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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 <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.

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
March 24, 2015

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 19, 2015

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 13, 2015

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

3 **18-9-111. Harassment - Kiana Arellano's law.** (1) A person
4 commits harassment if, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another
5 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".

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

21 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
22 July 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

23 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.