## TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE DIVISION 1 : CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

## § 1472. Stalking.

or

(a) Any person who purposefully engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person and knows or should know that the course of conduct would cause a reasonable person to:

(1) fear for his or her safety or the safety of a third person; or

(2) suffer other emotional distress is guilty of stalking.

(b) In any prosecution under this law, it shall not be a defense that:

(1) the actor was not given actual notice that the course of conduct was unwanted; or

(2) the actor did not intend to cause the victim fear or other emotional distress.

(c) A person commits the crime of stalking in the first degree if the person violates subsection (a) and:

(1) the defendant violated any order prohibiting contact with the victim;

(2) the defendant was convicted of stalking any person within the previous 10 years; or

(3) the defendant used force or a weapon or threatened to use force or a weapon; or

(4) the victim is a minor.

(d) All acts of stalking not described in subsection (c) constitute the crime of stalking in the second degree.

(e) Stalking in the first degree is a felony punishable by imprisonment of up to four years, by a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

(f) Stalking in the second degree is a felony punishable by imprisonment of up to one year, by a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

Source: <u>PL 14-9</u>, § 3 (1509), modified; repealed and re-enacted by <u>PL 20-</u> <u>28</u> § 5 (Dec. 11, 2017).

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