



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1141

LCO No. 4735



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESECRATION OF PROPERTY
LOCATED IN A CEMETERY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 53a-218 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of interference with a cemetery or burial
4 ground when [he] such person, without authorization of the owner of
5 the burial lot [, or a lineal descendant of the deceased,] or of the
6 municipality, cemetery association or person or authority responsible
7 for the control or management of the cemetery or burial ground: (1)
8 Intentionally destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures or removes any
9 tomb, monument, gravestone or other structure placed or designed for
10 a memorial of the dead, or any portion or fragment thereof, or any
11 fence, railing, curb or other enclosure for the burial of the dead, in or
12 from any cemetery or burial ground; or (2) wantonly or maliciously
13 disturbs the contents of any tomb or grave in any cemetery or burial
14 ground.

15 (b) Interference with a cemetery or burial ground is a class C felony
16 and any person found guilty under this section shall be fined not less
17 than five hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	53a-218

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that a complaint from the owner of a burial lot alleging interference with a burial ground is properly investigated by law enforcement personnel.

[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.]