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HOUSE BILL No. 2324

By Representative Flaharty

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AN ACT concerning crimes and punishment; relating to harassment of

10 neighborhood watch groups. 11 12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: 13 Section 1. (a) It is a violation of this act for any person to willfully harass, threaten or intimidate an identifiable member of a neighborhood 14 15 crime watch program while the member is engaged in or traveling to or 16 from an organized neighborhood crime watch program activity or participating in an ongoing criminal investigation designated by a law enforce-17 18 ment officer.

- (b) As used in this act:
- (1) "Harass" has the same meaning as in K.S.A. 21-3438, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) "organized neighborhood crime watch program activity" means any prearranged event, meeting or other scheduled activity or neighborhood patrol conducted by or at the direction of a neighborhood crime watch program or the program's authorized designee.
 - (c) Violation of this act is a class A misdemeanor.
- (d) This act shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas act against harassment of neighborhood watch groups.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.