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## **HB 2658: pedestrians; congregating; medians; unsafe locations**

**Sponsor: Representative Chaplik, LD 3**

**House Engrossed**

### **Overview**

Prohibits a pedestrian from congregating or engaging in solicitation if they are on a painted or raised traffic median or island, on an exit or entrance ramp or roadway of a controlled access highway or in an unsafe location where there is no sidewalk or safe corridor for pedestrians.

### **History**

A person commits obstructing a highway or other public thoroughfare if the person, alone or with others:

- 1) having no legal privilege to do so, recklessly interferes with the passage of any highway or public thoroughfare by creating an unreasonable inconvenience or hazard. A person guilty of this is responsible for a class 2 misdemeanor and for a second or subsequent violation within 24 months a class 1 misdemeanor;
- 2) intentionally activates a pedestrian signal on a highway or public thoroughfare if their reason for activating the signal is not the cross the highway or thoroughfare but to stop the passage of traffic and solicit a driver for a donation or business. A person guilty of this is responsible for a class 3 misdemeanor; or
- 3) after receiving a verbal warning to desist, intentionally interferes with passage on a highway or other public thoroughfare or entrance into a public forum that results in preventing other persons from gaining access to a governmental meeting, hearing or a political campaign event. A person guilty of this is responsible for a class 1 misdemeanor ([A.R.S. § 13-2906](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Prohibits a pedestrian from congregating or engaging in solicitation if the pedestrian is:
  - a) on a painted or raised traffic island or median;
  - b) on an exit or entrance ramp or roadway of a controlled access highway; or
  - c) in an unsafe location where there is not a sidewalk or a safe corridor for pedestrians. (Sec. 1)
2. State that if a person violates these requirements:
  - a) for the first violation, a peace officer may only issue a warning;
  - b) for a second violation, the person is responsible for a civil traffic violation; and
  - c) for a third or subsequent violation, the person is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. (Sec. 1)

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