

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1259

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHROER

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 574, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to unlawful traffic interference, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 574, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 574.045, to read as follows:

**574.045. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

2 **(1) "Interstate highway", a highway located in this state that is included in the**  
3 **national system of interstate highways, as officially designated or as may be hereafter**  
4 **designated by the Missouri highways and transportation commission within the Missouri**  
5 **department of transportation and approved by the United States Secretary of**  
6 **Transportation;**

7 **(2) "Unlawful assembly", two or more persons who meet for the purpose of**  
8 **violating any of the criminal laws of this state or of the United States.**

9 **2. A person commits the offense of unlawful traffic interference if, with the**  
10 **intention to impede vehicular traffic, the person walks, stands, sits, kneels, lies, or places**  
11 **an object in such a manner as to block passage by a vehicle on any public street, highway,**  
12 **or interstate highway. This section shall not apply to the blocking of passage by any**  
13 **person who has permission to do so from a government authority, who is a law**  
14 **enforcement officer, or who does so to direct traffic away from hazardous road conditions,**  
15 **an obstacle, or a scene of an accident.**

16 **3. The offense of unlawful traffic interference on a public street or highway, except**  
17 **an interstate highway, is a class A misdemeanor for the first violation. Any second or**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 subsequent violation that occurs on a public street or highway, except an interstate  
19 highway, is a class E felony.

20           4. The offense of unlawful traffic interference on an interstate highway is a class  
21 E felony. For a first violation, the court shall grant a suspended imposition of sentence and  
22 impose a term of supervised probation for five years, one hundred hours of community  
23 service, and a fine not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars.

24           5. The offense of unlawful traffic interference on any public street, highway, or  
25 interstate highway while part of an unlawful assembly is a class D felony. For a first  
26 violation, the court shall grant a suspended imposition of sentence and impose a term of  
27 supervised probation for five years, one hundred hours of community service, and a fine  
28 not to exceed one thousand dollars.

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