

## Farm Protection UT Legislation

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**UT**

**[HB 187](#)**

**Agricultural Operation Interference**

Description:

Would make a person guilty of agricultural operation interference if the person without consent from the owner of the agricultural operation, or the owner's agent, knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation by leaving a recording device on the agricultural operation; obtains access to an agricultural operation under false pretenses; applies for employment at an agricultural operation with the intent to record an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation; knows, at the time that the person accepts employment at the agricultural operation, that the owner of the agricultural operation prohibits the employee from recording an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation; and while employed at, and while present on, the agricultural operation, records an image of, or sound from, the agricultural operation; or without consent from the owner of the operation or the owner's agent, knowingly or intentionally records an image of, or sound from, an agricultural operation while the person is committing criminal trespass on the agricultural operation.

The bill passed on March 7, 2012 and went into effect May 8, 2012, but was ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge in July 2017.

Status: Ruled unconstitutional 7/8/2017

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