

General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 6872

AN ACT REVISING AND CONSOLIDATING THE HATE CRIMES STATUTES.

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

Section 1. Section 53a-181i of the general statutes is repealed and the
 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

For the purposes of [sections 53a-181j to 53a-181*l*, inclusive] <u>this</u> section, section 53-37, as amended by this act, 53-37a, 53a-40a, as amended by this act, and sections 53a-181j to 53a-181*l*, inclusive, as amended by this act, and sections 5 to 13, inclusive, of this act, sections 15 to 21, inclusive, of this act, and section 23 of this act:

8 (1) "Disability" means [physical disability, mental disability or 9 intellectual disability] <u>any of the following: Physical disability or</u> 10 <u>blindness, each as described in section 1-1f, "intellectual disability" as</u> 11 <u>defined in section 1-1g or mental disability as described in section 46a-</u> 12 <u>51;</u>

(2) "Gender identity or expression" [means a person's gender-related
identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related
identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally
associated with the person's assigned sex at birth] has the same meaning
as provided in section 1-1n;

[(3) "Mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as 18 19 defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric 20 Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders"; 21 (4) "Intellectual disability" has the same meaning as provided in 22 section 1-1g; and 23 (5) "Physical disability" means any chronic physical handicap, 24 infirmity or impairment, whether congenital or resulting from bodily 25 injury, organic processes or changes or from illness, including, but not 26 limited to, blindness, epilepsy, deafness or being hard of hearing or 27 reliance on a wheelchair or other remedial appliance or device] 28 (3) "Protected social category" means a person's actual or perceived 29 race, color, religion, ethnicity, disability, alienage, national origin, sex, 30 sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, if sixty years of 31 age or older, or any combination thereof; 32 (4) "Race" includes ethnic traits historically associated with race, 33 including, but not limited to, hair texture and "protective hairstyles", as 34 defined in section 46a-51; 35 (5) "Religion" includes denomination, creed and any aspect of 36 religious observance and practice as well as belief; 37 (6) "Religiously affiliated community center" means real property 38 used for the provision of recreational, social or educational services that is owned or leased by a nonprofit organization that holds such property 39 40 out as being affiliated with a religion; (7) "Sex" includes pregnancy, child-bearing capacity, sterilization, 41 fertility or related medical conditions; and 42 43 (8) "Sexual orientation" has the same meaning as provided in section 44 46a-51. 45 Sec. 2. Section 53a-181j of the general statutes is repealed and the 46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

47 (a) A person is guilty of [intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the 48 first degree] hate crime causing physical injury when such person 49 [maliciously, and] acts with specific intent to intimidate or harass 50 another person motivated in whole or in substantial part by [the actual 51 or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual orientation 52 or gender identity or expression] any protected social category of such 53 other person [,] and intentionally causes physical injury to such other 54 person or [to a third] another person.

(b) [Intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the first degree] <u>Hate</u>
<u>crime causing physical injury</u> is a class C felony, for which <u>the court</u>
<u>shall impose a fine of at least</u> three thousand dollars. [of the fine
imposed]

59 (c) A minimum fine pursuant to this section may not be remitted or
 60 the amount reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its
 61 reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

62 Sec. 3. Section 53a-181k of the general statutes is repealed and the 63 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

64 (a) A person is guilty of [intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the 65 second degree] hate crime causing physical contact when such person 66 [maliciously, and] <u>acts</u> with specific intent to intimidate or harass 67 another person [or group of persons] motivated in whole or in substantial part by [the actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, 68 69 disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression of 70 such other person or group of persons, does any of the following: (1) 71 Causes physical contact with such other person or group of persons, (2) 72 damages, destroys or defaces any real or personal property of such other 73 person or group of persons, or (3) threatens, by word or act, to do an act 74 described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, if there is 75 reasonable cause to believe that an act described in subdivision (1) or (2) 76 of this subsection will occur] any protected social category of such other 77 person and intentionally causes physical contact with such other person.

78 (b) [Intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the second degree] <u>Hate</u>

<u>crime causing physical contact</u> is a class D felony, for which <u>the court</u>
 shall impose a fine of at least one thousand dollars. [of the fine imposed]

81 (c) A minimum fine pursuant to this section may not be remitted or 82 the amount reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its 83 reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

84 Sec. 4. Section 53a-181*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the 85 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

86 (a) A person is guilty of [intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the 87 third degree] hate crime affecting property when such person [,] acts with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person [or group of 88 89 persons] motivated in whole or in substantial part by [the actual or 90 perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual orientation or 91 gender identity or expression] any protected social category of such 92 other person [or persons] and: (1) [Damages] Intentionally damages, destroys or defaces any real or personal property of such other person, 93 94 or (2) [threatens, by word or act, to do an act described in subdivision 95 (1) of this subsection or advocates or urges another person to do an act 96 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, if there is reasonable 97 cause to believe that an act described in said subdivision will occur] 98 damages, destroys or defaces any real or personal property of a third 99 person.

(b) [Intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the third degree is] <u>A</u>
 violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section is a class D
 felony, for which the court shall impose a fine of at least one thousand
 dollars.

(c) A violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section is a
class E felony, for which the court shall impose a fine of at least one
thousand dollars. [of the fine imposed]

(d) A minimum fine imposed pursuant to this section may not be
 remitted or <u>the amount</u> reduced by the court unless the court states on
 the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime affecting religious property when such person, having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, intentionally damages, destroys or defaces (1) any religious object or symbol, or (2) any house of religious worship.

115 (b) A violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall 116 be a (1) class A misdemeanor, for which the court shall impose a fine of 117 not less than one thousand dollars if property is damaged as a 118 consequence of such violation in an amount up to and including one 119 thousand dollars, or (2) class E felony, for which the court shall impose 120 a fine of not less than one thousand dollars if property is damaged as a 121 consequence of such violation in an amount in excess of one thousand 122 dollars.

(c) A violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall
be a (1) class D felony, for which the court shall impose a fine of not less
than one thousand dollars if property is damaged as a consequence of
such violation in an amount up to and including ten thousand dollars,
or (2) class C felony, for which the court shall impose a fine of not less
than three thousand dollars if the property damaged as a consequence
of such violation is in an amount in excess of ten thousand dollars.

(d) A minimum fine imposed pursuant to this section may not be
remitted or the amount reduced by the court unless the court states on
the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by threat of physical contact when such person, with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person motivated in whole or in substantial part by any protected social category of such other person, threatens, by word or act, to cause physical contact with such other person, if there is reasonable cause to believe that such an act will occur.

(b) Hate crime by threat of physical contact is a class D felony, forwhich the court shall impose a fine of not less than one thousand dollars.

(c) A minimum fine imposed pursuant to this section may not be
remitted or the amount reduced by the court unless the court states on
the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

144 Sec. 7. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) A person is guilty of hate 145 crime by threat to property when such person, with specific intent to 146 intimidate or harass another person motivated in whole or in substantial 147 part by any protected social category of such other person threatens, by word or act, to damage, destroy or deface any real or personal property 148 149 of (1) such other person, if there is reasonable cause to believe that such 150 an act will occur, or (2) a third person, if there is reasonable cause to 151 believe that such an act will occur.

(b) A violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall
be a class D felony, for which the court shall impose a fine of not less
than one thousand dollars.

(c) A violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall
be a class E felony, for which the court shall impose a fine of not less
than one thousand dollars.

