A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING HARASSMENT THROUGH AN INTERACTIVE ELECTRONIC 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 http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

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

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

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SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-9-111, amend (1) (e); and add (7) and (8) 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:

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

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

(8) THIS SECTION IS NOT INTENDED TO INFRINGE UPON ANY RIGHT GUARANTEED TO ANY PERSON BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OR TO PREVENT THE EXPRESSION OF ANY RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL, OR PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWS.

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