



AB-469 Crimes: impersonation of first responders. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 469

Introduced by Assembly Members Gabriel, Irwin, and Pacheco
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Flora and Wallis)

February 06, 2025

An act relating to crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 469, as introduced, Gabriel. Crimes: impersonation of first responders.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, authorizes the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency, as defined, under specified circumstances. Existing law defines a “first responder” as an employee of the state or a local public agency who provides emergency response services. Existing law makes it a misdemeanor to impersonate certain first responders, including a member of a fire department.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the impersonation of first responders during a state of emergency.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would strengthen the penalties for impersonating first responders during a state of emergency.