



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 401

August 29, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives PENTERMAN, BEHNKE, BRILL, DITTRICH, GOEBEN, GUNDRUM, B. JACOBSON, KNODL, KREIBICH, MELOTIK, MURPHY and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE, CABRAL-GUEVARA, NASS and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 943.01 (2) (e) and 943.017 (2) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 damage or graffiti to certain historical property and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, it is a Class I felony to damage or graffiti certain vehicles, highways, common carrier property, grand juror property, and state-owned historical property. This bill makes it a Class I felony to damage or graffiti any structure, plaque, statue, painting, or other monument of commemorative or historical significance that is on public property or is maintained by the state or any county or municipality.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 943.01 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 943.01 (2) (e) The property damaged is on ~~state-owned~~ publicly owned land or
5 is maintained by the state or any county or municipality and either is listed on the

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1 registry under sub. (5) or is a structure, plaque, statue, painting, or other
2 monument of commemorative or historical significance.

3 **SECTION 2.** 943.017 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 943.017 (2) (e) The property affected is on ~~state-owned~~ publicly owned land or
5 is maintained by the state or any county or municipality and either is listed on the
6 registry under s. 943.01 or is a structure, plaque, statue, painting, or other
7 monument of commemorative or historical significance.

8 (END)