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House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2130

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 17-316, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HUNTING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 17-316, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 17-316. Interference with rights of hunters; violation;  
5 classification  
6 ~~A. The commission may, by rule, establish designated hunting areas on~~  
7 ~~public lands if it finds that a significant interference or disruption of a~~  
8 ~~hunt is likely to occur on those lands.~~  
9 ~~B.~~ A. It is a class 2 misdemeanor for a person while in a ~~designated~~  
10 hunting area to intentionally interfere with, ~~PREVENT OR DISRUPT~~ the lawful  
11 taking of wildlife by: ~~another or to intentionally harass, drive or disturb~~  
12 ~~any game animal for the purpose of disrupting a lawful hunt.~~  
13 1. HARASSING, DRIVING OR DISTURBING ANY WILDLIFE.  
14 2. BLOCKING, OBSTRUCTING OR IMPEDING, OR ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK, OBSTRUCT  
15 OR IMPEDE, A PERSON LAWFULLY TAKING WILDLIFE.  
16 3. ERECTING A BARRIER WITH THE INTENT TO DENY INGRESS TO OR EGRESS  
17 FROM AREAS WHERE WILDLIFE MAY BE LAWFULLY TAKEN.  
18 4. MAKING OR ATTEMPTING TO MAKE PHYSICAL CONTACT, WITHOUT PERMISSION,  
19 WITH A PERSON LAWFULLY TAKING WILDLIFE.  
20 5. ENGAGING IN, OR ATTEMPTING TO ENGAGE IN, THEFT, VANDALISM OR  
21 DESTRUCTION OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.  
22 6. DISTURBING OR ALTERING, OR ATTEMPTING TO DISTURB OR ALTER, THE  
23 CONDITION OR AUTHORIZED PLACEMENT OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY INTENDED FOR  
24 USE IN THE LAWFUL TAKING OF WILDLIFE.  
25 7. MAKING OR ATTEMPTING TO MAKE LOUD NOISES OR GESTURES, SET OUT OR  
26 ATTEMPT TO SET OUT ANIMAL BAITS, SCENTS OR LURES OR HUMAN SCENT, USE ANY  
27 OTHER NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL VISUAL, AURAL, OLFATORY OR PHYSICAL STIMULI, OR  
28 ENGAGE IN OR ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER SIMILAR ACTION OR ACTIVITY, IN  
29 ORDER TO DISTURB, ALARM, DRIVE, ATTRACT OR AFFECT THE BEHAVIOR OF WILDLIFE OR  
30 DISTURB, ALARM, DISRUPT OR ANNOY A PERSON LAWFULLY TAKING WILDLIFE.  
31 8. INTERJECTING ONESELF INTO THE LINE OF FIRE OF A PERSON LAWFULLY  
32 TAKING WILDLIFE.  
33 ~~C.~~ B. It is a class 3 misdemeanor for a person to enter or remain ~~in~~  
34 ON a designated hunting area on any ~~PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LANDS OR WATERS OR~~  
35 state lands including state trust lands with the intent to interfere with,  
36 ~~PREVENT OR DISRUPT~~ the lawful taking of wildlife.  
37 ~~D.~~ C. The commission or any person properly licensed to take wildlife  
38 who is directly affected by a ~~violaton~~ VIOLATION of this section may bring an  
39 action to restrain conduct declared unlawful in this section and to recover  
40 damages.

1           E. A peace officer who reasonably believes that a person has violated  
2 this section may order the person to desist or to leave the area or arrest  
3 such person upon refusal to desist or leave.

4           F. The conduct declared unlawful in this section does not:

5           1. Include any incidental interference arising from lawful activity by  
6 public land users, including ranchers, miners or recreationists.

7           2. APPLY TO LANDOWNERS, PERMITTEES, LESSEES OR THEIR AGENTS OR  
8 CONTRACTORS ENGAGED IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY PRACTICES OR AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS.