

West's Colorado Revised Statutes Annotated

Title 18. Criminal Code (Refs & Annos)

Article 9. Offenses Against Public Peace, Order, and Decency (Refs & Annos)

Part 1. Public Peace and Order

C.R.S.A. § 18-9-111

§ 18-9-111. Harassment--Kiana Arellano's Law

[Currentness](#)

(1) A person commits harassment if, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another person, the person:

(a) Strikes, shoves, kicks, or otherwise touches a person or subjects him to physical contact; or

(b) In a public place directs obscene language or makes an obscene gesture to or at another person; or

(c) Follows a person in or about a public place; or

(d) Repealed by [Laws 1990, H.B.90-1118, § 11](#).

(e) Directly or indirectly initiates communication with a person or directs language toward another person, anonymously or otherwise, by telephone, telephone network, data network, text message, instant message, computer, computer network, computer system, or other interactive electronic medium in a manner intended to harass or threaten bodily injury or property damage, or makes any comment, request, suggestion, or proposal by telephone, computer, computer network, computer system, or other interactive electronic medium that is obscene; or

(f) Makes a telephone call or causes a telephone to ring repeatedly, whether or not a conversation ensues, with no purpose of legitimate conversation; or

(g) Makes repeated communications at inconvenient hours that invade the privacy of another and interfere in the use and enjoyment of another's home or private residence or other private property; or

(h) Repeatedly insults, taunts, challenges, or makes communications in offensively coarse language to another in a manner likely to provoke a violent or disorderly response; or

(i) Wrongfully interferes with a transit worker performing a lawful duty.

(1.5) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, “obscene” means a patently offensive description of ultimate sexual acts or solicitation to commit ultimate sexual acts, whether or not said ultimate sexual acts are normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including masturbation, cunnilingus, fellatio, anilingus, or excretory functions.

(2)(a) A person who violates subsection (1)(a), (1)(c), or (1)(i) of this section or violates subsection (1) of this section with the intent to intimidate or harass another person, in whole or in part, because of that person's actual or perceived race; color; religion; ancestry; national origin; physical or mental disability, as defined in [section 18-9-121](#); sexual orientation, as defined in [section 18-9-121](#); or transgender identity commits a class 1 misdemeanor.

(b) A person who violates subsection (1)(e), (1)(f), (1)(g), or (1)(h) of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor.

(c) A person who violates subsection (1)(b) of this section commits a petty offense.

(3) Any act prohibited by paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of this section may be deemed to have occurred or to have been committed at the place at which the telephone call, electronic mail, or other electronic communication was either made or received.

(4) Repealed by [Laws 2010, Ch. 88, § 2, eff. Aug. 11, 2010](#).

(5) Repealed by [Laws 2010, Ch. 88, § 2, eff. Aug. 11, 2010](#).

(6) Repealed by [Laws 2010, Ch. 88, § 2, eff. Aug. 11, 2010](#).

(7) Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of this section shall be known and may be cited as “Kiana Arellano's Law”.

(8) This section is not intended to infringe upon any right guaranteed to any person by the first amendment to the United States constitution or to prevent the expression of any religious, political, or philosophical views.

Credits

Amended by Laws 1976, H.B.1193, §§ 1, 2; Laws 1981, H.B.1167, § 6; [Laws 1990, H.B.90-1118, § 11, eff. March 27, 1990](#); [Laws 1992, H.B.92-1189, § 1, eff. July 1, 1992](#); [Laws 1993, H.B.93-1045, § 1, eff. July 1, 1993](#); [Laws 1994, H.B.94-1045, § 1, eff. July 1, 1994](#); [Laws 1994, H.B.94-1126, § 14, eff. July 1, 1994](#); [Laws 1994, S.B.94-89, § 3, eff. July 1, 1994](#); [Laws 1995, H.B.95-1070, § 26, eff. July 1, 1995](#); [Laws 1997, H.B.97-1077, § 4, eff. July 1, 1997](#); [Laws 1999, Ch. 215, §§ 1, 4, eff. July 1, 1999](#); [Laws 2000, Ch. 171, § 4, eff. July 1, 2000](#); [Laws 2003, Ch. 139, § 23, eff. July 1, 2003](#); [Laws 2004, Ch. 200, § 11, eff. Aug. 4, 2004](#); [Laws 2009, Ch. 341, § 4, eff. July 1, 2009](#); [Laws 2010, Ch. 88, § 2, eff. Aug. 11, 2010](#); [Laws 2015, Ch. 120, § 1, eff. July 1, 2015](#); [Laws 2017, Ch. 185, § 1, eff. Aug. 9, 2017](#); [Laws 2021, Ch. 372 \(S.B. 21-280\), § 1, eff. June 28, 2021](#); [Laws 2021, Ch. 462 \(S.B. 21-271\), § 314, eff. March 1, 2022](#); [Laws 2024, Ch. 305 \(S.B. 24-189\), § 2, eff. July 1, 2024](#); [Laws 2025, Ch. 353 \(H.B. 25-1290\), § 2, eff. Aug. 6, 2025](#).

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