

**Public Safety and Security Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

Bill No.: HB-5175
AN ACT CONCERNING PURPLE PROPERTY BORDERS AS WARNING TO
Title: TRESPASSERS.
Vote Date: 3/1/2024
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 2/20/2024
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Patrick S. Boyd, 50th Dist.
Rep. Craig C. Fishbein, 90th Dist.
Rep. Travis Simms, 140th Dist.
Rep. Jaime S. Foster, 57th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

Property owners with larger properties have found it difficult to define the perimeters/boundaries of their land. Currently, these landowners are forced to purchase an abundance of "No Trespassing Signs"/Other Private Property Signage to effectively mark their borders. This bill would allow these property owners to instead use purple paint as an unbreakable indicator rather than a costly sign that could be torn down by trespassers. It is thought that the purple paint will be a cheaper and more effective option to indicate these private property boundaries.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Pat Boyd, State Representative, CT House of Representatives, Supports:

The 50th House District is very rural, and landowners struggle with trespassers on Farmland and Forest land. Signs are often put up and pulled down by folks who participate in illegal hunting and trespassing. This law is a commonsense way for landowners to protect their land and notify others that they have reached a land boundary without a sign.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Lindsey Panter, - Opposes:

Expresses how there may be unintended consequences to bill including, taking away the freedom to choose what color of paint they use on their property.

Reported by: Casey Urso (Assistant Clerk)

Date: March 11th, 2024