



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 302

### HOUSE BILL NO. 482

By Representatives Boyd, Whitson, Howell, Sherrell, Davis, Towns, Travis, Lynn, Moody, Vital, Leatherwood, Ragan, Cepicky, Littleton, Brock Martin, Haston, Terry, White, Garrett, Williams, Tim Hicks

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 467

By Senators Rose, Bowling, Taylor

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14; Title 40 and Title 65, Chapter 35, relative to destruction of property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-411, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting:

(a) A person commits the offense of critical infrastructure vandalism who knowingly:

- (1) Interrupts or interferes with critical infrastructure or its operation;
- (2) Destroys or injures critical infrastructure; or
- (3) Destroys or injures a farm.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-411, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting:

(d)

(1) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) shall be punished as theft under § 39-14-103, and graded in accordance with § 39-14-105. However, if:

(A) The actual damages caused by the violation are in an amount less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), then the punishment for a violation of subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) must be no less than a Class E felony; and

(B) The actual damages caused by the violation are in an amount of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000), then the punishment for a violation of subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) must be no less than a Class C felony.

(2) A violation of subdivision (a)(3) shall be punished as theft under § 39-14-103, and graded in accordance with § 39-14-105. However, in no event shall punishment for a violation of subdivision (a)(3) be less than a Class E felony.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 13, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR