



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5367***

LCO No. 1668



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENHANCED PROTECTIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 46a-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 (a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section for  
4 any person to subject, or cause to be subjected, any other person to the  
5 deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities, secured or  
6 protected by the Constitution or laws of this state or of the United  
7 States, on account of religion, national origin, alienage, color, race, sex,  
8 gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, blindness, [or]  
9 physical disability or mental 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 gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, blindness, [or]  
25 physical disability or mental disability, shall be in violation of  
26 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, 2014	46a-58

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental disability, gender identity or expression.

*[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.]*