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**HOUSE BILL 15-1072** 

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

#### 101 CONCERNING HARASSMENT THROUGH AN INTERACTIVE ELECTRONIC

102 MEDIUM.

## **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <u>http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries</u>.)

The bill makes changes to the harassment statute to cover situations in which a person uses an interactive electronic medium to harass another.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

HOUSE Amended 2nd Reading February 13, 2015 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-9-111, amend (1)
 (e); and add (7) as follows:

**18-9-111.** Harassment - Kiana Arellano's law. (1) A person
commits harassment if, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another
person, he or she:

6 (e) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY initiates communication with a 7 person OR DIRECTS LANGUAGE TOWARD ANOTHER PERSON, anonymously 8 or otherwise, by telephone, telephone network, data network, text 9 message, instant message, computer, computer network, or computer 10 system, OR OTHER INTERACTIVE ELECTRONIC MEDIUM in a manner 11 intended to harass or threaten bodily injury or property damage, or makes 12 any comment, request, suggestion, or proposal by telephone, computer, 13 computer network, or computer system, OR OTHER INTERACTIVE 14 ELECTRONIC MEDIUM that is obscene; or

15 (7) PARAGRAPH (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE
16 KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS "KIANA ARELLANO'S LAW".

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This act takes effect
 July 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.
 SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate 21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.