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SYNOPSIS

Increases penalties for purposely desecrating any public monument, insignia, symbol, or structure, or place of worship or burial.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning certain crimes and amending N.J.S.2C:33-9.

3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

6 1. N.J.S.2C:33-9 is amended to read as follows:

7 2C:33-9. Desecration of Venerated Objects. A person commits
8 a **[disorderly persons offense]** crime of the fourth degree if he
9 purposely desecrates any public monument, insignia, symbol, or
10 structure, or place of worship or burial. "Desecrate" means
11 defacing, damaging or polluting.
12 (cf. N.J.S.2C:33-9)

14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

17 STATEMENT

19 This bill would increase the penalties for purposely desecrating
20 any public monument, insignia, symbol, or structure, or place of
21 worship or burial from a disorderly persons offense to a crime of
22 the fourth degree. A fourth degree crime is punishable by up to 18
23 months imprisonment, up to a \$10,000 fine, or both. A disorderly
24 persons offense is punishable by up to six months imprisonment, up
25 to a \$1,000 fine, or both.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.