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# SENATE BILL No. 261

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## DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Repeal. Repeals foreclosure mischief (the language is already in the bill).

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-24-2-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.257-2017,  
2 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) The bureau shall suspend the driving  
4 privileges or invalidate the learner's permit of an individual who is  
5 under an order entered by a court under ~~IC 35-43-1-2(d)~~  
6 **IC 35-43-1-2(i)**.

7 (b) The bureau shall suspend the driving privileges or invalidate  
8 the learner's permit of an individual who is the subject of an order  
9 issued under IC 31-37-19-17 (or IC 31-6-4-15.9(f) before its repeal) or  
10 ~~IC 35-43-1-2(d)~~. **IC 35-43-1-2(i)**.

11 SECTION 2. IC 31-9-2-29.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2016,  
12 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
13 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 29.5. "Crime involving domestic or family  
14 violence" means a crime that occurs when a family or household  
15 member commits, attempts to commit, or conspires to commit any of  
16 the following against another family or household member:

17 (1) A homicide offense under IC 35-42-1.  
18 (2) A battery offense under IC 35-42-2.  
19 (3) Kidnapping or confinement under IC 35-42-3.  
20 (4) A sex offense under IC 35-42-4.  
21 (5) Robbery under IC 35-42-5.

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- (6) Arson or **mischief vandalism** under IC 35-43-1.
- (7) Burglary or trespass under IC 35-43-2.
- (8) Disorderly conduct under IC 35-45-1.
- (9) Intimidation or harassment under IC 35-45-2.
- (10) Voyeurism under IC 35-45-4.
- (11) Stalking under IC 35-45-10.
- (12) An offense against the family under IC 35-46-1-2 through IC 35-46-1-8, IC 35-46-1-12, IC 35-46-1-15.1, or IC 35-46-1-15.3.
- (13) Human and sexual trafficking crimes under IC 35-42-3.5.

SECTION 3. JC 31-37-19-17 AS AMENDED BY P.L. 111-2021

SECTION 3. IC 31-37-1-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2021, SECTION 100, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. (a) This section applies if a child is a delinquent child under IC 31-37-1 due to the commission of a delinquent act that, if committed by an adult, would be criminal mischief or institutional criminal mischief **vandalism** under IC 35-43-1-2 that involves the use of graffiti.

(b) The juvenile court may, in addition to any other order or decree the court makes under this chapter, order the bureau of motor vehicles to:

- (1) suspend the child's driver's license; or
- (2) invalidate the child's learner's permit;

for one (1) year beginning the date of the order.

SECTION 4. IC 33-39-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2019, SECTION 127, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) After June 30, 2005, this section does not apply to a person who:

(1) holds a commercial driver's license; and  
(2) has been charged with an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle in accordance with the federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA) (Public Law 106-159, 113 Stat. 1748).

(b) This section does not apply to a person arrested for or charged with:

- (1) an offense under IC 9-30-5-1 through IC 9-30-5-5; or
- (2) if a person was arrested or charged with an offense under IC 9-30-5-1 through IC 9-30-5-5, an offense involving:

if the offense involving intoxication or the operation of a vehicle was

- (A) intoxication; or
- (B) the operation of a vehicle;



1 part of the same episode of criminal conduct as the offense under  
2 IC 9-30-5-1 through IC 9-30-5-5.

3 (c) This section does not apply to a person:

4 (1) who is arrested for or charged with an offense under:  
5 (A) IC 7.1-5-7-7, if the alleged offense occurred while the  
6 person was operating a motor vehicle;  
7 (B) IC 9-30-4-8, if the alleged offense occurred while the  
8 person was operating a motor vehicle;  
9 (C) IC 35-44.1-2-13(b)(1); or  
10 (D) ~~IC 35-43-1-2(a); IC 35-43-1-2(b)(1)~~, if the alleged  
11 offense occurred while the person was operating a motor  
12 vehicle; and

13 (2) who was less than eighteen (18) years of age at the time of  
14 the alleged offense.

