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Senate Bill 499 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus  
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 731 (Recreational Trespass) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit a person from engaging in recreational activity or trapping on another person's property if the property were posted against entry with purple paint marks.

The bill also would prohibit a person from placing the purple paint marks on another person's property to prohibit hunting, fishing, trapping, or other recreational activities without the written permission of the owner or his or her lessee or agent.

(A violation of Part 731 is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days' imprisonment and/or a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500. If a person is convicted of a second or subsequent violation within three years of a previous violation, the maximum fine is \$1,000.)

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no impact on the State and an indeterminate fiscal impact on local governments. There are no data to indicate whether using purple paint marks to designate a no trespassing area would change the number of offenders who are convicted of a misdemeanor for violating Part 731. Local units incur the costs of misdemeanor probation and incarceration in local facilities, which vary by county. Penal fine revenue benefits public libraries.

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