

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL 18

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC PEACE; CREATING THE CRIME  
OF SWATTING; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES; MAKING CONFORMING  
AMENDMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 30-39-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,  
Chapter 145, Section 1) is amended to read:

"30-39-1. FALSE ~~[REPORT--PENALTY]~~ REPORTING--PENALTIES.--

A. It is unlawful for ~~[any]~~ a person to  
intentionally make a false report to a law enforcement agency  
or official ~~[which report he knows to be false at the time of  
making it]~~ alleging a violation by another person of the  
provisions of the Criminal Code. ~~[Any]~~ A person ~~[violating]~~  
who violates the provisions of this ~~[section]~~ subsection is  
guilty of a misdemeanor.

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1                   B. It is unlawful for a person to knowingly make a  
2 false or misleading report to a public safety agency of an  
3 ongoing emergency or threat of violence with the intent to  
4 cause an immediate response from the public safety agency. A  
5 person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty  
6 of a fourth degree felony.

7                   C. As used in this section, "public safety agency"  
8 means:

9                                 (1) a law enforcement, firefighting or  
10 emergency medical services agency; or

11                                 (2) a twenty-four-hour local communications  
12 facility that receives 911 service communications and directly  
13 dispatches emergency response services or relays communications  
14 to law enforcement, firefighting or emergency medical services  
15 agencies."

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