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## Act No. 8 (H.118). An act relating to expanding the scope of hate-motivated crimes

## Subjects: Crimes and criminal procedure; hate-motivated crimes

This act expands the scope of the State's hate crime statute to cover conduct directed at third parties and groups of people based on their actual or perceived membership in a protected category.

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