STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 7, 2025

Introduced by Sen. WALCZYK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to criminal mischief in the third degree

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The opening paragraph and subdivision 2 of section 145.05 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 276 of the laws of 2003, are amended and a new subdivision 3 is added to read as follows:

A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the third degree when, with intent to damage property of another person, and having no right to do so nor any reasonable ground to believe that [~~he or she has~~] **they have** such right, [~~he or she~~] **such person**:

2. damages property of another person in an amount exceeding two hundred fifty dollars[~~.~~]**; or**

3. damages property of another person to promote or suppress a political ideology, or otherwise as an expression of political ideology.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ***italics*** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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