(d) A minimum fine imposed pursuant to this section may not be
remitted or the amount reduced by the court unless the court states on
the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

161 Sec. 8. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) A person is guilty of hate 162 crime by threatening of a house of religious worship or religiously 163 affiliated community center in the first degree if such person acts in 164 violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-61aa of 165 the general statutes, as amended by this act, with the intent to cause an 166 evacuation of a building or the grounds of a house of religious worship or religiously affiliated community center, during operational hours or 167 168 when a building or the grounds of such house of worship or community center are being used for the provision of religious or community 169 170 services, or used for activities sponsored by such house of worship or 171 community center.

(b) Hate crime by threatening of a house of religious worship orreligiously affiliated community center in the first degree is a class Cfelony.

175 Sec. 9. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) A person is guilty of hate 176 crime by threatening of a house of religious worship or religiously 177 affiliated community center in the second degree if such person acts in 178 violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-62 of 179 the general statutes, as amended by this act, and the person threatened 180 is in a building or on the grounds of a house of religious worship or 181 religiously affiliated community center, during operational hours or when a building or the grounds of such house of worship or community 182 183 center are being used for the provision of religious or community 184 services, or used for activities sponsored by such house of worship or 185 community center.

(b) Hate crime by threatening of a house of religious worship orreligiously affiliated community center in the second degree is a class Dfelony.

Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by advocacy or urging if such person, with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person motivated in whole or in substantial part by any protected social category of such other person, advocates or urges another person to damage, destroy or deface any real or personal property of a third person, if there is reasonable cause to believe that such an act will occur.

(b) Hate crime by advocacy or urging is a class E felony, for whichthe court shall impose a fine of not less than one thousand dollars.

(c) A minimum fine imposed pursuant to this section may not be
remitted or the amount reduced by the court unless the court states on
the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the prosecutionor punishment of any person pursuant to section 53a-8 of the general

statutes or section 53a-179a of the general statutes.

Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by deprivation of civil rights when such person subjects, or causes to be subjected, any other person to the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities, secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of this state or of the United States, motivated in whole or in substantial part by any protected social category of such other person or another person.

(b) Hate crime by deprivation of civil rights is a (1) class A misdemeanor, for which the court shall impose a fine of not less than one thousand dollars, or (2) a class E felony, for which the court shall impose a fine of not less than one thousand dollars if property is damaged as a consequence of such violation in an amount in excess of one thousand dollars.

(c) A minimum fine imposed pursuant to this section may not be
remitted or the amount reduced by the court unless the court states on
the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by burning a cross if such person places a burning cross or a simulation of a burning cross on any public property, or on any private property without the written consent of the owner, and with intent to intimidate or harass any other person.

(b) Hate crime by burning a cross is a (1) class A misdemeanor, for which the court shall impose a fine of not less than one thousand dollars, or (2) class E felony, for which the court shall impose a fine of not less than one thousand dollars if property is damaged as a consequence of such violation in an amount in excess of one thousand dollars.

(c) A minimum fine imposed pursuant to this section may not be
remitted or the amount reduced by the court unless the court states on
the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

233	Sec. 13. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) A person is guilty of hate		
234	crime by noose if such person places a noose or a simulation of a noose		
235	on any public property, or on any private property without the written		
236	consent of the owner, and with intent to intimidate or harass any other		
237	person motivated in whole or in substantial part by any protected social		
238	category of such other person or another person.		
239	(b) Hate crime by noose is a (1) class A misdemeanor, for which the		
240	court shall impose a fine of not less than one thousand dollars, or (2)		
241	class E felony, for which the court shall impose a fine of not less than		
242	one thousand dollars if property is damaged as a consequence of such		
243	violation in an amount in excess of one thousand dollars.		
244	(c) A minimum fine imposed pursuant to this section may not be		
245	remitted or the amount reduced by the court unless the court states on		
246	the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.		
247	Sec. 14. Section 53-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the		
248	following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective October 1, 2025</i>):		
249	[Any person who, by his] (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by		
250	commercial advertisement if such person, by such person's		
251	advertisement, ridicules or holds up to contempt any person [or class of		
252	persons, on account of the creed, religion, color, denomination,		
253	nationality or race or class of persons, shall be guilty of] motivated in		
254	whole or in substantial part by any protected social category of such		
255	other person.		
256	(b) Hate crime by commercial advertisement is a class D		
257	misdemeanor.		
258	(c) For purposes of this section, "advertisement" only includes		
259	<u>commercial speech.</u>		

Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate
crime by discriminatory public accommodations practice if such person
acts in violation of any provision of section 46a-64 of the general

statutes, as amended by this act, or 46a-81d of the general statutes, asamended by this act.

(b) Hate crime by discriminatory public accommodations practice isa class D misdemeanor.

Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by discriminatory housing practice if such person acts in violation of any provision of section 46a-64c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or 46a-81e of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

(b) Hate crime by discriminatory housing practice is a class Dmisdemeanor.

Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by false report if such person falsely reports an incident in violation of subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of section 53a-180 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, with specific intent to falsely report another person motivated in whole or in substantial part by any protected social category of such other person.

(b) Hate crime by false report is a class C felony.

Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by false report to law enforcement if such person falsely reports an incident to a law enforcement officer or agency in violation of subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of section 53a-180c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, with specific intent to falsely report another person motivated in whole or in substantial part by any protected social category of such other person.

(b) Hate crime by false report to law enforcement is a class E felony.

Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by false report resulting in serious physical injury or death if such person acts in violation of section 17 or 18 of this act and such false report described therein results in the serious physical injury or death of another person. (b) Hate crime by false report resulting in serious physical injury ordeath is a class B felony.

Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by stalking if such person commits stalking in the second degree as provided in section 53a-181d of the general statutes and intentionally directs such conduct at the other person motivated in whole or in part by any protected social category of such other person.

300 (b) Hate crime by stalking is a class D felony.

Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of hate crime by misuse of emergency 9-1-1 system if such person misuses the emergency 9-1-1 system in violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-180d of the general statutes, as amended by this act, with specific intent to make a false alarm or complaint or report false information about another person motivated in whole or in substantial part by any protected social category of such other person.

308 (b) Hate crime by misuse of emergency 9-1-1 system is a class A309 misdemeanor.

Sec. 22. Section 53a-40a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

312 (a) A persistent offender of <u>hate</u> crimes [involving bigotry or bias] is 313 a person who (1) stands convicted of a violation (A) of section [46a-58] 314 53-37, as amended by this act, 53-37a, 53a-181j, as amended by this act, 315 53a-181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as amended by this act, or 316 section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, or 317 (B) a violation for which the penalty was increased pursuant to section 318 23 of this act, and (2) has been, prior to the commission of the present 319 crime, convicted of a violation of section [46a-58] 53-37, as amended by 320 this act, 53-37a, 53a-181j, as amended by this act, 53a-181k, as amended 321 by this act, or 53a-181*l*, as amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 322 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, or section 46a-58, as amended by this act, in effect prior to October 1, 2025, or section 53a-181b in effect 323

324 prior to October 1, 2000, or has been convicted of a crime designated a
325 <u>hate crime pursuant to subsection (a) of section 23 of this act.</u>

326 (b) When any person has been found to be a persistent offender of 327 hate crimes, [involving bigotry or bias,] the court shall: (1) In lieu of 328 imposing the sentence authorized for the crime under section 53a-35a if 329 the crime is a felony, impose the sentence of imprisonment authorized 330 by said section for the next more serious degree of felony, or (2) in lieu 331 of imposing the sentence authorized for the crime under section 53a-36 332 if the crime is a misdemeanor, impose the sentence of imprisonment 333 authorized by said section for the next more serious degree of 334 misdemeanor, except that if the crime is a class A misdemeanor the 335 court shall impose the sentence of imprisonment for a class [D] E felony 336 as authorized by section 53a-35a.

