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DISORDERLY CONDUCT AMENDMENTS

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill includes displaying a dangerous weapon under certain circumstances in the definition of disorderly conduct.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that displaying a dangerous weapon in public under certain circumstances may be disorderly conduct; and
- ▶ confirms that merely displaying a dangerous weapon in public without other behavior is not disorderly conduct.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

76-9-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1999, Chapter 20

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-9-102** is amended to read:

76-9-102. Disorderly conduct.



28 (1) A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if:
29 (a) ~~[he]~~ the person refuses to comply with the lawful order of ~~[the police]~~ a law
30 enforcement officer to move from a public place, or knowingly creates a hazardous or
31 physically offensive condition, by any act which serves no legitimate purpose; or
32 (b) intending to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly
33 creating a risk thereof, ~~[he]~~ the person:
34 (i) displays a dangerous weapon in a public place under circumstances that would
35 cause a reasonable person to fear for the safety of any person;
36 ~~[(i)]~~ (ii) engages in fighting or in violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior;
37 ~~[(ii)]~~ (iii) makes unreasonable noises in a public place;
38 ~~[(iii)]~~ (iv) makes unreasonable noises in a private place which can be heard in a public
39 place; or
40 ~~[(iv)]~~ (v) obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
41 (2) "Public place," for the purpose of this section, means any place to which the public
42 or a substantial group of the public has access and includes but is not limited to streets,
43 highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings,
44 transport facilities, and shops.
45 (3) The otherwise lawful possession of a dangerous weapon, whether visible or
46 concealed, without additional behavior, does not constitute a hazardous or physically offensive
47 condition, threatening behavior, or a cause for public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm
48 under Subsection (1).
49 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Disorderly conduct is a class C misdemeanor if the offense continues after a
50 request by a person to desist. Otherwise it is an infraction.

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