General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5175

February Session, 2024

LCO No. **1034**

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING PURPLE PROPERTY BORDERS AS WARNING TO TRESPASSERS.

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

Section 1. Section 53a-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

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

(b) Criminal trespass in the third degree is a class C misdemeanor, except that any person found guilty under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor and fined not 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

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.]