

**As Introduced**

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**S. B. No. 290**

**Senator Coley**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 2911.21 of the Revised Code to  
amend the law governing criminal trespass to  
specify that placing purple paint marks on trees  
or posts constitutes posting notice in a manner  
reasonably calculated to come to the attention  
of potential intruders.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 2911.21 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2911.21.** (A) No person, without privilege to do so,  
shall do any of the following:

(1) Knowingly enter or remain on the land or premises of  
another;

(2) Knowingly enter or remain on the land or premises of  
another, the use of which is lawfully restricted to certain  
persons, purposes, modes, or hours, when the offender knows the  
offender is in violation of any such restriction or is reckless  
in that regard;

(3) Recklessly enter or remain on the land or premises of

another, as to which notice against unauthorized access or 19  
presence is given by actual communication to the offender, or in 20  
a manner prescribed by law, or by posting in a manner reasonably 21  
calculated to come to the attention of potential intruders, or 22  
by fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to restrict 23  
access; 24

(4) Being on the land or premises of another, negligently 25  
fail or refuse to leave upon being notified by signage posted in 26  
a conspicuous place or otherwise being notified to do so by the 27  
owner or occupant, or the agent or servant of either. 28

(B) It is no defense to a charge under this section that 29  
the land or premises involved was owned, controlled, or in 30  
custody of a public agency. 31

(C) It is no defense to a charge under this section that 32  
the offender was authorized to enter or remain on the land or 33  
premises involved, when such authorization was secured by 34  
deception. 35

(D) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of criminal 36  
trespass, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 37

(2) Notwithstanding section 2929.28 of the Revised Code, 38  
if the person, in committing the violation of this section, used 39  
a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, 40  
the court shall impose a fine of two times the usual amount 41  
imposed for the violation. 42

(3) If an offender previously has been convicted of or 43  
pleaded guilty to two or more violations of this section or a 44  
substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, and the offender, 45  
in committing each violation, used a snowmobile, off-highway 46  
motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, the court, in addition to or 47

independent of all other penalties imposed for the violation, 48  
may impound the certificate of registration of that snowmobile 49  
or off-highway motorcycle or the certificate of registration and 50  
license plate of that all-purpose vehicle for not less than 51  
sixty days. In such a case, section 4519.47 of the Revised Code 52  
applies. 53

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code, if 54  
the offender, in committing the violation of this section, used 55  
an all-purpose vehicle, the clerk of the court shall pay the 56  
fine imposed pursuant to this section to the state recreational 57  
vehicle fund created by section 4519.11 of the Revised Code. 58

(F) (1) For purposes of division (A) (3) of this section, 59  
"posting in a manner reasonably calculated to come to the 60  
attention of potential intruders" includes placing identifying 61  
purple paint marks on trees or posts in accordance with division 62  
(F) (2) of this section. 63

(2) A landowner may place identifying purple paint marks 64  
on trees or posts around the landowner's property in accordance 65  
with the following: 66

(a) Each paint mark is a vertical line of not less than 67  
eight inches in length. 68

(b) The bottom of each paint mark is not less than three 69  
feet and not more than five feet from the base of the tree or 70  
post. 71

(c) Each paint mark is readily visible and placed not more 72  
than twenty-five yards from the next paint mark. 73

(G) As used in this section: 74

(1) "All-purpose vehicle," "off-highway motorcycle," and 75

"snowmobile" have the same meanings as in section 4519.01 of the Revised Code. 76  
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(2) "Land or premises" includes any land, building, 78  
structure, or place belonging to, controlled by, or in custody 79  
of another, and any separate enclosure or room, or portion 80  
thereof. 81

**Section 2.** That existing section 2911.21 of the Revised 82  
Code is hereby repealed. 83