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STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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**SENATE BILL 21-064**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101    **CONCERNING CRIMINALIZING RETALIATION AGAINST AN ELECTED**  
102         **OFFICIAL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
103         **APPROPRIATION.**

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**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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Under current law, there is a crime of retaliation against a judge if an individual makes a credible threat or commits an act of harassment or an act of harm or injury upon a person or property as retaliation or retribution against a judge. The crime is a class 4 felony. The bill adds elected officials and their families to the crime.

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

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 5, 2021

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 1, 2021

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

2 **SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-8-615, amend (2);**  
3 **and add (1.5) as follows:**

4 **18-8-615. Retaliation against a judge or an elected official -**  
5 **definitions.** (1.5) (a) AN INDIVIDUAL COMMITS RETALIATION AGAINST AN  
6 ELECTED OFFICIAL IF THE INDIVIDUAL KNOWINGLY MAKES A CREDIBLE  
7 THREAT AS RETALIATION OR RETRIBUTION AGAINST THE ELECTED OFFICIAL  
8 OR ARISING OUT OF THE STATUS OF THE PERSON AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL  
9 AND IS DIRECTED AGAINST OR COMMITTED UPON:

10 (I) AN ELECTED OFFICIAL;

11 (II) A MEMBER OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL'S FAMILY;

12 (III) A PERSON IN CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO THE ELECTED OFFICIAL;

13 OR

14 (IV) A PERSON RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WITH THE  
15 ELECTED OFFICIAL.

16 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1.5):

17 (I) "CREDIBLE THREAT" MEANS A THREAT, PHYSICAL ACTION, OR  
18 REPEATED CONDUCT THAT WOULD CAUSE A REASONABLE PERSON TO BE IN  
19 FEAR FOR THE PERSON'S SAFETY OR THE SAFETY OF HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE  
20 FAMILY OR OF SOMEONE WITH WHOM THE PERSON HAS OR HAS HAD A  
21 CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP. THE THREAT NEED NOT BE DIRECTLY  
22 EXPRESSED IF THE TOTALITY OF THE CONDUCT WOULD CAUSE A  
23 REASONABLE PERSON SUCH FEAR.

24 (II) "ELECTED OFFICIAL" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS SERVING IN  
25 AN ELECTED POSITION IN THE STATE OF COLORADO AT ANY LEVEL OF  
26 GOVERNMENT.

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(2) (a) Retaliation against a judge is a class 4 felony.

(b) RETALIATION AGAINST AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IS A CLASS 6  
FELONY.

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**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-302, **amend**  
(1)(kk) as follows:

**24-4.1-302. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, and for no other  
purpose, including the expansion of the rights of any defendant:

(1) "Crime" means any of the following offenses, acts, and  
violations as defined by the statutes of the state of Colorado, whether  
committed by an adult or a juvenile:

(kk) Retaliation against a judge OR ELECTED OFFICIAL, in violation  
of section 18-8-615; ~~C.R.S.~~; retaliation against a prosecutor, in violation  
of section 18-8-616; ~~C.R.S.~~; or retaliation against a juror, in violation of  
section 18-8-706.5; ~~C.R.S.~~;

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 17-18-129 as**  
**follows:**

**17-18-129. Appropriation to comply with section 2-2-703 - SB**  
**21-064- repeal. (1) PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-703, THE FOLLOWING**  
**STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT SENATE**  
**BILL 21-064, ENACTED IN 2021:**

**(a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO**  
**HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE DOLLARS IS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT**  
**FROM THE GENERAL FUND;**

**(b) FOR THE 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR, EIGHTEEN THOUSAND**  
**FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS IS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT**

1 FROM THE GENERAL FUND;

2 (c) FOR THE 2024-25 STATE FISCAL YEAR, EIGHTEEN THOUSAND  
3 FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS IS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT  
4 FROM THE GENERAL FUND; AND

5 (d) FOR THE 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEAR, EIGHTEEN THOUSAND  
6 FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS IS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT  
7 FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

8 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026. \_\_\_\_\_

9 **SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect  
10 July 1, 2021, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

11 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.