337 Sec. 23. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) Except as otherwise 338 provided in this section, for any defendant guilty of any crime set forth 339 in sections 53a-54a, as amended by this act, 53a-55, 53a-55a, 53a-56, 53a-340 56a, 53a-59, 53a-59b, 53a-59c, 53a-60, 53a-60a, 53a-60d, 53a-70, 53a-70a, 341 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b, 53a-73a, 53a-167c, 53a-167d and 53a-342 167e of the general statutes or subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 343 53a-134 of the general statutes, conspiracy to commit any such crime in 344 accordance with section 53a-48 of the general statutes, or attempt to 345 commit any such crime in accordance with section 53-49 of the general 346 statutes, for which a finder of fact determines beyond a reasonable 347 doubt that the defendant intentionally selected any person against 348 whom the crime was committed and was motivated in whole or in 349 substantial part by any protected social category of such person or 350 another person, any official record of such crime shall indicate that such 351 crime was sentenced as a hate crime under this section.

(b) For a violation of section 53a-54a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, if a finder of fact determines beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant intentionally selected any person against whom the crime was committed and was motivated in whole or in substantial part by any protected social category of such person, the 357 court shall impose the sentence of imprisonment authorized by
358 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of section 53a-35a of the general
359 statutes.

360 (c) The provisions of this section shall only apply in cases where the 361 documents charging a defendant with offenses include a provision that 362 the defendant's offense may be recorded as a hate crime pursuant to 363 subsection (a) of this section or that a defendant is subject to an 364 enhanced penalty pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, as 365 applicable.

366 (d) No person shall be found guilty of a hate crime under this section 367 and for any other offense having all of its elements contained in the hate 368 crime upon the same transaction, but such person may be charged and 369 prosecuted for both the hate crime and the other offense upon the same 370 information. For purposes of this subsection, "hate crime" means any 371 crime in which the defendant intentionally selected any person or any 372 real or personal property against whom the crime was committed and 373 was motivated in whole or in substantial part by any protected social 374 category of such person.

Sec. 24. Subsection (d) of section 54-56e of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

378 (d) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, any defendant 379 who enters such program shall pay to the court a participation fee of one 380 hundred dollars. Any defendant who enters such program shall agree 381 to the tolling of any statute of limitations with respect to such crime and 382 to a waiver of the right to a speedy trial. Any such defendant shall 383 appear in court and shall, under such conditions as the court shall order, 384 be released to the supervision of the Court Support Services Division, 385 except that, if a criminal docket for drug-dependent persons has been 386 established pursuant to section 51-181b in the judicial district, such 387 defendant may be transferred, under such conditions as the court shall 388 order, to the court handling such docket for supervision by such court.

389 If the defendant refuses to accept, or, having accepted, violates such 390 conditions, the defendant's case shall be brought to trial. The period of 391 such probation or supervision, or both, shall not exceed two years. If the 392 defendant has reached the age of sixteen years but has not reached the 393 age of eighteen years, the court may order that as a condition of such 394 probation the defendant be referred for services to a youth service 395 bureau established pursuant to section 10-19m, provided the court 396 finds, through an assessment by a youth service bureau or its designee, 397 that the defendant is in need of and likely to benefit from such services. 398 When determining any conditions of probation to order for a person 399 entering such program who was charged with a misdemeanor that did 400 not involve the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force 401 against another person or a motor vehicle violation, the court shall 402 consider ordering the person to perform community service in the 403 community in which the offense or violation occurred. If the court 404 determines that community service is appropriate, such community 405 service may be implemented by a community court established in 406 accordance with section 51-181c if the offense or violation occurred 407 within the jurisdiction of a community court established by said section. 408 If the defendant is charged with a violation (1) of section [46a-58] 53-37, 409 as amended by this act, 53-37a, 53a-181j, as amended by this act, 53a-410 181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as amended by this act, or 411 section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, or 412 (2) for which the penalty was increased pursuant to section 23 of this 413 act, the court may order that as a condition of such probation the 414 defendant participate in a hate crimes diversion program as provided in 415 subsection (e) of this section. If a defendant is charged with a violation 416 of section 53-247, the court may order that as a condition of such 417 probation the defendant undergo psychiatric or psychological 418 counseling or participate in an animal cruelty prevention and education 419 program provided such a program exists and is available to the defendant. 420

421 Sec. 25. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Nothing in section 53-37 422 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 53a-181j of the general

423 statutes, as amended by this act, 53a-181k of the general statutes, as 424 amended by this act, or 53a-181l of the general statutes, as amended by 425 this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of 426 this act, shall be construed to limit any right under chapter 814c of the 427 general statutes of any person claiming to be aggrieved by a 428 discriminatory practice, as described in chapter 814c of the general 429 statutes, to file a complaint with the Commission on Human Rights and 430 Opportunities or to bring any civil action as authorized by section 46a-431 98a of the general statutes, section 46a-100 of the general statutes, or as 432 otherwise provided by law.

433 (b) Nothing in section 53-37 of the general statutes, as amended by 434 this act, 53a-181j of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 53a-181k 435 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l of the general 436 statutes, as amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 437 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, shall be construed to limit the 438 jurisdiction and powers of the Commission on Human Rights and 439 Opportunities and the Attorney General under chapter 814c of the 440 general statutes.

441 (c) Nothing in section 53-37 of the general statutes, as amended by 442 this act, 53a-181j of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 53a-181k 443 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or 53a-181*l* of the general 444 statutes, as amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 445 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, shall be construed to affect the authority 446 of any court to order financial restitution pursuant to subsection (c) of 447 section 53a-28 of the general statutes for any victim of a violation of 448 section 53-37 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 53a-181j of 449 the general statutes, as amended by this act, 53a-181k of the general 450 statutes, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l of the general statutes, as 451 amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 452 19, 20 or 21 of this act.

453 Sec. 26. Section 46a-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the 454 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*): 455 (a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section for 456 any person to subject, or cause to be subjected, any other person to the 457 deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities, secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of this state or of the United States, on 458 459 account of religion, national origin, alienage, color, race, sex, gender 460 identity or expression, sexual orientation, blindness, mental disability, 461 physical disability, age, status as a veteran or status as a victim of 462 domestic violence.

(b) Any person who intentionally desecrates any public property,
monument or structure, or any religious object, symbol or house of
religious worship, or any cemetery, or any private structure not owned
by such person, shall be in violation of subsection (a) of this section. For
the purposes of this subsection, "desecrate" means to mar, deface or
damage as a demonstration of irreverence or contempt.

(c) Any person who places a burning cross or a simulation thereof on
any public property, or on any private property without the written
consent of the owner, and with intent to intimidate or harass any other
person or group of persons, shall be in violation of subsection (a) of this
section.

(d) Any person who places a noose or a simulation thereof on any
public property, or on any private property without the written consent
of the owner, and with intent to intimidate or harass any other person
on account of religion, national origin, alienage, color, race, sex, gender
identity or expression, sexual orientation, blindness, mental disability,
physical disability, age, status as a veteran or status as a victim of
domestic violence, shall be in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

[(e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars, except that if property is damaged as a consequence of such violation in an amount in excess of one thousand dollars, such person shall be guilty of a class D felony and shall be fined not less than one 487 thousand dollars.

488 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of this section by 489 intentionally desecrating a house of religious worship (A) shall be guilty 490 of a class D felony and shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars 491 if property is damaged as a consequence of such violation in an amount 492 up to and including ten thousand dollars, and (B) shall be guilty of a 493 class C felony and shall be fined not less than three thousand dollars if 494 the property damaged as a consequence of such violation is in an 495 amount in excess of ten thousand dollars.

