



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6736**

LCO No. 4440



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PURPLE PROPERTY BORDERS AS A WARNING TO TRESPASSERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of criminal trespass in the third degree when,  
4 knowing that such person is not licensed or privileged to do so: (1) Such  
5 person enters or remains in premises which (A) are posted in a manner  
6 prescribed by law or reasonably likely to come to the attention of  
7 intruders, [or] which may include painting the borders of such premises  
8 purple, (B) are fenced or otherwise enclosed in a manner designed to  
9 exclude intruders, or [which] (C) belong to the state and are appurtenant  
10 to any state institution; or (2) such person enters or remains in any  
11 premises for the purpose of hunting, trapping or fishing; or (3) such  
12 person enters or remains on public land which is posted in a manner  
13 prescribed by law or reasonably likely to come to the attention of  
14 intruders or is fenced or otherwise enclosed in a manner designed to  
15 exclude intruders.

16 (b) Criminal trespass in the third degree is a class C misdemeanor,  
17 except that any person found guilty under subdivision (2) of subsection  
18 (a) of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor and fined not  
19 less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	53a-109

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide that purple painted property borders serve as a warning to trespassers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*