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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT



**HUNTERS BEWARE!**

## Purple paint markings will soon mean no trespassing in Pa.

**Gov. Tom Wolf signed into law a bill that allows property owners to mark their property boundaries with purple paint stripes instead of posting "No Trespassing" signs, which can deteriorate over time.**

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If you are wandering about and come across purple stripes on a tree or post, don't think of it as an unfinished paint job. Think "no trespassing" and walk away.

Gov. Tom Wolf on Wednesday signed into law a bill that allows property owners the option of using purple paint markings instead of "no trespassing" signs to mark their property boundaries.

This [new law](#) takes effect in 60 days. It was sponsored by Rep. Dawn Keefer, R-York County, who said, "this purple paint makes it easier to define property lines and provides a more visible notice that private property is not to be trespassed on."

Until now, trespassing on agricultural and other open land is prohibited if the property

is posted with signs that indicate no trespassing allowed. "However, these signs degrade over time, leaving the illegible and tattered or are removed either by nefarious acts or adverse weather conditions. Paint is a more permanent means of posting a property," Keefer said.

The law specifies that the purple paint to be used must be one of the commercially available "No Hunting" paints. The purple stripes are required to be at least 8 inches long and 1 inch wide. They must be placed between three and five feet from the ground on posts or trees that are no more than 100 feet apart.

About a dozen or so states have already passed this law, which originated out of Arkansas back in 1989.