



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1063**

LCO No. 3414

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THREATENING IN THE FIRST DEGREE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 53a-61aa of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of threatening in the first degree when such  
4 person (1) (A) threatens to commit any crime involving the use of a  
5 hazardous substance with the intent to terrorize another person, to  
6 cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public  
7 transportation or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or  
8 [(2)] (B) threatens to commit such crime in reckless disregard of the  
9 risk of causing such terror, evacuation or inconvenience, or (2) (A)  
10 threatens to commit any crime of violence with the intent to cause  
11 evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public  
12 transportation or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or  
13 (B) threatens to commit such crime in reckless disregard of the risk of  
14 causing such evacuation or inconvenience.

15 (b) For the purposes of this section, "hazardous substance" means  
16 any physical, chemical, biological or radiological substance or matter

17 which, because of its quantity, concentration or physical, chemical or  
18 infectious characteristics, may cause or significantly contribute to an  
19 increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or  
20 incapacitating reversible illness, or pose a substantial present or  
21 potential hazard to human health.

22 (c) Threatening in the first degree is a class D felony.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

**Statement of Purpose:**

To restore to the threatening statutes the prohibited act of threatening to commit a crime of violence with the intent to cause, or in reckless disregard of causing, evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation or other serious public inconvenience, which provision was raised to a felony classification by public act 01-2 of the November 2001 special session but then inadvertently deleted by public act 02-97 of the 2002 regular session.

*[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.]*