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Overview

This bill provides that the term "others" in the disorderly conduct law includes peace officers and public safety personnel, thereby making clear that the disorderly conduct law applies to certain designated conduct that takes place in the presence of peace officers and public safety personnel, even if other individuals are not present.

Section

1 **Disorderly conduct.** Current law provides a misdemeanor penalty for the following conduct in a public or private place, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know that it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace:

engaging in brawling or fighting; or

disturbing an assembly or meeting, not unlawful in its character; or

engaging in offensive, obscene, abusive, boisterous, or noisy conduct or in offensive, obscene, or abusive language tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.

This bill clarifies that, for the purposes of this subdivision, "others" includes peace officers and public safety employees discharging their official duties.

2 **Effective date.** August 1, 1999, for crimes committed on or after that date.