

HOUSE BILL No. 2360

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
2 to crimes against persons; removing recklessly causing fear or
3 evacuation, lock down or disruption in regular, ongoing activities from
4 the crime of criminal threat; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5415 and
5 repealing the existing section.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5415 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 21-5415. (a) A criminal threat is any threat to:

10 (1) Commit violence communicated with intent to place another in
11 fear, or to cause the evacuation, lock down or disruption in regular,
12 ongoing activities of any building, place of assembly or facility of
13 transportation, ~~or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such fear or~~
14 ~~evacuation, lock down or disruption in regular, ongoing activities;~~

15 (2) adulterate or contaminate any food, raw agricultural commodity,
16 beverage, drug, animal feed, plant or public water supply; or

17 (3) expose any animal in this state to any contagious or infectious
18 disease.

19 (b) Aggravated criminal threat is the commission of a criminal threat,
20 as defined in subsection (a), when a public, commercial or industrial
21 building, place of assembly or facility of transportation is evacuated,
22 locked down or disrupted as to regular, ongoing activities as a result of the
23 threat.

24 (c) (1) A criminal threat is a severity level 9, person felony.

25 (2) Aggravated criminal threat is a severity level 5, person felony.

26 (d) As used in this section, "threat" includes any statement that one
27 has committed any action described by subsection (a).

28 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5415 is hereby repealed.

29 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
30 publication in the statute book.