

**Senator Don L. Ipson** proposes the following substitute bill:

**DISRUPTING LEGISLATIVE OR OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Don L. Ipson**

House Sponsor: Lee B. Perry

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends criminal provisions relating to disturbing the Legislature or an official meeting.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ modifies the elements of the crime of disturbing the Legislature or an official meeting; and
- ▶ modifies penalties for a violation of this bill.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

**76-8-304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 30

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



26 Section 1. Section [76-8-304](#) is repealed and reenacted to read:

27 **76-8-304. Disturbing an official meeting.**

28 (1) As used in this section, "official meeting" means:

29 (a) a meeting, as defined in Section [52-4-103](#);

30 (b) a meeting of the Legislature, the Utah Senate, the Utah House of Representatives, a  
31 legislative caucus, or any committee, task force, working group, or other organization in the  
32 state legislative branch; or

33 (c) a meeting of an entity created by the Utah Constitution, Utah Code, Utah  
34 administrative rule, legislative rule, or a written rule or policy of the Legislative Management  
35 Committee.

36 (2) It is unlawful for an individual to intentionally:

37 (a) disrupt or disturb an official meeting; or

38 (b) engage in disorderly conduct at an official meeting.

39 (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is:

40 (a) a class C misdemeanor if the violation is a first offense;

41 (b) a class B misdemeanor if the violation is a second offense; or

42 (c) a class A misdemeanor if the violation is a third or subsequent offense.