

1 through or on an Internet website or by other electronic means for
2 purposes of harming, intimidating, threatening or defrauding
3 another person.

4 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section is
5 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
6 fined not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000, or confined in
7 jail not more than one year, or both fined and confined.

8 © For purposes of this section:

9 (1) An impersonation is credible if another person would
10 reasonably believe, or did reasonably believe, that the defendant
11 was or is the person who was impersonated; and

12 (2) "Electronic means" includes, but is not limited to,
13 opening an e-mail account, registering a website domain name or
14 opening an account or profile on a social networking Internet
15 website in another person's name.

16 (d) This section is supplemental to any other provision of
17 law and does not preclude prosecution under any other provision of
18 law.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the offense of online impersonation for purposes of harming, intimidating, threatening or defrauding another person.

§61-2-31 is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.