who is in need of
41 emergency assistance.

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

43 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

44 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.