

# HOUSE BILL No. 1122

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-44.1-2-15.

**Synopsis:** Unlawful encroachment. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to order a person to stop approaching the law enforcement officer if the officer reasonably believes that the person's presence within 25 feet of the officer will interfere with the performance of the officer's duties. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally approaches within 25 feet of a law enforcement officer after being ordered to stop approaching commits unlawful encroachment on a law enforcement officer, a Class C misdemeanor.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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**McNamara, Karickhoff, Bartels,  
Pressel**

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-44.1-2-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 15. (a) A law enforcement officer:**  
4 **(1) lawfully engaged in the execution of the law enforcement**  
5 **officer's duties; and**  
6 **(2) who reasonably believes that a person's presence within**  
7 **twenty-five (25) feet of the law enforcement officer will**  
8 **interfere with the performance of the law enforcement**  
9 **officer's duties;**  
10 **may order the person to stop approaching.**  
11 **(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally approaches within**  
12 **twenty-five (25) feet of a law enforcement officer lawfully engaged**  
13 **in the execution of the law enforcement officer's duties after the**  
14 **law enforcement officer has ordered the person to stop**  
15 **approaching in accordance with subsection (a) commits unlawful**  
16 **encroachment on a law enforcement officer, a Class C**  
17 **misdemeanor.**