15 (d) A prosecuting attorney may withhold prosecution against an  
16 accused person if:

17 (1) the person is charged with a misdemeanor, a Level 6 felony,  
18 or a Level 5 felony;  
19 (2) the person agrees to conditions of a pretrial diversion  
20 program offered by the prosecuting attorney;  
21 (3) the terms of the agreement are recorded in an instrument  
22 signed by the person and the prosecuting attorney and filed in the  
23 court in which the charge is pending; and  
24 (4) the prosecuting attorney electronically transmits information  
25 required by the prosecuting attorneys council concerning the  
26 withheld prosecution to the prosecuting attorneys council, in a  
27 manner and format designated by the prosecuting attorneys  
28 council.

29 (e) An agreement under subsection (d) may include conditions that  
30 the person:

31 (1) pay to the clerk of the court an initial user's fee and monthly  
32 user's fees in the amounts specified in IC 33-37-4-1;  
33 (2) work faithfully at a suitable employment or faithfully pursue  
34 a course of study or career and technical education that will  
35 equip the person for suitable employment;  
36 (3) undergo available medical treatment or mental health  
37 counseling and remain in a specified facility required for that  
38 purpose, including:  
39 (A) addiction counseling;  
40 (B) inpatient detoxification; and  
41 (C) medication assisted treatment, including a federal Food  
42 and Drug Administration approved long acting,



1 nonaddictive medication for the treatment of opioid or  
 2 alcohol dependence;

3 (4) receive evidence based mental health and addiction,  
 4 intellectual disability, developmental disability, autism, and  
 5 co-occurring autism and mental illness forensic treatment  
 6 services to reduce the risk of recidivism;

7 (5) support the person's dependents and meet other family  
 8 responsibilities;

9 (6) make restitution or reparation to the victim of the crime for  
 10 the damage or injury that was sustained;

11 (7) refrain from harassing, intimidating, threatening, or having  
 12 any direct or indirect contact with the victim or a witness;

13 (8) report to the prosecuting attorney at reasonable times;

14 (9) answer all reasonable inquiries by the prosecuting attorney  
 15 and promptly notify the prosecuting attorney of any change in  
 16 address or employment; and

17 (10) participate in dispute resolution either under IC 34-57-3 or  
 18 a program established by the prosecuting attorney.

19 (f) An agreement under subsection (d)(2) may include other  
 20 provisions, including program fees and costs, reasonably related to the  
 21 defendant's rehabilitation, if approved by the court.

22 (g) The prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim when  
 23 prosecution is withheld under this section.

24 (h) All money collected by the clerk as user's fees or program fees  
 25 and costs under this section shall be deposited in the appropriate user  
 26 fee fund under IC 33-37-8.

27 (i) If a court withholds prosecution under this section and the  
 28 terms of the agreement contain conditions described in subsection  
 29 (e)(7):

30 (1) the clerk of the court shall comply with IC 5-2-9; and  
 31 (2) the prosecuting attorney shall file a confidential form  
 32 prescribed or approved by the office of judicial administration  
 33 with the clerk.

34 SECTION 5. IC 35-31.5-2-35, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
 35 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 35. "Cave", for purposes of IC 35-43-1-3,  
 37 IC 35-43-1-2, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-43-1-3(a).  
 38 **IC 35-43-1-2.**

39 SECTION 6. IC 35-31.5-2-76, AS AMENDED BY P.L.65-2016,  
 40 SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 76. "Crime involving domestic or family violence"  
 42 means a crime that occurs when a family or household member



1       commits, attempts to commit, or conspires to commit any of the  
 2       following against another family or household member:

- 3       (1) A homicide offense under IC 35-42-1.
- 4       (2) A battery offense under IC 35-42-2.
- 5       (3) Kidnapping or confinement under IC 35-42-3.
- 6       (4) Human and sexual trafficking crimes under IC 35-42-3.5.
- 7       (5) A sex offense under IC 35-42-4.
- 8       (6) Robbery under IC 35-42-5.
- 9       (7) Arson or ~~mischief~~ **vandalism** under IC 35-43-1.
- 10       (8) Burglary or trespass under IC 35-43-2.
- 11       (9) Disorderly conduct under IC 35-45-1.
- 12       (10) Intimidation or harassment under IC 35-45-2.
- 13       (11) Voyeurism under IC 35-45-4.
- 14       (12) Stalking under IC 35-45-10.
- 15       (13) An offense against family under IC 35-46-1-2 through  
 16       IC 35-46-1-8, IC 35-46-1-12, IC 35-46-1-15.1, or  
 17       IC 35-46-1-15.3.
- 18       (14) A crime involving animal cruelty and a family or household  
 19       member under IC 35-46-3-12(b)(2) or IC 35-46-3-12.5.

