



HOUSE BILL 482

By Boyd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14; Title 40 and Title 65, Chapter 35, relative to destruction of property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-411, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting:

(d) A violation of this section shall be punished as theft under § 39-14-103, and graded in accordance with § 39-14-105. However, if:

(1) The actual damages caused by the violation are in an amount less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), then the punishment for a violation of this section must be no less than a Class E felony; and

(2) The actual damages caused by the violation are in an amount of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000), then the punishment for a violation of this section must be no less than a Class C felony.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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Signature of Sponsor

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-411, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting:

(a) A person commits the offense of critical infrastructure vandalism who knowingly:

- (1) Interrupts or interferes with critical infrastructure or its operation;
- (2) Destroys or injures critical infrastructure; or
- (3) Destroys or injures a farm.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-411, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting:

(d)

(1) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) shall be punished as theft under § 39-14-103, and graded in accordance with § 39-14-105. However, if:

(A) The actual damages caused by the violation are in an amount less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), then the punishment for a violation of subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) must be no less than a Class E felony; and

(B) The actual damages caused by the violation are in an amount of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000), then the punishment for a violation of subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) must be no less than a Class C felony.



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(2) A violation of subdivision (a)(3) shall be punished as theft under § 39-14-103, and graded in accordance with § 39-14-105. However, in no event shall punishment for a violation of subdivision (a)(3) be less than a Class E felony.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.