

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

A Bill

ACT 169 OF 1993
SENATE BILL 151

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

place; or

(3) Defaces, mars, desecrates, or otherwise damages any place of worship,

cemetery, or burial monument.

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

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

**(3) Defacing objects of public respect is a Class C felony if the value of repairing
or replacing the damaged objects exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)."**

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

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

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: 2/19/93