



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 334

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING DESECRATION OF PROPERTY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 46a-58 of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

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 gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, blindness or physical
10 disability.

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

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

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

27 (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
28 guilty of a [class A misdemeanor, except that if property is damaged as
29 a consequence of such violation in an amount in excess of one
30 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, 2012	46a-58

Statement of Purpose:

To strengthen the criminal penalties associated with desecration of property.

[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.]