

1 (a) No person, with the intent purposefully to deprive any
2 other person of emergency services, may interfere with or prevent
3 another person from:

4 (1) Using or accessing a 911 emergency telephone system; or

5 (2) Making a report to a law-enforcement officer or agency or
6 fire department; or

7 (3) Requesting emergency medical assistance.

8 (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "interfere with
9 or prevent" includes, but is not limited to, the seizure,
10 concealment, obstructing access to, or disabling or disconnection
11 of a telephone, telephone line or equipment, or other communication
12 device.

13 (c) Any person who is convicted of an offense under this
14 section shall be confined in jail for not more than six months, or
15 fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or both confined and
16 fined.

NOTE: The purpose of this proposed new section is to make it
a crime to interfere with or prevent a person from reporting a
crime or seeking emergency assistance arising from the commission
of a crime.

§61-5-17a is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring
have been omitted.