

HB 37 -- POLICE LINES OR BARRICADES

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This bill allows the chief law enforcement officer of any locality to secure areas by establishing police lines or barricades, as necessary, in any emergency situation where life, limb, or property may be endangered and may cause people to collect in public areas.

The scene shall be clearly identified and may not be secured longer than is reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes specified in the bill. If material or equipment indicating a police line or barrier is not available, a verbal warning by identifiable law enforcement officials must be given to any person attempting to cross the police line or barricade.

The offense of unlawfully crossing or remaining within a police line or barricade is a class A misdemeanor.