

1 AN ACT relating to criminal damage to rental property.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 512 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section:*

6 *(a) "Residential rental property" means any residential premises leased or*
7 *otherwise rented to tenants solely for residential purposes;*

8 *(b) "Tenant" means a person entitled under a lease or rental agreement to*
9 *occupy a dwelling unit to the exclusion of others; and*

10 *(c) "Lease or rental agreement" means all agreements, written or oral,*
11 *embodying the terms and conditions concerning the use and occupancy of a*
12 *dwelling unit and premises.*

13 *(2) A tenant who, having no right to do so or any reasonable ground to believe that*
14 *he or she has such right, intentionally or wantonly defaces, destroys, or damages*
15 *residential rental property may be charged with violating KRS 512.020, 512.030,*
16 *or 512.040 as appropriate to the pecuniary loss.*