(3) The minimum amount of any fine imposed by the provisions of
this section may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court
states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

- (4) The court may order restitution for any victim of a violation of thissection pursuant to subsection (c) of section 53a-28.]
- (e) Nothing in section 53-37, as amended by this act, 53a-181j, as
 amended by this act, 53a-181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as
 amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18,
 19, 20 or 21 of this act, shall be construed to limit the meaning of any
 discriminatory practice as described in this section.
- 506 Sec. 27. Section 46a-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the 507 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

508 (a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section: (1) 509 To deny any person within the jurisdiction of this state full and equal 510 accommodations in any place of public accommodation, resort or 511 amusement because of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, 512 gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of 513 income, intellectual disability, mental disability, physical disability, 514 including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness, status as a veteran 515 or status as a victim of domestic violence, of the applicant, subject only 516 to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike 517 to all persons; (2) to discriminate, segregate or separate on account of

race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or 518 519 expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, intellectual 520 disability, mental disability, learning disability, physical disability, 521 including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness, status as a veteran 522 or status as a victim of domestic violence; (3) for a place of public 523 accommodation, resort or amusement to restrict or limit the right of a 524 mother to breast-feed her child; (4) for a place of public accommodation, 525 resort or amusement to refuse entry to a person with a disability who is 526 accompanied by a service animal; or (5) to deny any person with a 527 disability or any person training an animal as a service animal to assist 528 a person with a disability, accompanied by such service animal, full and 529 equal access to any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement. Any person with a disability or any person training an 530 531 animal as a service animal may keep such service animal at all times in 532 such place of public accommodation, resort or amusement at no extra 533 charge, provided such service animal is in the direct custody and control 534 of such person. When it is not obvious what service an animal provides, 535 staff of a place of public accommodation, resort or amusement may 536 inquire of the owner or keeper whether such animal is a service animal 537 required because of a disability and what work or task the animal has 538 been trained to perform. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude a 539 business owner's ability to recover for damage caused to a person or 540 property by a service animal. For the purposes of this subsection, 541 "disability" and "service animal" have the same meanings as provided 542 in section 22-345 and "place of public accommodation, resort or 543 amusement" has the same meaning as provided in section 46a-44.

544 (b) (1) The provisions of this section with respect to the prohibition of 545 sex discrimination shall not apply to (A) the rental of sleeping 546 accommodations provided by associations and organizations which 547 rent all such sleeping accommodations on a temporary or permanent 548 basis for the exclusive use of persons of the same sex or (B) separate 549 bathrooms or locker rooms based on sex. (2) The provisions of this 550 section with respect to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of 551 age shall not apply to minors or to special discount or other public or

552 private programs to assist persons sixty years of age and older. (3) The 553 provisions of this section with respect to the prohibition of 554 discrimination on the basis of physical disability shall not require any 555 person to modify his property in any way or provide a higher degree of 556 care for a physically disabled person, including, but not limited to blind 557 or deaf persons, than for a person not physically disabled. (4) The 558 provisions of this section with respect to the prohibition of 559 discrimination on the basis of creed shall not apply to the practice of 560 granting preference in admission of residents into a nursing home as 561 defined in section 19a-490, if (A) the nursing home is owned, operated 562 by or affiliated with a religious organization, exempt from taxation for 563 federal income tax purposes and (B) the class of persons granted 564 preference in admission is consistent with the religious mission of the 565 nursing home. (5) The provisions of this section with respect to the 566 prohibition of discrimination on the basis of lawful source of income 567 shall not prohibit the denial of full and equal accommodations solely on 568 the basis of insufficient income.

569 [(c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be 570 guilty of a class D misdemeanor.]

571 (c) Nothing in section 53-37, as amended by this act, 53a-181j, as 572 amended by this act, 53a-181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as 573 amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 574 19, 20 or 21 of this act, shall be construed to limit the meaning of any 575 discriminatory practice as described in this section.

- 576 Sec. 28. Section 46a-64c of the general statutes is repealed and the 577 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 578 (a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section:

(1) To refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bona fide offer, or to
refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make
unavailable or deny, a dwelling to any person because of race, creed,
color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression,
marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, status as a

584 veteran or status as a victim of domestic violence.

585 (2) To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or 586 privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services 587 or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, creed, color, 588 national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital 589 status, age, lawful source of income, familial status or status as a 590 veteran.

591 (3) To make, print or publish, or cause to be made, printed or 592 published any notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the 593 sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or 594 discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, 595 gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of 596 income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability 597 or status as a veteran, or an intention to make any such preference, 598 limitation or discrimination.

(4) (A) To represent to any person because of race, creed, color,
national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital
status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability,
physical or mental disability or status as a veteran that any dwelling is
not available for inspection, sale or rental when such dwelling is in fact
so available.

605 (B) It shall be a violation of this subdivision for any person to restrict 606 or attempt to restrict the choices of any buyer or renter to purchase or 607 rent a dwelling (i) to an area which is substantially populated, even if 608 less than a majority, by persons of the same protected class as the buyer 609 or renter, (ii) while such person is authorized to offer for sale or rent 610 another dwelling which meets the housing criteria as expressed by the 611 buyer or renter to such person, and (iii) such other dwelling is in an area which is not substantially populated by persons of the same protected 612 613 class as the buyer or renter. As used in this subdivision, "area" means 614 municipality, neighborhood or other geographic subdivision which 615 may include an apartment or condominium complex; and "protected

class" means race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender
identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income,
familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability or status
as a veteran.

(5) For profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent
any dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective
entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race,
creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression,
marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning
disability, physical or mental disability or status as a veteran.

(6) (A) To discriminate in the sale or rental, or to otherwise make
unavailable or deny, a dwelling to any buyer or renter because of a
learning disability or physical or mental disability of: (i) Such buyer or
renter; (ii) a person residing in or intending to reside in such dwelling
after it is so sold, rented, or made available; or (iii) any person associated
with such buyer or renter.

(B) To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions or
privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services
or facilities in connection with such dwelling, because of a learning
disability or physical or mental disability of: (i) Such person; or (ii) a
person residing in or intending to reside in such dwelling after it is so
sold, rented, or made available; or (iii) any person associated with such
person.

639 (C) For purposes of this subdivision, discrimination includes: (i) A 640 refusal to permit, at the expense of a person with a physical or mental 641 disability, reasonable modifications of existing premises occupied or to 642 be occupied by such person if such modifications may be necessary to 643 afford such person full enjoyment of the premises; except that, in the 644 case of a rental, the landlord may, where it is reasonable to do so, 645 condition permission for a modification on the renter agreeing to restore 646 the interior of the premises to the condition that existed before the 647 modification, reasonable wear and tear excepted; (ii) a refusal to make

648 reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services, 649 when such accommodations may be necessary to afford such person 650 equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling; (iii) in connection with 651 the design and construction of covered multifamily dwellings for the 652 first occupancy after March 13, 1991, a failure to design and construct 653 those dwellings in such manner that they comply with the requirements 654 of Section 804(f) of the Fair Housing Act or the provisions of the state 655 building code as adopted pursuant to the provisions of sections 29-269 656 and 29-273, whichever requires greater accommodation. "Covered multifamily dwellings" means buildings consisting of four or more units 657 658 if such buildings have one or more elevators, and ground floor units in 659 other buildings consisting of four or more units.

660 (7) For any person or other entity engaging in residential real-estate-661 related transactions to discriminate against any person in making 662 available such a transaction, or in the terms or conditions of such a 663 transaction, because of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, 664 gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of 665 income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability 666 or status as a veteran.

