

Act 13 of the Third Special Session of 1987

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HB1031

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-38-203(a) TO CORRECT AN ERROR MADE DURING THE CODIFICATION PROCESS TO GIVE INTENT TO ACTS 671 AND 544 OF 1981; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-38-203(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) A person commits the offense of criminal mischief in the first degree if he purposely and without legal justification destroys or causes damage to: (1) any property of another; or (2) any property, whether his own or that of another, for the purpose of collecting any insurance therefor."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that during the codification process, a mistake was made in the criminal mischief statute which should have been codified as part of the criminal mischief law and that this language needs to be added to avoid confusion as to the elements of the offense of criminal mischief. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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