



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1068

Introduced by: **Representative Hansen**

1 **An Act to include out-of-state convictions for the basis of an enhanced penalty for**
 2 **the crime of stalking.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** That § 22-19A-1 be AMENDED:

5 **22-19A-1. Stalking--Violation as misdemeanor--Second or subsequent**
 6 **offense a felony.**

7 No person may:

- 8 (1) Willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follow or harass another person;
 9 (2) Make a credible threat to another person with the intent to place that person in
 10 reasonable fear of death or great bodily injury; or
 11 (3) Willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly harass another person by means of any verbal,
 12 electronic, digital media, mechanical, telegraphic, or written communication.

13 A violation of this section constitutes the crime of stalking. Stalking is a Class 1
 14 misdemeanor. However, any second or subsequent conviction occurring within ten years
 15 of a prior conviction under this section is a Class 6 felony. Any conviction for, or plea of
 16 guilty to, an offense in another state which, if committed in this state, would be a violation
 17 of this section and occurring within ten years prior to the date of the violation being
 18 charged, shall be used to determine if the violation being charged is a second or
 19 subsequent offense.

20 **Section 2.** That § 22-19A-3 be AMENDED:

21 **22-19A-3. Stalking--Subsequent convictions--Violation as felony.**

22 A person who commits a second or subsequent conviction occurring within seven
 23 years of a prior conviction under § 22-19A-1, 22-19A-2, or 22-19A-7 against the same
 24 victim, and involving an act of violence, or a credible threat of violence, is guilty of a Class
 25 5 felony. Any conviction for, or plea of guilty to, an offense in another state which, if

1 committed in this state, would be eligible for an enhancement under this section and
2 occurring within seven years prior to the date of the violation being charged, shall be used
3 to determine if the violation being charged is a second or subsequent offense.