667 (8) To deny any person access to or membership or participation in 668 any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other 669 service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or 670 renting dwellings, or to discriminate against him in the terms or 671 conditions of such access, membership or participation, on account of 672 race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or 673 expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, 674 learning disability, physical or mental disability or status as a veteran.

(9) To coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the
exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of his having exercised or
enjoyed, or on account of his having aided or encouraged any other
person in the exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected
by this section.

680 (b) (1) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (A) the rental 681 of a room or rooms in a single-family dwelling unit if the owner actually 682 maintains and occupies part of such living quarters as his residence or (B) a unit in a dwelling containing living quarters occupied or intended 683 to be occupied by no more than two families living independently of 684 685 each other, if the owner actually maintains and occupies the other such 686 living quarters as his residence. (2) The provisions of this section with 687 respect to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of marital status 688 shall not be construed to prohibit the denial of a dwelling to a man or a 689 woman who are both unrelated by blood and not married to each other. 690 (3) The provisions of this section with respect to the prohibition of 691 discrimination on the basis of age shall not apply to minors, to special 692 discount or other public or private programs to assist persons sixty 693 years of age and older or to housing for older persons as defined in 694 section 46a-64b, provided there is no discrimination on the basis of age 695 among older persons eligible for such housing. (4) The provisions of this 696 section with respect to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of 697 familial status shall not apply to housing for older persons as defined in 698 section 46a-64b or to a unit in a dwelling containing units for no more 699 than four families living independently of each other, if the owner of 700 such dwelling resides in one of the units. (5) The provisions of this 701 section with respect to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of 702 lawful source of income shall not prohibit the denial of full and equal 703 accommodations solely on the basis of insufficient income. (6) The 704 provisions of this section with respect to the prohibition of 705 discrimination on the basis of sex shall not apply to the rental of sleeping 706 accommodations to the extent they utilize shared bathroom facilities 707 when such sleeping accommodations are provided by associations and 708 organizations which rent such sleeping accommodations on a temporary or permanent basis for the exclusive use of persons of the 709 710 same sex based on considerations of privacy and modesty.

(c) Nothing in this section limits the applicability of any reasonable
state statute or municipal ordinance restricting the maximum number
of persons permitted to occupy a dwelling.

(d) Nothing in this section or section 46a-64b shall be construed to
invalidate or limit any state statute or municipal ordinance that requires
dwellings to be designed and constructed in a manner that affords
persons with physical or mental disabilities greater access than is
required by this section or section 46a-64b.

(e) Nothing in this section prohibits a person engaged in the business
of furnishing appraisals of real property to take into consideration
factors other than race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex,
gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of
income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability
or status as a veteran.

725 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, complaints 726 alleging a violation of this section shall be investigated within one 727 hundred days of filing and a final administrative disposition shall be 728 made within one year of filing unless it is impracticable to do so. If the 729 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities is unable to complete 730 its investigation or make a final administrative determination within 731 such time frames, it shall notify the complainant and the respondent in 732 writing of the reasons for not doing so.

[(g) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall beguilty of a class D misdemeanor.]

735 (g) Nothing in section 53-37, as amended by this act, 53a-181j, as 736 amended by this act, 53a-181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as 737 amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, shall be construed to limit the meaning of any 738 739 discriminatory practice as described in this section. 740 Sec. 29. Section 46a-81d of the general statutes is repealed and the 741 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*): 742 (a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section: (1) 743 To deny any person within the jurisdiction of this state full and equal 744 accommodations in any place of public accommodation, resort or

745 amusement because of such person's sexual orientation or civil union 746 status, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law 747 and applicable alike to all persons; or (2) to discriminate, segregate or 748 separate on account of sexual orientation or civil union status. 749 [(b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be 750 guilty of a class D misdemeanor.] 751 (b) Nothing in section 53-37, as amended by this act, 53a-181j, as 752 amended by this act, 53a-181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as 753 amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 754 19, 20 or 21 of this act, shall be construed to limit the meaning of any 755 discriminatory practice as described in this section. 756 Sec. 30. Section 46a-81e of the general statutes is repealed and the 757 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section:

(1) To refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bona fide offer, or to
refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make
unavailable or deny, a dwelling to any person because of sexual
orientation or civil union status.

(2) To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or
privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services
or facilities in connection therewith, because of sexual orientation or
civil union status.

(3) To make, print or publish, or cause to be made, printed or
published any notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the
sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or
discrimination based on sexual orientation or civil union status, or an
intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

(4) (A) To represent to any person because of sexual orientation or
civil union status, that any dwelling is not available for inspection, sale
or rental when such dwelling is in fact so available. (B) It shall be a

775 violation of this subdivision for any person to restrict or attempt to 776 restrict the choices of any buyer or renter to purchase or rent a dwelling 777 (i) to an area which is substantially populated, even if less than a 778 majority, by persons of the same sexual orientation or civil union status 779 as the buyer or renter, (ii) while such person is authorized to offer for 780 sale or rent another dwelling which meets the housing criteria as 781 expressed by the buyer or renter to such person and (iii) such other 782 dwelling is in an area which is not substantially populated by persons 783 of the same sexual orientation or civil union status as the buyer or renter. 784 As used in this subdivision, "area" means municipality, neighborhood 785 or other geographic subdivision which may include an apartment or 786 condominium complex.

(5) For profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent
any dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective
entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular sexual
orientation or civil union status.

(6) For any person or other entity engaging in residential-real-estaterelated transactions to discriminate against any person in making
available such a transaction, or in the terms or conditions of such a
transaction, because of sexual orientation or civil union status.

(7) To deny any person access to or membership or participation in any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership or participation, on account of sexual orientation or civil union status.

(8) To coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the
exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of his having exercised or
enjoyed, or on account of his having aided or encouraged any other
person in the exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected
by this section.

806 (b) Nothing in this section limits the applicability of any reasonable

state statute or municipal ordinance restricting the maximum numberof persons permitted to occupy a dwelling.

(c) Nothing in this section prohibits a person engaged in the business
of furnishing appraisals of real property to take into consideration
factors other than sexual orientation or civil union status.

812 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, complaints 813 alleging a violation of this section shall be investigated within one 814 hundred days of filing and a final administrative disposition shall be made within one year of filing unless it is impracticable to do so. If the 815 816 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities is unable to complete 817 its investigation or make a final administrative determination within 818 such time frames, it shall notify the complainant and the respondent in 819 writing of the reasons for not doing so.

(e) [Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
guilty of a class D misdemeanor] <u>Nothing in section 53-37, as amended</u>
by this act, 53a-181j, as amended by this act, 53a-181k, as amended by
this act, or 53a-181l, as amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, shall be construed to limit
the meaning of any discriminatory practice as described in this section.

Sec. 31. Section 53a-61aa of the general statutes is repealed and thefollowing is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

828 (a) A person is guilty of threatening in the first degree when such 829 person (1) (A) threatens to commit any crime involving the use of a 830 hazardous substance with the intent to terrorize another person, to 831 cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public 832 transportation or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or (B) 833 threatens to commit such crime in reckless disregard of the risk of 834 causing such terror, evacuation or inconvenience; (2) (A) threatens to 835 commit any crime of violence with the intent to cause evacuation of a 836 building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation or 837 otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or (B) threatens to 838 commit such crime in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such

839 evacuation or inconvenience; (3) commits threatening in the second 840 degree as provided in section 53a-62, as amended by this act, and in the 841 commission of such offense such person uses or is armed with and 842 threatens the use of or displays or represents by such person's words or 843 conduct that such person possesses a pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, 844 machine gun or other firearm; or (4) violates subdivision (1) or (2) of this 845 subsection with the intent to cause an evacuation of a building or the 846 grounds of a (A) [house of religious worship, (B) religiously-affiliated 847 community center, (C)] public or nonpublic preschool, school or 848 institution of higher education, or [(D)] (B) day care center, as defined 849 in section 19a-87g, during operational, preschool, school or instructional 850 hours or when a building or the grounds of such [house of worship, 851 community center, preschool, school, institution or day care center are 852 being used for the provision of religious or community services, or 853 [house of worship, community center,] preschool, school, institution or 854 day care center-sponsored activities. No person shall be found guilty of 855 threatening in the first degree under subdivision (3) of this subsection and threatening in the second degree upon the same transaction but 856 857 such person may be charged and prosecuted for both such offenses 858 upon the same information.