20       SECTION 7. IC 35-31.5-2-81.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 21       CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 22       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 81.3. "Damages, permanently**  
 23       **removes an object from, or defaces real property", for purposes of**  
 24       **IC 35-43-1-2, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-43-1-2.**

25       SECTION 8. IC 35-31.5-2-224, AS AMENDED BY  
 26       P.L.134-2017, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 27       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 224. (a) "Owner", for purposes of  
 28       **IC 35-43-1-3, IC 35-43-1-2, has the meaning set forth in**  
 29       **IC 35-43-1-3(a): IC 35-43-1-2.**

30       (b) "Owner", for purposes of IC 35-48-3, has the meaning set forth  
 31       in IC 35-48-3-1.5.

32       (c) "Owner", for purposes of IC 35-49, has the meaning set forth  
 33       in IC 35-49-1-6.

34       (d) "Owner", for purposes of IC 35-43-5-19.5, means any person  
 35       with an ownership interest or right to profit in a business.

36       SECTION 9. IC 35-31.5-2-230.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 37       CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 38       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 230.1. "Pecuniary loss", for**  
 39       **purposes of IC 35-43-1-2, has the meaning set forth in**  
 40       **IC 35-43-1-2.**

41       SECTION 10. IC 35-31.5-2-267.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 42       CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS



1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 267.5. "Real property in  
 2 foreclosure", for purposes of IC 35-43-1-2, has the meaning set  
 3 forth in IC 35-43-1-2.

4 SECTION 11. IC 35-31.5-2-273.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.13-2013,  
 5 SECTION 129, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 273.2. "Refuse", for purposes of  
 7 IC 35-45-3-2, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-45-3-2(b)~~  
 8 **IC 35-45-3-2.**

9 SECTION 12. IC 35-31.5-2-286, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
 10 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 286. "Scientific purposes", for purposes of  
 12 ~~IC 35-43-1-3~~, **IC 35-43-1-2**, has the meaning set forth in  
 13 ~~IC 35-43-1-3(a)~~. **IC 35-43-1-2.**

14 SECTION 13. IC 35-43-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.100-2024,  
 15 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. **(a) The following definitions apply**  
 17 **throughout this section:**

18 (1) "Cave" means any naturally occurring subterranean  
 19 cavity, including a cavern, pit, pothole, sinkhole, well, grotto,  
 20 and tunnel, whether or not it has a natural entrance.

21 (2) "Critical infrastructure facility" has the meaning set  
 22 forth in IC 35-46-10-1.

23 (3) "Damages, permanently removes an object from, or  
 24 defaces real property" means to damage, permanently  
 25 remove, or deface one (1) or more of the following:

26 (A) Fixtures (as defined in IC 26-1-2.1-309) of the real  
 27 property.

28 (B) A component or subsystem of the heating,  
 29 ventilation, or air conditioning system of the real  
 30 property.

31 (C) Wiring of the real property.

32 (D) Pipes, fittings, or another part of the plumbing  
 33 system of the real property.

34 (E) The structure, including the roof and foundation, of  
 35 the real property.

36 (F) The windows of the real property.

37 (G) The floors, ceilings, walls, or doors of the real  
 38 property.

39 (H) The landscaping of the real property.

40 (I) An unattached structure, carport, patio, fence, or  
 41 swimming pool located on the real property.

42 (4) "Owner" means, with respect to a cave, the person who



**holds title to or is in possession of the land on or under which a cave is located, or the person's lessee, or agent.**

(5) "Pecuniary loss" means all costs necessary to restore damaged or defaced property to its former condition. The term includes:

(A) the total costs incurred in inspecting, cleaning, and decontaminating property contaminated by a pollutant; and

**(B)** a reasonable estimate of all additional costs not already incurred under clause (A) that are necessary to inspect, clean, and decontaminate property contaminated by a pollutant, to the extent that the property has not already been:

- (i) cleaned;
- (ii) decontaminated; or
- (iii) both cleaned and decontaminated.

