

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Raised Bill No. 6851

LCO No. **4061**

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 Section 53a-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2025*):

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 <u>purple</u>, (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, 2025</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.]