

HB 1657 -- PUBLIC NUISANCE

SPONSOR: Proudie

This bill prohibits requests to law enforcement or emergency services for assistance from being considered a public nuisance.

Political subdivisions are prohibited from penalizing a resident, tenant, or landlord for a contact made for police or emergency assistance by or on behalf of a victim of abuse, crime, or an individual in an emergency, if the contact was reasonably believed to be necessary or is actually necessary.

If a political subdivision attempts to enforce an ordinance in violation of this prohibition, the resident, tenant, or landlord may file civil suit against the political subdivision for various remedies including a cease and desist order, compensatory damages, attorney's fees, court costs, and other equitable relief.

This bill is similar to HB 969 (2019).