

1 AN ACT relating to impeding a first responder.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 519 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section:*

6 *(a) "First responder" has the same meaning as in KRS 507.070, and includes a*
7 *probation or parole officer, university police officer, and airport police*
8 *officer; and*

9 *(b) "Harass" means to intentionally engage in a course of conduct directed at a*
10 *first responder which causes or is intended to cause substantial emotional*
11 *distress in the first responder and serves no legitimate purpose.*

12 *(2) A person is guilty of impeding a first responder when, after receiving a verbal*
13 *warning not to approach from another person he or she knows or reasonably*
14 *should know is a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of his*
15 *or her duties, the person knowingly violates the verbal warning and approaches*
16 *or remains within twenty-five (25) feet of the first responder with the intent to:*

17 *(a) Impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform the first*
18 *responder's duties;*

19 *(b) Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or*

20 *(c) Harass the first responder.*

21 *(3) Impeding a first responder is a:*

22 *(a) Class B misdemeanor for the first offense;*

23 *(b) Class A misdemeanor for a second or third offense; and*

24 *(c) Class D felony for each subsequent offense.*