

New law creates the crime of criminal damage to historic buildings or landmarks by defacing with graffiti.

New law defines "deface", "defacing", "graffiti", and "historic building or landmark".

New law requires offenders to be fined up to \$1,000 and provides that offenders may be sentenced to imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than two years.

New law further provides that the court shall also order the offender to perform the following hours of community service as follows:

- (1) For a first conviction, not to exceed thirty-two hours over a period not to exceed 180 days.
- (2) For a second or subsequent conviction, sixty-four hours over a period not to exceed 180 days.

New law further provides that the fine and community service shall not be suspended.

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