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SENATE BILL NO. 9

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 574, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to unlawful traffic interference, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 574, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 574.045, to read as follows:

574.045. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Interstate highway", a highway located in this state that is
3 included in the national system of interstate highways, as officially
4 designated or as may be hereafter designated by the Missouri highways
5 and transportation commission within the Missouri department of
6 transportation and approved by the United States Secretary of
7 Transportation;

8 (2) "Unlawful assembly", two or more persons who meet for the
9 purpose of violating any of the criminal laws of this state or of the
10 United States.

11 2. A person commits the offense of unlawful traffic interference
12 if, with the intention to impede vehicular traffic, the person walks,
13 stands, sits, kneels, lays, or places an object in such a manner as to
14 block passage by a vehicle on any public street, highway, or interstate
15 highway. This section shall not apply to the blocking of passage by any
16 person who has permission to do so from a government authority, who
17 is a law enforcement officer, or who does so to direct traffic away from
18 hazardous road conditions, an obstacle, or a scene of an accident.

19 3. The offense of unlawful traffic interference on a public street
20 or highway, except an interstate highway, is a class A misdemeanor for
21 the first violation. Any second or subsequent violation that occurs on

22 a public street or highway, except an interstate highway, is a class E
23 felony.

24 4. The offense of unlawful traffic interference on an interstate
25 highway is a class E felony. For a first violation, the court shall grant
26 a suspended imposition of sentence and impose a term of supervised
27 probation for five years, one hundred hours of community service, and
28 a fine not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars.

29 5. The offense of unlawful traffic interference on any public
30 street, highway, or interstate highway while part of an unlawful
31 assembly is a class D felony. For a first violation, the court shall grant
32 a suspended imposition of sentence and impose a term of supervised
33 probation for five years, one hundred hours of community service, and
34 a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars.

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