

**CRIMINAL DEFAMATION AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Rex P. Shipp**

Senate Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill repeals the offense of criminal defamation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ repeals the offense of criminal defamation.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

**REPEALS:**

**76-9-404**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1973, Chapter 196

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

**Section 1. Repealer.**

This bill repeals:

Section **76-9-404**, **Criminal defamation.**

**Section 2. Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.