859 (b) For the purposes of this section, "hazardous substance" means any 860 physical, chemical, biological or radiological substance or matter which, 861 because of its quantity, concentration or physical, chemical or infectious 862 characteristics, may cause or significantly contribute to an increase in 863 mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating 864 reversible illness, or pose a substantial present or potential hazard to 865 human health. [and "religiously-affiliated community center" means 866 real property used for the provision of recreational, social or educational 867 services that is owned or leased by a nonprofit organization that holds 868 such property out as being affiliated with an organized religion.]

(c) Threatening in the first degree is a class D felony, except that a
violation of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section is a class C
felony.

872 Sec. 32. Section 53a-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the 873 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

874 (a) A person is guilty of threatening in the second degree when: (1) 875 By physical threat, such person intentionally places or attempts to place 876 another person in fear of imminent serious physical injury, (2) (A) such 877 person threatens to commit any crime of violence with the intent to 878 terrorize another person, or (B) such person threatens to commit such 879 crime of violence in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror, 880 or (3) violates subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection and the person 881 threatened is in a building or on the grounds of a (A) [house of religious 882 worship, (B) religiously-affiliated community center, (C)] public or 883 nonpublic preschool, school or institution of higher education, or [(D)] 884 (B) day care center, as defined in section 19a-87g, during operational, 885 preschool, school or instructional hours or when a building or the 886 grounds of such [house of worship, community center,] preschool, 887 school, institution or day care center are being used for the provision of 888 religious or community services, or [house of worship, community 889 center,] preschool, school, institution or day care center-sponsored 890 activities.

[(b) For the purposes of this section, "religiously-affiliated
community center" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a61aa.]

[(c)] (b) Threatening in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor,
except that a violation of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section
is a class D felony.

897 Sec. 33. Section 53a-180 of the general statutes is repealed and the 898 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(a) A person is guilty of falsely reporting an incident in the first
degree when, knowing the information reported, conveyed or
circulated to be false or baseless, such person: (1) Initiates or circulates
a false report or warning of an alleged occurrence or impending
occurrence of a fire, explosion, catastrophe or emergency under

904 circumstances in which it is likely that public alarm or inconvenience 905 will result; (2) reports, by word or action, to any official or quasi-official 906 agency or organization having the function of dealing with emergencies 907 involving danger to life or property, an alleged occurrence or 908 impending occurrence of a fire, explosion or other catastrophe or 909 emergency which did not in fact occur or does not in fact exist; or (3) 910 violates subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection with intent to cause a 911 large scale emergency response. [; or (4) violates subdivision (1), (2) or 912 (3) of this subsection with specific intent to falsely report another person 913 or group of persons because of the actual or perceived race, religion, 914 ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or 915 expression of such other person or group of persons.] For purposes of 916 this section, "large scale emergency response" means an on-site response 917 to any such reported incident by five or more first responders, and "first 918 responder" means any peace officer or firefighter or any ambulance 919 driver, emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician or 920 paramedic, as those terms are defined in section 19a-175.

(b) Falsely reporting an incident in the first degree is a [(1)] class D
felony. [for a violation of subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of
this section, or (2) class C felony for a violation of subdivision (4) of
subsection (a) of this section.]

925 (c) In addition to any sentence imposed pursuant to subsection (b) of 926 this section, if (1) a person is convicted of an offense in violation of 927 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section that resulted in a large 928 scale emergency response, (2) any agency or department of the state or 929 political subdivision of the state requests financial restitution for costs associated with such emergency response, and (3) the court finds that 930 931 the agency or department of the state or political subdivision of the state 932 incurred costs associated with such emergency response as a result of 933 such offense, the court shall order the offender to make financial 934 restitution under terms that the court determines are appropriate. In 935 determining the appropriate terms of financial restitution, the court 936 shall consider: (A) The financial resources of the offender and the 937 burden restitution will place on other obligations of the offender; (B) the 938 offender's ability to pay based on installments or other conditions; (C) 939 the rehabilitative effect on the offender of the payment of restitution and 940 the method of payment; and (D) other circumstances, including the financial burden and impact on the agency or department of the state or 941 942 political subdivision of the state, that the court determines make the 943 terms of restitution appropriate. If the court determines that the current financial resources of the offender or the offender's current ability to pay 944 945 based on installments or other conditions are such that no appropriate 946 terms of restitution can be determined, the court may forego setting 947 such terms. The court shall articulate its findings on the record with 948 respect to each of the factors set forth in subparagraphs (A) to (D), 949 inclusive, of this subsection. Restitution ordered by the court pursuant 950 to this subsection shall be based on easily ascertainable damages for 951 actual expenses associated with such emergency response. Restitution 952 ordered by the court pursuant to this subsection shall be imposed or 953 directed by a written order of the court containing the amount of actual 954 expenses associated with such emergency response, as ascertained by 955 the court. The order of the court shall direct that a certified copy of the 956 order be delivered by certified mail to the agency or department of the 957 state or political subdivision of the state. Such order is enforceable in the 958 same manner as an order pursuant to subsection (c) of section 53a-28.

959 Sec. 34. Section 53a-180a of the general statutes is repealed and the 960 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

961 (a) A person is guilty of falsely reporting an incident resulting in 962 serious physical injury or death when such person commits the crime of 963 (1) falsely reporting an incident in the first degree as provided in 964 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of section 53a-180, as amended 965 by this act, or (2) falsely reporting an incident in the second degree as 966 provided in subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of section 53a-967 180c, as amended by this act, [or (3) falsely reporting an incident in the 968 first degree as provided in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 969 53a-180 or falsely reporting an incident in the second degree as provided 970 in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 53a-180c, and such false 971 report described in subdivision (1) [,] or (2) [or (3)] of this subsection 972 results in the serious physical injury or death of another person.

(b) Falsely reporting an incident resulting in serious physical injury
or death is a [(1)] class C felony. [for a violation of subdivision (1) or (2)
of subsection (a) of this section, or (2) class B felony for a violation of
subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section.]

977 Sec. 35. Section 53a-180c of the general statutes is repealed and the 978 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

979 (a) A person is guilty of falsely reporting an incident in the second 980 degree when, knowing the information reported, conveyed or 981 circulated to be false or baseless, such person gratuitously reports to a 982 law enforcement officer or agency (1) the alleged occurrence of an 983 offense or incident which did not in fact occur, (2) an allegedly 984 impending occurrence of an offense or incident which in fact is not 985 about to occur, or (3) false information relating to an actual offense or 986 incident or to the alleged implication of some person therein. [, or (4) 987 violates subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection with specific intent 988 to falsely report another person or group of persons because of the 989 actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual 990 orientation or gender identity or expression of such other person or 991 group of persons.]

(b) Falsely reporting an incident in the second degree is a [(1)] class
A misdemeanor. [for a violation of subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of
subsection (a) of this section, or (2) class E felony for a violation of
subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section.]

