

1 **DISORDERLY CONDUCT AMENDMENTS**

2 2014 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Curtis Oda**

5 Senate Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins

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**LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill includes displaying a dangerous weapon under certain circumstances in the  
9 definition of disorderly conduct.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ provides that displaying a dangerous weapon in public under certain circumstances  
13 may be disorderly conduct; and

14 ▶ confirms that merely displaying a dangerous weapon in public without other  
15 behavior is not disorderly conduct.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **76-9-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1999, Chapter 20

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

24 Section 1. Section **76-9-102** is amended to read:

25 **76-9-102. Disorderly conduct.**



28 (1) A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if:

29 (a) [~~he~~] the person refuses to comply with the lawful order of [~~the police~~] a law  
30 enforcement officer to move from a public place, or knowingly creates a hazardous or  
31 physically offensive condition, by any act which serves no legitimate purpose; or

32 (b) intending to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly  
33 creating a risk thereof, [~~he~~] the person:

34 (i) engages in fighting or in violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior;

35 (ii) makes unreasonable noises in a public place;

36 (iii) makes unreasonable noises in a private place which can be heard in a public place;

37 or

38 (iv) obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

39 (2) "Public place," for the purpose of this section, means any place to which the public  
40 or a substantial group of the public has access and includes but is not limited to streets,  
41 highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings,  
42 transport facilities, and shops.

43 (3) The mere carrying or possession of a holstered or encased firearm, whether visible  
44 or concealed, without additional behavior or circumstances that would cause a reasonable  
45 person to believe the holstered or encased firearm was carried or possessed unlawfully or with  
46 criminal intent, does not constitute a violation of this section. For purposes of this section, the  
47 belief of a reasonable person may not be based on a mistake of law. Nothing in this Subsection  
48 (3) may limit or prohibit a law enforcement officer from approaching or engaging any person in  
49 a voluntary conversation.

50 [~~(3)~~] (4) Disorderly conduct is a class C misdemeanor if the offense continues after a  
51 request by a person to desist. Otherwise it is an infraction.

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