**The term includes inspection, cleaning, or decontamination conducted by a person certified under IC 16-19-3.1.**

**(6) "Real property in foreclosure" means real property with respect to which a foreclosure action has been filed or joined by a person having a security interest in the property that is used to secure:**

- (A) a mortgage;
- (B) a land contract; or
- (C) another agreement similar to a mortgage or a land contract.

The term does not include property that is the subject of a foreclosure action brought by a person having any other type of security interest in the property, including a mechanic's lien, a tax lien, or a lien placed by a homeowners association, unless the property is also the subject of a foreclosure action described in clauses (A) through (C).

(7) "Scientific purposes" means exploration and research conducted by persons affiliated with recognized scientific organizations with the intent to advance knowledge and to publish the results of the exploration or research in an appropriate medium.

(a) (b) A person who:

(1) recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally damages or defaces property of another person without the other person's consent; commits criminal mischief, or

(2) knowingly or intentionally damages, permanently



1 removes an object from, or defaces real property in  
 2 foreclosure;  
 3 commits criminal vandalism, a Class B misdemeanor except as  
 4 otherwise provided in this section.  
 5 (c) Criminal vandalism is a Class A misdemeanor if one (1) or  
 6 more of the following apply:  
 7 (1) The pecuniary loss is at least seven hundred fifty dollars  
 8 (\$750) but less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).  
 9 (2) The person damages:  
 10 (A) a structure used for religious worship without the  
 11 consent of the owner, possessor, or occupant of the  
 12 property that is damaged;  
 13 (B) a school or community center without the consent of  
 14 the owner, possessor, or occupant of the property that is  
 15 damaged;  
 16 (C) the property of an agricultural operation (as defined  
 17 in IC 32-30-6-1) without the consent of the owner,  
 18 possessor, or occupant of the property that is damaged;  
 19 (D) the property of a scientific research facility (as  
 20 defined in IC 35-31.5-2-287) without the consent of, or  
 21 with consent which was fraudulently obtained from, the  
 22 owner, possessor, or occupant of the property that is  
 23 damaged;  
 24 (E) the grounds:  
 25 (i) adjacent to; and  
 26 (ii) owned or rented in common with;  
 27 a structure or facility described in clauses (A) through  
 28 (D) without the consent of the owner, possessor, or  
 29 occupant of the property that is damaged;  
 30 (F) personal property contained in a structure or located  
 31 at a facility described in clauses (A) through (D) without  
 32 the consent of the owner, possessor, or occupant of the  
 33 property that is damaged;  
 34 (G) property that is vacant real property (as defined in  
 35 IC 36-7-36-5) or a vacant structure (as defined in  
 36 IC 36-7-36-6); or  
 37 (H) property after the person has been denied entry to  
 38 the property by a court order that was issued:  
 39 (i) to the person; or  
 40 (ii) to the general public by conspicuous posting on  
 41 or around the property in areas where a person  
 42 could observe the order when the property has been



designated by a municipality or county enforcement authority to be a vacant property, an abandoned property, or an abandoned structure (as defined in IC 36-7-36-1).

### (3) The person:

(A) damages a cemetery, a burial ground (as defined in IC 14-21-1-3), or a facility used for memorializing the dead;

**(B) damages the grounds owned or rented by a cemetery or facility used for memorializing the dead; or**

**(C) disturbs, defaces, or damages a cemetery monument, grave marker, grave artifact, grave ornamentation, or cemetery enclosure;**

unless the person acted in a proper and acceptable manner as authorized by IC 23-14, or unless the person acted in a proper and acceptable manner as authorized by IC 14-21, other than a person who disturbs the earth for an agricultural purpose under the exemption to IC 14-21 that is provided in IC 14-21-1-24.

**(4) The person:**

**(A) damages or defaces a cave;**

**(B) damages a lock, gate, fence, or other structure designed to control or prevent access to a cave; or**

(C) damages or destroys a cave dwelling animal in a cave;

unless the act described in clause (A) or (C) was done for scientific purposes.

