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STALKING AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides criminal penalties for certain actions related to stalking.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ provides criminal penalties for stalking a specific group of individuals.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

76-5-106.8, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **76-5-106.8** is enacted to read:

76-5-106.8. Group stalking.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Age and gender demographic" means a particular group of individuals who:

(i) identify as the same gender; and



28 (ii) are of a similar age.

29 (b) "Stalking behavior" means following, monitoring, approaching, communicating
30 with, or harassing an individual at a frequency or in a manner that would cause a reasonable
31 person to fear for the safety of the individual or a third party closely associated with the
32 individual.

33 (2) An actor is guilty of group stalking if:

34 (a) the actor demonstrates a pattern of stalking behavior directed at three or more
35 individuals; and

36 (b) the individuals described in Subsection (2)(a) are of the same age and gender
37 demographic.

38 (3) Group stalking is a class A misdemeanor.