

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Hopkins**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §5-71-215 TO
9 INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DEFACING OBJECTS OF
10 PUBLIC RESPECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DEFACING
14 OBJECTS OF PUBLIC RESPECT."

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §5-71-215 is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 "5-71-215. Defacing objects of public respect.

21 (a) A person commits the offense of defacing objects of public respect
22 if he purposely:

23 (1) Defaces, mars, or otherwise damages any public monument;

24 (2) Defaces, mars, or otherwise damages a work of art on display
25 in any public place; or

26 (3) Defaces, mars, desecrates, or otherwise damages any place of
27 worship, cemetery, or burial monument.

28 (b) (1) Defacing objects of public respect is a Class A misdemeanor
29 if the value of repairing or replacing the damaged objects does not exceed
30 five hundred dollars (\$500).

31 (2) Defacing objects of public respect is a Class D felony if the
32 value of repairing or replacing the damaged objects exceeds five hundred
33 dollars (\$500), but does not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars
34 (\$2,500).

35 (3) Defacing objects of public respect is a Class C felony if the

1 value of repairing or replacing the damaged objects exceeds two thousand five
2 hundred dollars (\$2,500)."

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4 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
5 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
6 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
12 act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
15 hereby repealed.

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