(d) **Criminal vandalism** is a Level 6 felony if one (1) or more of the following apply:

(1) The pecuniary loss is at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(2) The damage causes a substantial interruption or

## **impairment of utility service render**

- (3) The damage is to a public record.
- (4) The damage is to a law enforcement animal (as defined in

### **IC 35-46-3-4.5).**

**(5) The damage is to a component of**

fire suppression system that is located in a penal facility.

(6) The damage is to property described in subsection (c)(2),

and the pecuniary loss (or property damage, in the case of an agricultural operation or a scientific research facility) is at least one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) but less than five

**least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) but less than fifty**

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1 thousand dollars (\$50,000).

2 (7) The person damages property:

3 (A) during the dealing or manufacture of or attempted  
 4 dealing or manufacture of a controlled substance; and  
 5 (B) by means of a fire or an explosion.

6 (8) The enhancement described in subsection (c)(3) applies  
 7 and the pecuniary loss is at least seven hundred fifty dollars  
 8 (\$750) but less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

9 (9) The person damages or defaces:

10 (A) a locomotive, a railroad car, a train, or equipment of  
 11 a railroad company being operated on a railroad  
 12 right-of-way;  
 13 (B) a part of any railroad signal system, train control  
 14 system, centralized dispatching system, or highway  
 15 railroad grade crossing warning signal on a railroad  
 16 right-of-way owned, leased, or operated by a railroad  
 17 company; or  
 18 (C) any rail, switch, roadbed, viaduct, bridge, trestle,  
 19 culvert, or embankment on a right-of-way owned,  
 20 leased, or operated by a railroad company.

21 (e) Criminal vandalism is a Level 5 felony if one (1) or more of  
 22 the following apply:

23 (1) The damage is to property described in subsection (c)(2),  
 24 and the pecuniary loss (or property damage, in the case of an  
 25 agricultural operation or a scientific research facility) is at  
 26 least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

27 (2) The person damages property:

28 (A) during the dealing or manufacture of or attempted  
 29 dealing or manufacture of a controlled substance;  
 30 (B) by means of a fire or an explosion; and  
 31 (C) resulting in moderate bodily injury to any person  
 32 other than a defendant.

33 (3) The enhancement described in subsection (c)(3) applies  
 34 and the pecuniary loss is at least fifty thousand dollars  
 35 (\$50,000).

36 (4) The person damages or defaces:

37 (A) a locomotive, a railroad car, a train, or equipment of  
 38 a railroad company being operated on a railroad  
 39 right-of-way;  
 40 (B) a part of any railroad signal system, train control  
 41 system, centralized dispatching system, or highway  
 42 railroad grade crossing warning signal on a railroad



1 right-of-way owned, leased, or operated by a railroad  
 2 company; or  
 3 (C) any rail, switch, roadbed, viaduct, bridge, trestle,  
 4 culvert, or embankment on a right-of-way owned,  
 5 leased, or operated by a railroad company;  
 6 and the offense results in serious bodily injury to another  
 7 person.  
 8 (5) The person damages or defaces a critical infrastructure  
 9 facility.  
 10 (f) Criminal vandalism is a Level 4 felony if the person  
 11 damages or defaces a critical infrastructure facility, and:  
 12 (1) the pecuniary loss is at least fifty thousand dollars  
 13 (\$50,000); or  
 14 (2) the damage causes a substantial interruption or  
 15 impairment of a critical infrastructure utility service  
 16 rendered to the public.  
 17 (g) Criminal vandalism is a Level 2 felony if the person  
 18 damages or defaces:  
 19 (1) a locomotive, a railroad car, a train, or equipment of a  
 20 railroad company being operated on a railroad right-of-way;  
 21 (2) a part of any railroad signal system, train control system,  
 22 centralized dispatching system, or highway railroad grade  
 23 crossing warning signal on a railroad right-of-way owned,  
 24 leased, or operated by a railroad company; or  
 25 (3) any rail, switch, roadbed, viaduct, bridge, trestle, culvert,  
 26 or embankment on a right-of-way owned, leased, or operated  
 27 by a railroad company;  
 28 and the offense results in the death of another person.  
 29 (h) It is a defense to a prosecution under subsection (b)(2) that  
 30 the damage, removal, or defacement was the result of repair,  
 31 renovation, replacement, or maintenance performed in good faith.  
 32 (i) If a person is convicted of an offense under this section that  
 33 involves the use of graffiti, the court may, in addition to any other  
 34 penalty, order that the person's driver's license or learner's permit  
 35 be suspended or invalidated by the bureau of motor vehicles for  
 36 not more than one (1) year.  
 37 (j) The court may rescind an order for suspension or  
 38 invalidation under subsection (i) and allow the person to receive a  
 39 license or permit before the period of suspension or invalidation  
 40 ends if the court determines that the person has removed or  
 41 painted over the graffiti or has made other suitable restitution.  
 42 However, the offense is:



