

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 619

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAWAN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To repeal section 575.150, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to penalties associated with certain arrests, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 575.150, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 575.150, to read as follows:

575.150. 1. A person commits the offense of resisting or interfering with arrest, detention, or stop if he or she knows or reasonably should know that a law enforcement officer is making an arrest or attempting to lawfully detain or stop an individual or vehicle, and for the purpose of preventing the officer from effecting the arrest, stop or detention, he or she:

(1) Resists the arrest, stop or detention of such person by using or threatening the use of violence or physical force or by fleeing from such officer; or

(2) Interferes with the arrest, stop or detention of another person by using or threatening the use of violence, physical force or physical interference.

2. This section applies to:

(1) Arrests, stops, or detentions, with or without warrants;

(2) Arrests, stops, or detentions, for any offense, infraction, or ordinance violation; and

(3) Arrests for warrants issued by a court or a probation and parole officer.

3. A person is presumed to be fleeing a vehicle stop if he or she continues to operate a motor vehicle after he or she has seen or should have seen clearly visible emergency lights or has heard or should have heard an audible signal emanating from the law enforcement vehicle pursuing him or her.

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           4. It is no defense to a prosecution pursuant to subsection 1 of this section that the law  
18 enforcement officer was acting unlawfully in making the arrest. However, nothing in this section  
19 shall be construed to bar civil suits for unlawful arrest.

20           5. The offense of resisting or interfering with an arrest is a class E felony for an arrest  
21 for a:

22           (1) Felony;

23           (2) Warrant issued for failure to appear on a felony case; or

24           (3) Warrant issued for a probation violation on a felony case.

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26 The offense of resisting an arrest, detention or stop in violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of  
27 subsection 1 of this section is a class ~~[A-misdemeanor]~~ **E felony**, unless the person fleeing  
28 creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury or death to any person, in which case it is a  
29 class ~~[E]~~ **D felony**.

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