



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 356**

LCO No. 1943

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CREATING THE OFFENSE OF CYBER STALKING.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) A person is guilty of  
2 cyber stalking when such person uses a computer, computer network  
3 or any other electronic device to (1) broadcast or publish the picture,  
4 name, address or phone number of a person without such person's  
5 consent in such a manner that causes other persons to harass or  
6 intimidate such person, and the person making the broadcast or  
7 publication knew, or had reason to believe, that such broadcast or  
8 publication would cause such person to be harassed or intimidated by  
9 others; or (2) contact another person without the consent of the other  
10 person for the purpose of harassing and intimidating the other person.

11 (b) For the purposes of this section, "harassing and intimidating"  
12 means a knowing and wilful course of conduct directed at a specific  
13 person that causes emotional distress by placing such person in  
14 reasonable fear for such person's safety or the safety of a member of his  
15 or her immediate family, by establishing a pattern of harassing and  
16 intimidating behavior, and that serves no legitimate purpose.

17 (c) Cyber stalking is a class B misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create the offense of cyber stalking, a class B misdemeanor.

*[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.]*