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2 Introduced by Representative Conquest of Newbury

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes; criminal threatening

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit physical conduct intended  
7 to place a person in fear of imminent bodily injury and prohibit threats and  
8 actions intended to coerce or terrorize another person.

9 An act relating to criminal threatening

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 1702 is added to read:

12 § 1702. CRIMINAL THREATENING

13 (a) A person shall not:

14 (1) by physical conduct, purposely place another person in reasonable  
15 fear of imminent bodily injury or physical confinement or restraint;

16 (2) threaten to commit a crime against another with the intent to coerce  
17 or terrorize any person;

18 (3) threaten to commit a crime against the property of another with the  
19 intent to coerce or terrorize any person;

1           (4) place an object or graffiti on the property of another with an intent to  
2 coerce or terrorize any person; or

3           (5) threaten to commit any crime with the intent to cause the evacuation  
4 of a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transport or otherwise to  
5 cause serious public inconvenience.

6           (b) An ability to carry out the threat is not an element of the offense.

7           (c) A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned not more than  
8 six months or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

9           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.