

1 H.158

2 Introduced by Representative Conquest of Newbury

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes; disorderly conduct; unreasonable noise

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide that
7 making loud or unreasonable noise that would disturb a person of average
8 sensibilities constitutes unlawful disorderly conduct.

9 An act relating to disorderly conduct

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

11 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 1026 is amended to read:

12 § 1026. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

13 (a) A person ~~who~~ shall not, with intent to cause public inconvenience, or
14 annoyance or recklessly creating a risk thereof:

15 (1) ~~Engages engage~~ in fighting or in violent, tumultuous, or threatening
16 behavior; or

17 (2) ~~Makes~~ make loud or unreasonable noise that would disturb a person
18 of average sensibilities:

19 (A) in a public place; or

1 (B) in a private place which can be heard in a public place or other
2 private places; or

3 (3) ~~In~~ in a public place ~~uses~~ use abusive or obscene language; or

4 (4) ~~Without~~ without lawful authority, ~~disturbs~~ disturb any lawful
5 assembly or meeting of persons; or

6 (5) ~~Obstructs~~ obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic; 2

7 (b) A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned for not more
8 than 60 days or fined not more than \$500.00, or both.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage.