

HOUSE BILL 626: Amend Prop Damage Offenses

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee: House Judiciary II

Introduced by: Rep. Reives **Analysis of:** PCS to First Edition

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SUMMARY: The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 626 would increase the criminal penalty for the willful and wanton injury to personal property or real property.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the PCS would increase the penalty for wantonly and willfully injuring the personal property of another as follows:

- For damage more than \$200, but \$5,000 or less Class 1 misdemeanor
- For damage more than \$5,000, but \$50,000 or less Class A1 misdemeanor
- For damage more than \$50,000 Class I felony

Section 2 of the PCS would increase the penalty for willfully and wantonly damaging, injuring, or destroying real property as follows:

- For damage \$200 or less Class 2 misdemeanor
- For damage more than \$200, but \$5,000 or less Class 1 misdemeanor
- For damage more than \$5,000, but \$50,000 or less Class A1 misdemeanor
- For damage more than \$50,000 Class I felony

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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