(1) a Class A misdemeanor if the pecuniary loss is at least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) but less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and

(2) a Level 6 felony if:

- (A) the pecuniary loss is at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);
- (B) the damage causes a substantial interruption or impairment of utility service rendered to the public;
- (C) the damage is to a public record;
- (D) the damage is to a law enforcement animal (as defined in IC 35-46-3-4.5); or
- (E) the damage is to a component of an automatic building fire suppression system that is located in a penal facility.

(b) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally damages:

- (1) a structure used for religious worship without the consent of the owner, possessor, or occupant of the property that is damaged;
- (2) a school or community center without the consent of the owner, possessor, or occupant of the property that is damaged;
- (3) the property of an agricultural operation (as defined in IC 32-30-6-1) without the consent of the owner, possessor, or occupant of the property that is damaged;
- (4) the property of a scientific research facility (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-287) without the consent of, or with consent which was fraudulently obtained from, the owner, possessor, or occupant of the property that is damaged;
- (5) the grounds:

- (A) adjacent to; and
- (B) owned or rented in common with:

a structure or facility identified in subdivisions (1) through (4) without the consent of the owner, possessor, or occupant of the property that is damaged;

(6) personal property contained in a structure or located at a facility identified in subdivisions (1) through (4) without the consent of the owner, possessor, or occupant of the property that is damaged;

(7) property that is vacant real property (as defined in IC 36-7-36-5) or a vacant structure (as defined in IC 36-7-36-6); or

(8) property after the person has been denied entry to the property by a court order that was issued:

- (A) to the person; or

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(B) to the general public by conspicuous posting on or around the property in areas where a person could observe the order when the property has been designated by a municipality or county enforcement authority to be a vacant property, an abandoned property, or an abandoned structure (as defined in IC 36-7-36-1);

7 commits institutional criminal mischief, a Class A misdemeanor.  
8 However, the offense is a Level 6 felony if the pecuniary loss (or  
9 property damage, in the case of an agricultural operation or a scientific  
10 research facility) is at least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) but less  
11 than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and a Level 5 felony if the  
12 pecuniary loss (or property damage, in the case of an agricultural  
13 operation or a scientific research facility) is at least fifty thousand  
14 dollars (\$50,000).

28 (e) The court may rescind an order for suspension or invalidation  
29 under subsection (d) and allow the person to receive a license or permit  
30 before the period of suspension or invalidation ends if the court  
31 determines that the person has removed or painted over the graffiti or  
32 has made other suitable restitution.

33 (f) For purposes of this section, "pecuniary loss" includes:

34 (1) the total costs incurred in inspecting, cleaning, and

35 decontaminating property contaminated by a pollutant; and

36 (2) a reasonable estimate of all additional costs not already

37 incurred under subdivision (1) that are necessary to inspect,

38 clean, and decontaminate property contaminated by a pollutant;

39 to the extent that the property has not already been:

40 (A) cleaned;  
41 (B) decontaminated; or  
42 (C) both cleaned and decontaminated.



1       The term includes inspection, cleaning, or decontamination conducted  
 2       by a person certified under IC 16-19-3.1.

3       SECTION 14. IC 35-43-1-2.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 4       1, 2026]. Sec. 2.1. (a) This section does not apply to the following:

5           (1) A person who acts in a proper and acceptable manner as  
 6       authorized by IC 14-21 other than a person who disturbs the  
 7       earth for an agricultural purpose under the exemption to  
 8       IC 14-21 that is provided in IC 14-21-1-24.

