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SENATE BILL NO. 81

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WILSON.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 565.095, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the criminalization of displaying a noose, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 565.095, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 565.095, to read as follows:

565.095. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons with the intent
2 to intimidate any person or group of persons to:

3 **(1) Burn, or cause to be burned, a cross; or**

4 **(2) Display, or caused to be displayed, a noose.**

5 Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall be guilty of a
6 class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a class D felony for a second or
7 subsequent offense.

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

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