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SB 1251: armed robbery; deadly weapon; classification

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Overview

Classifies the act of taking possession or attempting to take possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a *robbery*, as *armed robbery*.

History

There are three classifications of robbery under Arizona law: *robbery*, *aggravated robbery* and *armed robbery*.

A person commits *robbery* if, while taking a person's property against their will, the individual threatens or uses force against the person with the intent to coerce the person to surrender the property or to prevent resistance. Robbery is a class 4 felony ([A.R.S. § 13-1902](#)).

Aggravated robbery occurs when a person commits the crime of *robbery* while accompanied by one or more individuals. *Aggravated robbery* is a class 3 felony ([A.R.S. § 13-1903](#)).

A person commits *armed robbery*, a class 2 felony, if, while committing *robbery*, the person does either of the following:

- 1) Is in possession of a deadly weapon or a simulated deadly weapon; or
- 2) Uses or threatens to use a deadly weapon, dangerous instrument or simulated deadly weapon ([A.R.S. § 13-1904](#)).

Provisions

1. Includes, in the classification of *armed robbery*, a person who takes or attempts to take possession of a deadly weapon while committing the crime of *robbery*. (Sec. 1)

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