9           (2) A person who acts in a proper and acceptable manner as  
 10      authorized by IC 23-14.

11       (b) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally:

12           (1) damages a cemetery, a burial ground (as defined in  
 13       IC 14-21-1-3); or a facility used for memorializing the dead;

14           (2) damages the grounds owned or rented by a cemetery or  
 15       facility used for memorializing the dead; or

16           (3) disturbs, defaces, or damages a cemetery monument, grave  
 17       marker, grave artifact, grave ornamentation; or cemetery  
 18       enclosure;

19       commits cemetery mischief, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the  
 20      offense is a Level 6 felony if the pecuniary loss is at least seven  
 21      hundred fifty dollars (\$750) but less than fifty thousand dollars  
 22      (\$50,000); and a Level 5 felony if the pecuniary loss is at least fifty  
 23      thousand dollars (\$50,000).

24       SECTION 15. IC 35-43-1-2.3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 25       1, 2026]. Sec. 2.3. A person who, without the consent of the owner of  
 26       the property, recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally damages or  
 27       defaces:

28           (1) a locomotive, a railroad car, a train, or equipment of a  
 29       railroad company being operated on a railroad right-of-way;

30           (2) a part of any railroad signal system, train control system,  
 31       centralized dispatching system, or highway railroad grade  
 32       crossing warning signal on a railroad right-of-way owned,  
 33       leased, or operated by a railroad company; or

34           (3) any rail, switch, roadbed, viaduct, bridge, trestle, culvert, or  
 35       embankment on a right-of-way owned, leased, or operated by a  
 36       railroad company;

37       commits railroad mischief, a Level 6 felony. However, the offense is a  
 38      Level 5 felony if the offense results in serious bodily injury to another  
 39      person and a Level 2 felony if the offense results in the death of another  
 40      person.

41       SECTION 16. IC 35-43-1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 42       1, 2026]. Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section:



1        "Cave" means any naturally occurring subterranean cavity,  
 2        including a cavern, pit, pothole, sinkhole, well, grotto, and tunnel  
 3        whether or not it has a natural entrance.

4        "Owner" means the person who holds title to or is in possession of  
 5        the land on or under which a cave is located, or his lessee, or agent.

6        "Scientific purposes" means exploration and research conducted  
 7        by persons affiliated with recognized scientific organizations with the  
 8        intent to advance knowledge and with the intent to publish the results  
 9        of said exploration or research in an appropriate medium.

10      (b) A person who knowingly and without the express consent of  
 11     the cave owner:

12        (1) disfigures; destroys, or removes any stalagmite, stalactite, or  
 13        other naturally occurring mineral deposit or formation, or  
 14        archeological or paleontological artifact in a cave, for other than  
 15        scientific purposes;

16        (2) breaks any lock, gate, fence, or other structure designed to  
 17        control or prevent access to a cave; or

18        (3) destroys, injures, removes, or harasses any cave-dwelling  
 19        animal for other than scientific purposes;

20        commits a Class A misdemeanor.

21        (c) A person who knowingly and without the express consent of  
 22        the cave owner deposits trash, rubbish, chemicals, or other litter in a  
 23        cave commits a Class C infraction. However, the violation is a Class C  
 24        misdemeanor if it is committed knowingly or intentionally and the  
 25        person has a prior unrelated adjudication or conviction for a violation  
 26        of this section within the previous five (5) years.

27        [ [SECTION 17. IC 35-43-4-9 IS REPEALED \[EFFECTIVE JULY](#)  
 28        [1, 2026\]. Sec. 9. \(a\) This section applies only to real property in](#)  
 29        [foreclosure.](#)

30        (b) [The following definitions apply throughout this section:](#)

31        (1) ["Damages, permanently removes an object from, or defaces](#)  
 32        [real property" means to damage, permanently remove, or deface](#)  
 33        [one \(1\) or more of the following:](#)

34        (A) [Fixtures \(as defined in IC 26-1-2.1-309\) of the real](#)  
 35        [property;](#)

36        (B) [A component or subsystem of the heating, ventilation,](#)  
 37        [or air conditioning system of the real property.](#)

38        (C) [Wiring of the real property;](#)

39        (D) [Pipes, fittings, or another part of the plumbing system](#)  
 40        [of the real property.](#)

41        (E) [The structure, including the roof and foundation, of the](#)  
 42        [real property.](#)



(F) The windows of the real property;  
(G) The floors, ceilings, walls, or doors of the real property;  
(H) The landscaping of the real property;  
(I) An unattached structure, carport, patio, fence, or swimming pool located on the real property.

