

§751-B. Refusing to submit to arrest or detention

1. A person is guilty of refusing to submit to arrest or detention if, with the intent to hinder, delay or prevent a law enforcement officer from effecting the arrest or detention of that person, the person:

A. Refuses to stop on request or signal of a law enforcement officer. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; [PL 2009, c. 449, §2 (NEW).]

B. Uses physical force against the law enforcement officer. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or [PL 2009, c. 449, §2 (NEW).]

C. Creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to the law enforcement officer. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime. [PL 2009, c. 449, §2 (NEW).]
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2. It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person reasonably believed that the person attempting to effect the arrest or detention was not a law enforcement officer. It is a defense to prosecution under subsection 1, paragraph A that the law enforcement officer acted unlawfully in attempting to effect the arrest or detention.

[PL 2009, c. 449, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2009, c. 449, §2 (NEW).

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