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## **HB 2568: electronic communications; social media post.**

**Sponsor: Representative Hoffman, LD 12**

**House Engrossed**

### **Overview**

Adds a social media post to the definition of *electronic communication*.

### **History**

Under current law, it is unlawful for any person who intends to terrify, intimidate, threaten or harass, to use electronic communication to use obscene/lewd language, or threaten physical harm to any person. Individuals who use electronic communication in this manner are subjected to a class 1 misdemeanor. Statute exempts constitutionally protected speech or activity authorized by law. ([A.R.S. § 13-2916](#)).

*Electronic communication* is defined as a wireline, cable, wireless or cellular telephone call, a text message, an instant message or electronic mail ([A.R.S. § 13-2916](#)).

*Harassment* is defined as conduct directed at a specific person and that would cause a reasonable person to be seriously alarmed, annoyed or harassed ([A.R.S. § 13-2921](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Includes a social media post in the definition of *electronic communication*. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires an individually to act knowingly, rather than with intent, to be in violation of this section. (Sec. 1)
3. Defines *social media post*. (Sec. 1)
4. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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