(2) "Real property in foreclosure" means real property with respect to which a foreclosure action has been filed or joined by a person having a security interest in the property that is used to secure:

(A) a mortgage;  
(B) a land contract; or  
(C) another agreement similar to a mortgage or a land contract.

The term does not include property that is the subject of a foreclosure action brought by a person having any other type of security interest in the property, including a mechanic's lien, a tax lien, or a lien placed by a homeowners association, unless the property is also the subject of a foreclosure action described in clauses (A) through (C).

(c) A person who knowingly or intentionally damages, permanently removes an object from, or defaces real property in foreclosure commits foreclosure mischief, a Class B misdemeanor. However, the offense is:

(1) a Class A misdemeanor if the pecuniary loss is at least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) but less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and

(2) a Level 6 felony if the pecuniary loss is at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(d) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the damage, removal, or defacement was the result of repair, renovation, replacement, or maintenance performed in good faith.

1 SECTION 1 ~~☞~~ [8]. IC 35-45-3-2, AS AMENDED BY  
P.L.231-2007, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally places or leaves refuse on property of another person, except in a container provided for refuse, commits littering, a Class B infraction. However, the offense is a Class A infraction if the refuse:

(1) is placed or left in, on, or within one hundred (100) feet of a body of water that is under the jurisdiction of the (1) department of natural resources or (2) United States Army Corps of Engineers; or

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(2) is placed in a cave (as defined in IC 35-43-1-2).

Notwithstanding IC 34-28-5-4(a), a judgment of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be imposed for each Class A infraction committed under this section.

**(b) A person who:**

**(1) recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally violates subsection**

(a)(2); and

**(2) has a prior unrelated conviction or adjudication for a violation of subsection (a)(2) within the previous five (5) years;**

**commits a Class C infraction.**

(b) (c) **As used in this section, "refuse" includes solid and semisolid wastes, dead animals, and offal.**

(c) (d) Evidence that littering was committed from a moving vehicle other than a public conveyance constitutes prima facie evidence that it was committed by the operator of that vehicle.

SECTION 1 ~~8~~<sup>[9]</sup>. IC 35-46-10-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. See. 3. A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally damages or defaces property of a critical infrastructure facility commits critical infrastructure facility mischief, a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 4 felony if:

(+) the pecuniary loss is at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);  
or

(2) the damage causes a substantial interruption or impairment of a critical infrastructure utility service rendered to the public.

SECTION ~~49~~[20]. IC 35-46-10-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.276-2019, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. Except as provided in IC 35-50-2, if a person commits the offense of conspiracy (as described in IC 35-41-5-2) to commit an offense described in:

(1) section 2 or 3 of this chapter; or

**(2) IC 35-43-1-2 (criminal vandalism) involving a critical infrastructure facility;**

with a person who commits an offense described under section 2 or 3 of this chapter **or IC 35-43-1-2 (criminal vandalism) involving a critical infrastructure facility**, the conspiring person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

SECTION 2~~⑩~~⑪. IC 35-46-10-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.276-2019, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A person aggrieved by a violation under:



1                   **(1) this chapter; or**  
2                   **(2) IC 35-43-1-2 (criminal vandalism) involving a critical**  
3                   **infrastructure facility;**  
4                   may recover damages sustained under IC 34-24-3-1.  
5                   (b) Any person that compensates, provides consideration to, or  
6                   remunerates a person for committing an offense under:  
7                   **(1) sections section 2 3; or 4 of this chapter; or**  
8                   **(2) IC 35-43-1-2 (criminal vandalism) involving a critical**  
9                   **infrastructure facility;**  
10                  may be held liable for civil damages imposed under this chapter.

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