

HOUSE BILL NO. 2651

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RODEN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to law enforcement tactical zones, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 590.1200, to read as follows:

590.1200. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Live video broadcast", any video broadcast made during a tactical law enforcement operation, including time-delayed broadcasts;

(2) "Tactical law enforcement operation":

(a) A situation in which law enforcement officers are deployed by reason of a person holding one or more hostages;

(b) A situation in which law enforcement officers are deployed for the purpose of taking into custody an armed person who refuses to surrender to law enforcement; or

(c) Any other situation in which tactical law enforcement forces are deployed by reason of an emergency involving danger to the law enforcement officers or to the public.

2. Any law enforcement agency may declare that a tactical law enforcement operation is subject to the provisions of this section and may designate a boundary for the purpose of the prohibitions of this section. Any person who is aware that a law enforcement agency has made a declaration under this section shall not make live video broadcasts displaying events within the boundary established by the law enforcement agency.

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.

17 **3. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of subsection 2 of this section**
18 **is strictly liable for any injury, death, or other damage that may arise out of the violation,**
19 **including any injury, death, or other damage that may arise out of the live video broadcasts**
20 **of the tactical law enforcement operation.**

21 **4. Any person who complies with the requirements of subsection 2 of this section**
22 **is immune from any civil liability for any injury, death, or other damage that may arise out**
23 **of the live video broadcasts or other reporting that relates to the tactical law enforcement**
24 **operation or the events surrounding the operation.**

25 **5. Penalties under this section may be imposed against the person making the live**
26 **video broadcast and against any employee of a media outlet responsible for directing or**
27 **authorizing the broadcast.**

28 **6. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection 2 of this section shall be**
29 **subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars.**

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