



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 604

LCO No. 2657

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING HATE CRIMES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 46a-58 of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

4 (a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section for
5 any person to subject, or cause to be subjected, any other person to the
6 deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities, secured or
7 protected by the Constitution or laws of this state or of the United
8 States, on account of religion, national origin, alienage, color, race, sex,
9 sexual orientation, blindness or physical disability.

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

16 (c) Any person who places a burning cross or a simulation thereof
17 on any public property, or on any private property without the written
18 consent of the owner, shall be in violation of subsection (a) of this
19 section.

20 (d) Any person who places a noose or a simulation thereof on any
21 public property, or on any private property without the written
22 consent of the owner, and with intent to intimidate or harass any other
23 person on account of religion, national origin, alienage, color, race, sex,
24 sexual orientation, blindness or physical disability, shall be in violation
25 of subsection (a) of this section.

26 [(d)] (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall
27 be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, except that if property is damaged
28 as a consequence of such violation in an amount in excess of one
29 thousand dollars, such person shall be guilty of a class D felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	46a-58

Statement of Purpose:

To make it a discriminatory practice and a crime to hang a noose on public or private property with intent to intimidate or harass another person.

[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.]