

ROAD CLOSURE AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Phil Lyman

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to unlawful road closures.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ makes closing a road under certain conditions a class C misdemeanor.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

[72-5-118](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section [72-5-118](#) is enacted to read:

[72-5-118. Unlawful road closures.](#)

(1) Except as provided in Sections [72-1-212](#), [72-5-105](#), [72-6-114](#), and [72-7-103](#), an individual who knowingly places or authorizes the placement of a temporary or permanent barricade on a class A, B, C, or D road, an R.S. 2477 right-of-way, or a portion of a class A, B, C, or D road or R.S. 2477 right-of-way to permanently or temporarily close the road or R.S. 2477 right-of-way to vehicular traffic is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

29 (2) This section does not apply to a road closure:
30 (a) by firefighters or peace officers responding to an emergency;
31 (b) that may result from a permanent or temporary closure of a public or private
32 railroad crossing; or
33 (c) on an R.S. 2477 right-of-way across private land if a perpetual public right-of-way
34 has not been granted through a settlement or court order.