

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 1045**  
92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Pensions and General Laws, February 26, 2004, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 574, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the burning of crosses, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 574, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 574.065, to read as follows:

**574.065. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons with the intent to intimidate any person or group of persons, to burn, or cause to be burned, a cross.**

**2. For the purpose of this section, a person acts with the intent to intimidate when he or she intentionally places or attempts to place another person in fear of physical injury or fear of damage to property.**

**3. Any person who with the intent to intimidate any person or group of persons, to burn, or cause to be burned, a cross shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a class D felony for a second subsequent offense.**