



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 506**

LCO No. 3092



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR INTENTIONAL  
DAMAGE TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-115 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the first degree when: (1)  
4 With intent to cause damage to tangible property of another and having  
5 no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so,  
6 such person damages tangible property of another in an amount  
7 exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars, or (2) with intent to cause  
8 (A) (i) damage to tangible property of another and having no reasonable  
9 ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, or (ii) an  
10 interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public, and  
11 [having] (B) with no reasonable ground to believe that such person has  
12 a right to do so, such person damages or tampers with tangible property  
13 of a utility or mode of public transportation, power or communication,  
14 and thereby causes an interruption or impairment of service rendered  
15 to the public, or (3) with intent to cause damage to any electronic

16 monitoring equipment owned or leased by the state or its agent and  
17 required as a condition of probation or conditional discharge pursuant  
18 to section 53a-30, as a condition of release pursuant to section 54-64a or  
19 as a condition of community release pursuant to section 18-100c, and  
20 having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to  
21 do so, such person damages such electronic monitoring equipment and  
22 thereby causes an interruption in its ability to function, or (4) with intent  
23 to cause (A) damage to tangible property of another and having no  
24 reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, or (B)  
25 an interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public and  
26 having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to  
27 do so, such person damages or tampers with [(A)] (i) any tangible  
28 property owned by the state, a municipality or a person for fire alarm or  
29 police alarm purposes, [(B)] (ii) any telecommunication system operated  
30 by the state police or a municipal police department, [(C)] (iii) any  
31 emergency medical or fire service dispatching system, [(D)] (iv) any fire  
32 suppression equipment owned by the state, a municipality, a person or  
33 a fire district, or [(E)] (v) any fire hydrant or hydrant system owned by  
34 the state or a municipality, a person, a fire district or a private water  
35 company, or (5) with intent to cause damage to tangible property owned  
36 by the state or a municipality that is located on public land and having  
37 no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so,  
38 such person damages such tangible property in an amount exceeding  
39 one thousand five hundred dollars.

40 (b) Criminal mischief in the first degree is a class D felony.

41 Sec. 2. Section 53a-116 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

43 (a) A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the second degree when:  
44 (1) With intent to cause damage to tangible property of another and  
45 having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to  
46 do so, such person damages tangible property of another in an amount  
47 exceeding two hundred fifty dollars; or (2) with intent to cause (A)  
48 damage to tangible property of another and having no reasonable

49 ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, or (B) an  
50 interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public and having  
51 no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so,  
52 such person damages or tampers with tangible property of a public  
53 utility or mode of public transportation, power or communication, and  
54 thereby causes a risk of interruption or impairment of service rendered  
55 to the public; or (3) with intent to cause damage to tangible property  
56 owned by the state or a municipality that is located on public land and  
57 having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to  
58 do so, such person damages such tangible property in an amount  
59 exceeding two hundred fifty dollars.

60 (b) Criminal mischief in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	53a-115
Sec. 2	October 1, 2026	53a-116

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*