



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 25

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House Bill No. 5175

House of Representatives, March 13, 2024

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. BOYD of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PURPLE PROPERTY BORDERS AS 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 Section 53a-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2024*):

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	October 1, 2024	53a-109

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which modifies trespassing law, does not result in a fiscal impact. This modification is not anticipated to impact the number of individuals that are charged with trespassing. Very few individuals are charged with this type of trespassing under the current law.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

Existing law makes someone guilty of 3rd degree criminal trespass if the person, knowing that he or she is not licensed or privileged to do so, enters or remains in areas that are posted in a way set by law or reasonably likely to come to an intruder's attention.

This bill explicitly makes painting a restricted area's borders purple a type of posting covered by this law.

By law, this kind of criminal trespass is a class C misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in prison, up to a \$500 fine, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/01/2024)