

1 AN ACT relating to hate crimes.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) A person is guilty of a hate crime when he or she intentionally, because of the*  
6 *actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual*  
7 *orientation, gender identity, or disability of another person, commits a violation*  
8 *of any one (1) of the following:*

9 *(a) KRS 507.020, 507.030, 507.040, or 507.050;*

10 *(b) KRS 508.010, 508.020, 508.025, or 508.030;*

11 *(c) KRS 508.050 or 508.060;*

12 *(d) KRS 508.100 or 508.110;*

13 *(e) KRS 509.020;*

14 *(f) KRS 510.040, 510.050, 510.060, 510.070, 510.080, 510.090, 510.100, or*  
15 *510.110;*

16 *(g) KRS 512.020, 512.050, or 512.060;*

17 *(h) KRS 513.020, 513.030, or 513.040; or*

18 *(i) KRS 525.020, 525.050, 525.060, 525.070, or 525.080.*

19 *(2) A hate crime shall be punished at the same level as the offense enumerated in*  
20 *subsection (1) of this section which is part of the commission of the hate crime.*

21 *(3) The provisions of this section are intended to be a separate offense, and shall be*  
22 *punished in addition to violations of other statutes occurring during the same*  
23 *course of conduct.*

24 *(4) A person convicted under subsection (1) of this section shall not be released on*  
25 *probation or parole until he or she has served at least eighty-five percent (85%) of*  
26 *the sentence imposed.*

27 *(5) A conviction under subsection (1) of this section may be utilized by the Parole*

1 *Board in delaying or denying parole to a defendant.*