A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trespassing; amending s. 810.011,

F.S.; authorizing the use of purple paint marks to
identify a "no trespassing" area; providing

requirements for marks; requiring specified signage;

reenacting s. 260.0125(5) and 810.09(2)(d), F.S.,

relating to limitation on liability of private

landowners whose property is designated as part of the

statewide system of greenways and trails and trespass

on property other than structure or conveyance,

respectively, to incorporate the amendment made by

this act to s. 810.011, F.S., in references thereto;

providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 810.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

810.011 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

- (5) (a) "Posted land" is that land upon which signs are placed as provided in subparagraph 1., a no trespassing notice is painted as provided in subparagraph 2., or identifying purple paint marks are placed as provided in subparagraph 3.÷
- 1. Signs are placed not more than 500 feet apart along, and at each corner of, the boundaries of the land, upon which signs there appears prominently, in letters of not less than 2 inches in height, the words "no trespassing" and in addition thereto the name of the owner, lessee, or occupant of the said

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land. The Said signs shall be placed along the boundary line of posted land in a manner and in such position as to be clearly noticeable from outside the boundary line.; or

- 2.a. Conspicuous no trespassing notice is painted on trees or posts on the property, provided that the notice is:
- (I) Painted in an international orange color and displaying the stenciled words "No Trespassing" in letters no less than 2 inches high and 1 inch wide either vertically or horizontally;
- (II) Placed so that the bottom of the painted notice is not less than 3 feet from the ground or more than 5 feet from the ground; and
- (III) Placed at locations that are readily visible to any person approaching the property and no more than 500 feet apart on agricultural land.
- b. Beginning October 1, 2007, When a landowner uses the painted no trespassing posting to identify a "no trespassing" area, those painted notices shall be accompanied by signs complying with subparagraph 1. and placed conspicuously at all places where entry to the property is normally expected or known to occur.
- 3.a. Identifying purple paint marks are placed on trees or posts on the property, provided that each mark is:
- (I) A vertical line of not less than 8 inches in length and not less than 1 inch in width;
- (II) Placed so that the bottom of the mark is not less than 3 feet from the ground or more than 5 feet from the ground; and

(III) Placed so that each mark is readily visible to any person approaching the property and no more than 100 feet apart.

- b. When a landowner uses purple paint marks to identify a "no trespassing" area, those marks shall be accompanied by signs complying with subparagraph 1. and placed conspicuously at all places where entry to the property is normally expected or known to occur.
- Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 810.011, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (5) of section 260.0125, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
- 260.0125 Limitation on liability of private landowners whose property is designated as part of the statewide system of greenways and trails.—
- (5) (a) When a private landowner agrees to make his or her land available for public use as a designated greenway or trail, the department or its designee shall post notices along the boundary of the designated greenway or trail which inform the public that the land adjacent to the greenway or trail is private property upon which unauthorized entry for any purpose is prohibited and constitutes trespassing.
- (b) Such notices must comply with s. 810.011(5) and shall constitute a warning to unauthorized persons to remain off the private property and not to depart from the designated greenway or trail. Any person who commits such an unauthorized entry commits a trespass as provided in s. 810.09.
- Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 810.011, Florida Statutes, in a

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reference thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 810.09, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

810.09 Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance.—

(2)

- (d) The offender commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the property trespassed is a construction site that is:
- 1. Greater than 1 acre in area and is legally posted and identified in substantially the following manner: "THIS AREA IS A DESIGNATED CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND ANYONE WHO TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY."; or
- 2. One acre or less in area and is identified as such with a sign that appears prominently, in letters of not less than 2 inches in height, and reads in substantially the following manner: "THIS AREA IS A DESIGNATED CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND ANYONE WHO TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY." The sign shall be placed at the location on the property where the permits for construction are located. For construction sites of 1 acre or less as provided in this subparagraph, it shall not be necessary to give notice by posting as defined in s. 810.011(5).

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.