996 Sec. 36. Section 53a-180d of the general statutes is repealed and the 997 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(a) A person is guilty of misuse of the emergency 9-1-1 system when
such person (1) dials or otherwise causes E 9-1-1 to be called for the
purpose of making a false alarm or complaint, <u>or</u> (2) purposely reports
false information which could result in the dispatch of emergency
services. [, or (3) violates subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection with

1003 specific intent to make a false alarm or complaint or report false 1004 information about another person or group of persons because of the 1005 actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual 1006 orientation or gender identity or expression of such other person or 1007 group of persons.]

(b) Misuse of the emergency 9-1-1 system is a [(1)] class B
misdemeanor. [for a violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a)
of this section, or (2) class A misdemeanor for a violation of subdivision
(3) of subsection (a) of this section.]

1012 Sec. 37. Section 53a-181c of the general statutes is repealed and the 1013 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2025):

1014 (a) A person is guilty of stalking in the first degree when such person 1015 commits stalking in the second degree as provided in section 53a-181d, 1016 and (1) such person has previously been convicted of a violation of 1017 section 53a-181d, (2) such conduct violates a court order in effect at the 1018 time of the offense, or (3) such person is twenty-two years of age or older 1019 and the other person is under sixteen years of age. [, or (4) such person 1020 intentionally directs such conduct at the other person, in whole or in part, because of the actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, 1021 1022 disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression of 1023 such other person.]

1024 (b) Stalking in the first degree is a class D felony.

1025 Sec. 38. Section 52-571c of the general statutes is repealed and the 1026 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(a) Any person injured in person or property as a result of an act that
constitutes a violation of section 53a-181j, as amended by this act, 53a181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181*l*, as amended by this act, or
section 6, 7 or 10 of this act may bring a civil action against the person
who committed such act to recover damages for such injury.

1032 (b) In any civil action brought under this section in which the plaintiff

prevails, the court shall award treble damages and may, in its discretion,award equitable relief and a reasonable attorney's fee.

1035 (c) No action shall be brought under this section but within three 1036 years from the date of the act complained of.

1037 Sec. 39. Section 3-129f of the general statutes is repealed and the 1038 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1039 (a) The Attorney General may investigate the facts and circumstances concerning any alleged violation of section [53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-1040 1041 1811] 53-37, as amended by this act, 53a-181j, as amended by this act, 1042 53a-181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as amended by this act, or 1043 section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, and 1044 in connection with such investigation, issue subpoenas and written 1045 interrogatories in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided 1046 in section 35-42. No information obtained pursuant to the provisions of 1047 this subsection may be used in a criminal proceeding.

1048 (b) If the Attorney General finds that a person has committed an act 1049 that constitutes a violation of section [53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-181/] 53-1050 37, as amended by this act, 53a-181j, as amended by this act, 53a-181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as amended by this act, or section 5, 1051 1052 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, the Attorney 1053 General may bring a civil action in the superior court for the judicial 1054 district in which such act occurred in the name of the state against such 1055 person.

1056 (c) In any such action, the Attorney General may obtain, for the 1057 benefit of a person adversely affected by a violation of section [53a-181j, 1058 53a-181k or 53a-181l] 53-37, as amended by this act, 53a-181j, as 1059 amended by this act, 53a-181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as 1060 amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1061 19, 20 or 21 of this act, any relief to which such person may be entitled 1062 by law, including treble damages; a civil penalty not to exceed two 1063 thousand five hundred dollars, per violation, provided such violation 1064 has been established by clear and convincing evidence; and declaratory,

injunctive or equitable relief that the Attorney General determines is
necessary to vindicate the public's interests. Any civil penalty that is
received pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the General
Fund.

1069 (d) Nothing in this section shall limit the right of a person adversely 1070 affected by a violation of section [53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-181l] <u>53-37</u>, 1071 as amended by this act, 53a-181j, as amended by this act, 53a-181k, as 1072 amended by this act, or 53a-181*l*, as amended by this act, or section 6, 7, 1073 8, 9 or 10 of this act to bring an action under section 52-571c, as amended 1074 by this act, or any other law that may entitle such person to relief, except 1075 that the Attorney General shall not bring an action under the provisions 1076 of this section during the pendency of a matter involving the same 1077 parties and the same alleged facts and circumstances before the 1078 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

1079 (e) Nothing in this section shall permit the Attorney General to assert 1080 any claim against a state agency or a state officer or state employee in 1081 such officer's or employee's official capacity, regarding actions or 1082 omissions of such state agency, state officer or state employee. If the 1083 Attorney General determines that a state officer or state employee is not 1084 entitled to indemnification under section 5-141d, the Attorney General 1085 may, as it relates to such officer or employee, take any action authorized 1086 under this section.

1087 Sec. 40. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 29-7d of the 1088 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 1089 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(1) Shall seek to prevent and detect any criminal activity or suspected
criminal activity in the state that is a violation of section [46a-58,] 53-37,
as amended by this act, 53-37a, 53-37b, [or 53a-61aa, subdivision (3) of
subsection (a) of section 53a-62, subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of
section 53a-181c, or section 53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-181l] <u>53a-181j, as</u>
amended by this act, 53a-181k, as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as
amended by this act, or section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18,

1097 <u>19, 20 or 21 of this act;</u>

Sec. 41. Subsection (a) of section 51-279f of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

1101 (a) There shall be a State-Wide Hate Crimes Advisory Council within 1102 the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, for administrative purposes 1103 only. Members of the council shall include (1) the following, or their 1104 designees: The Chief State's Attorney; the Chief Public Defender; the 1105 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection; the 1106 president of the Connecticut Bar Association; the president of the 1107 George W. Crawford Black Bar Association; the president of the South 1108 Asian Bar Association of Connecticut; the president of the Connecticut 1109 Asian Pacific American Bar Association; the president of the 1110 Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association; the director of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut; and 1111 1112 the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association; (2) the head 1113 of the Hate Crimes Investigative Unit, established pursuant to 1114 subsection (d) of section 29-4; and (3) no more than thirty appointed by 1115 the Governor who are representatives of organizations committed to 1116 decreasing hate crimes, improving diversity awareness or representing 1117 the interests of groups within the state protected by sections [53a-181] to 1118 53a-181l, inclusive] 53-37, as amended by this act, 53-37a, 53a-40a, as 1119 amended by this act, and sections 53a-181j to 53a-181l, inclusive, as 1120 amended by this act, and sections 5 to 13, inclusive, 15 to 21, inclusive, 1121 and 23 of this act.

Sec. 42. Subsection (a) of section 17a-210d of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

(a) (1) Wherever the words "the mentally retarded" are used in the
following general statutes, "persons with intellectual disability" or
"individuals with intellectual disability" shall be substituted in lieu
thereof; (2) wherever the words "mentally retarded", "mentally retarded

person" or "mentally retarded persons" are used in the following general 1129 1130 statutes, the words "intellectual disability", "person with intellectual 1131 disability" or "persons with intellectual disability" shall be substituted in lieu thereof; and (3) wherever the words "mental retardation" are used 1132 1133 in the following general statutes, the words "intellectual disability" shall 1134 be substituted in lieu thereof: 4a-60, 4b-31, 8-2g, 8-3e, 9-159s, 10-91f, 17a-1135 593, 17a-594, 17a-596, 45a-598, 45a-669, 45a-672, 45a-676, 45a-677, 45a-1136 678, 45a-679, 45a-680, 45a-681, 45a-682, 45a-683, 46a-51, 46a-60, 46a-64, 1137 as amended by this act, 46a-64b, 46a-66, 46a-70, 46a-71, 46a-72, 46a-73, 1138 46a-75, 46a-76, 46b-84, 52-1460, 53a-46a [, 53a-181i] and 54-250.

