

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 183



EFFECTIVE ~~Approved~~ April 15, 2013

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence hereby Endorse  
and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2013 S – 0699, An Act  
Relating to Criminal Offenses.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

  
PRES.  
  
CLERK

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

  
Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, Archambault, Felag, DiPalma, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-44-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-44 entitled "Trespass  
2   and Vandalism" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **11-44-1. Vandalism -- Obstruction of lawful pursuits.** -- (a) Every person who shall  
4   willfully and maliciously or mischievously injure or destroy or write upon, paint, or otherwise  
5   deface the property of another, or obstruct the use of the property of another, or obstruct another  
6   in the prosecution of his or her lawful business or pursuits, in any manner, the punishment of  
7   which is not specifically provided for by statute, shall, if any resulting property damage or  
8   diminution in value is less than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500), be guilty of a  
9   misdemeanor and shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and/or be  
10   imprisoned not exceeding one year, and shall be liable to make restitution for the injury or  
11   damage caused. If any resulting property damage or diminution in value is one thousand five  
12   hundred dollars (\$1500), or greater, the person shall be guilty of a felony and shall be fined not  
13   exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3000) and/or be imprisoned not exceeding three (3) years, and  
14   shall be liable to make restitution for the injury or damage caused. Every person convicted of a  
15   first offense under this section shall be required to perform up to one hundred (100) hours of  
16   public community restitution work, and for a second or subsequent conviction shall be required to  
17   perform up to two hundred (200) hours of public community restitution work. Provided, further  
18   that every person who shall willfully and maliciously or mischievously injure or destroy or write  
19   upon, paint or otherwise deface government property, or obstruct the use of that property, shall be

1   punished in accordance with this statute. Jurisdiction for matters involving government property  
2   shall be concurrent with the district court or the respective city or town police or municipal court.  
3           (b) Where the provisions of The Domestic Violence Prevention Act, chapter 29 of title  
4   12, are applicable, the penalties for violation of this section shall also include the penalties as  
5   provided in section 12-29-5.  
6           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would characterize as felonies acts of vandalism resulting in property damage or  
2   diminution of value at one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) or greater.  
3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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