

1 S.180

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes; criminal threatening

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish the
7 crime of criminal threatening.

8 An act relating to criminal threatening

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

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

11 § 1702. CRIMINAL THREATENING

12 (a) A person shall not by words or conduct intentionally:

13 (1) threaten another person; and

14 (2) as a result of the threat, place the other person in reasonable fear of
15 death or serious bodily injury.

16 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be imprisoned
17 not more than six months or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

18 (c) It shall not be a defense to a charge under this section that the person
19 did not intend or have the ability to carry out the threat.

1 (d) As used in this section, “serious bodily injury” shall have the same
2 meaning as in section 1021 of this title.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.