

# Disturbing the Peace Act 2024

## A BILL

To regulate the disturbance of peace in Vindex Nation.

*Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Vindex Nation in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. **SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as DPA 2024.

### SEC. 2. **DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this Act, the term—

“Disturbing the peace” shall be defined as any action, behaviour, message, or use of materials that reasonably causes panic and chaos, incites fear, incites disorderly conduct and riots, incites a false sense of imminent danger, or disrupts a usual calm.

“Private property” shall be defined as an in-game ‘area shop’ (AS) region owned by someone not on behalf of the government.

“Law Enforcement Officer” shall be defined as any government employee who the ability to send a criminal to jail, such as a member of the Vindex Police Department.

“Emergency service vehicle” shall be defined as any vehicle with a horn in the sound of a siren. For example, ambulances, fire engines and police vehicles.

### SEC. 3. **ILLEGALISATION.**

(1) Upon the passage of this act, disturbing the peace is an imprisonable offence. Actions that would disturb the peace include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Shooting a firearm in public, outside of private property.
- (b) Repeatedly honking a vehicle's horn without a valid reason, with 20 honks within 30 seconds being a clear example of disturbing the peace.
- (c) Repeatedly ringing a bicycle's bell without a valid reason, with 20 rings within 30 seconds being a clear example of disturbing the peace.

(2) The continual use of a siren on emergency service vehicles is not considered disturbing the peace if the driver is performing their legal duties.

(3) Destroying a vehicle by force. This means when a vehicle projects an explosion sound as a result of being damaged too much. This act recommends members of the public to remove vehicles through the in-game command ‘/car reset’.

### SEC. 4. **EXEMPTIONS.**

- (1) An exemption to disturbing the peace would be when a person is shooting a firearm in self defence. This act does not attempt to define self defence, merely that the use of a firearm in what is determined self defence does not qualify as disturbing the peace.
- (2) An exemption to disturbing the peace include the shooting of a firearm while performing a duty as a Law Enforcement Officer.
- (3) An exemption to disturbing the peace would include the shooting of a firearm while performing a duty as a member of the Department of Defence.
- (4) An exemption to disturbing the peace would include the shooting of firearms within private property for recreational purposes, so long as the bullet does not exit the property, does not harm any person, and that the person shooting the firearm either:
  - (a) owns the property,
  - (b) is added to the property,
  - (c) has explicit permission from the property owner to shoot a firearm.
- (5) Further exemptions to disturbing the peace include where the shooting of firearms have been legalised by acts of Congress.

**Signed,**  
**AUTHOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

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