Sec. 43. Subsection (c) of section 53a-13 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

(c) As used in this section, (1) the terms mental disease or defect do
not include (A) an abnormality manifested only by repeated criminal or
otherwise antisocial conduct, or (B) pathological or compulsive
gambling, and (2) "gender identity or expression" means gender identity
or expression, as defined in section [53a-181i] <u>1-1n</u>.

1147 Sec. 44. Section 53a-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1148 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1149 In any prosecution for an offense, justification, as defined in sections 1150 53a-17 to 53a-23, inclusive, shall be a defense. Justification as a defense 1151 does not include provocation that resulted solely from the discovery of, 1152 knowledge about or potential disclosure of the victim's actual or 1153 perceived sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, 1154 including under circumstances in which the victim made an unwanted, 1155 nonforcible, romantic or sexual advance toward the defendant, or if the 1156 defendant and victim dated or had a romantic relationship. As used in 1157 this section, "gender identity or expression" means gender identity or 1158 expression, as defined in section [53a-181i] 1-1n.

1159 Sec. 45. Subsection (a) of section 53a-30 of the general statutes is 1160 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1161 1, 2025):

1162 (a) When imposing sentence of probation or conditional discharge, 1163 the court may, as a condition of the sentence, order that the defendant: 1164 (1) Work faithfully at a suitable employment or faithfully pursue a 1165 course of study or of vocational training that will equip the defendant 1166 for suitable employment; (2) undergo medical or psychiatric treatment 1167 and remain in a specified institution, when required for that purpose; 1168 (3) support the defendant's dependents and meet other family 1169 obligations; (4) make restitution of the fruits of the defendant's offense 1170 or make restitution, in an amount the defendant can afford to pay or 1171 provide in a suitable manner, for the loss or damage caused thereby. The 1172 court or the Court Support Services Division, if authorized by the court, 1173 may fix the amount thereof and the manner of performance, and the victim shall be advised by the court or the Court Support Services 1174 1175 Division that restitution ordered under this section may be enforced 1176 pursuant to section 53a-28a; (5) if a minor, (A) reside with the minor's 1177 parents or in a suitable foster home, (B) attend school, and (C) contribute 1178 to the minor's own support in any home or foster home; (6) post a bond 1179 or other security for the performance of any or all conditions imposed; 1180 (7) refrain from violating any criminal law of the United States, this state 1181 or any other state; (8) if convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony, other 1182 than a capital felony under the provisions of section 53a-54b in effect 1183 prior to April 25, 2012, a class A felony or a violation of section 53a-70b 1184 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, or 1185 section 21a-278, 21a-278a, 53a-55, 53a-56, 53a-56b, 53a-57 or 53a-58 or 1186 any offense for which there is a mandatory minimum sentence which 1187 may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and any sentence of 1188 imprisonment is suspended, participate in an alternate incarceration 1189 program; (9) reside in a residential community center or halfway house 1190 approved by the Commissioner of Correction, and contribute to the cost 1191 incident to such residence; (10) participate in a program of community 1192 service labor in accordance with section 53a-39c; (11) participate in a 1193 program of community service in accordance with section 51-181c; (12) 1194 if convicted of a violation of section 53a-70b of the general statutes,

1195 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, or subdivision (2) of 1196 subsection (a) of section 53-21 or section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a 1197 or 53a-72b, undergo specialized sexual offender treatment; (13) if 1198 convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a 1199 nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, as defined in 1200 section 54-250, or of a felony that the court finds was committed for a 1201 sexual purpose, as provided in section 54-254, register such person's 1202 identifying factors, as defined in section 54-250, with the Commissioner 1203 of Emergency Services and Public Protection when required pursuant 1204 to section 54-251, 54-252 or 54-253, as the case may be; (14) be subject to 1205 electronic monitoring, which may include the use of a global positioning 1206 system; (15) if convicted of a violation (A) of section [46a-58] 53-37, as 1207 amended by this act, 53-37a, 53a-181j, as amended by this act, 53a-181k, 1208 as amended by this act, or 53a-181l, as amended by this act, or section 5, 1209 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 of this act, or (B) for 1210 which the penalty was increased pursuant to section 23 of this act, 1211 participate in an anti-bias or diversity awareness program or participate 1212 in a program of community service designed to remedy damage caused 1213 by the commission of a [bias] hate crime or otherwise related to the 1214 defendant's violation; (16) if convicted of a violation of section 53-247, 1215 undergo psychiatric or psychological counseling or participate in an 1216 animal cruelty prevention and education program provided such a 1217 program exists and is available to the defendant; or (17) satisfy any other 1218 conditions reasonably related to the defendant's rehabilitation. The 1219 court shall cause a copy of any such order to be delivered to the 1220 defendant and to the probation officer, if any.

Sec. 46. Subsection (c) of section 53a-54a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

(c) Murder is punishable as a class A felony in accordance with
subdivision (2) of section 53a-35a unless [it is] (1) <u>it is</u> a capital felony
committed prior to April 25, 2012, by a person who was eighteen years
of age or older at the time of the offense, punishable in accordance with
subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53a-35a, (2) <u>it is</u> murder

- 1229 with special circumstances committed on or after April 25, 2012, by a person who was eighteen years of age or older at the time of the offense, 1230 punishable as a class A felony in accordance with subparagraph (B) of 1231 subdivision (1) of section 53a-35a, [or] (3) it is murder under section 53a-1232 1233 54d committed by a person who was eighteen years of age or older at the time of the offense, or (4) the finder of fact makes a determination 1234 1235 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 23 of this act resulting in the court 1236 imposing a term of imprisonment in accordance with subparagraph (B)
- 1237 of subdivision (1) of section 53a-35a.

This act sha	all take effect as follows	and shall amend the following			
sections:					
Section 1	October 1, 2025	53a-181i			
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	53a-181j			
Sec. 3	October 1, 2025	53a-181k			
Sec. 4	October 1, 2025	53a-181 <i>l</i>			
Sec. 5	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 6	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 7	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 8	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 9	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 10	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 11	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 12	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 13	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 14	October 1, 2025	53-37			
Sec. 15	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 16	October 1, 2025	New section			
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Sec. 18	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 19	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 20	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 21	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 22	October 1, 2025	53a-40a			
Sec. 23	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 24	October 1, 2025	54-56e(d)			
Sec. 25	October 1, 2025	New section			
Sec. 26	October 1, 2025	46a-58			

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Sec. 27	October 1, 2025	46a-64
Sec. 28	October 1, 2025	46a-64c
Sec. 29	October 1, 2025	46a-81d
Sec. 30	October 1, 2025	46a-81e
Sec. 31	October 1, 2025	53a-61aa
Sec. 32	October 1, 2025	53a-62
Sec. 33	October 1, 2025	53a-180
Sec. 34	October 1, 2025	53a-180a
Sec. 35	October 1, 2025	53a-180c
Sec. 36	October 1, 2025	53a-180d
Sec. 37	October 1, 2025	53a-181c
Sec. 38	October 1, 2025	52-571c
Sec. 39	October 1, 2025	3-129f
Sec. 40	October 1, 2025	29-7d(a)(1)
Sec. 41	October 1, 2025	51-279f(a)
Sec. 42	October 1, 2025	17a-210d(a)
Sec. 43	October 1, 2025	53a-13(c)
Sec. 44	October 1, 2025	53a-16
Sec. 45	October 1, 2025	53a-30(a)
Sec. 46	October 1, 2025	53a-54a(c)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, section references were adjusted for accuracy, in Sections 25(a), 26(e), 27(c), 28(g), 29(b) and 30(e), "defined" was changed to "described" for accuracy, and Section 46 was added for conformity.

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