

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- 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 desecration of property commemorating a historical figure

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

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 145.75 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 145.75 Desecration of property commemorating a historical figure.

4 A person is guilty of desecration of property commemorating a histor-
5 ical figure when with intent to damage property of another person, and
6 having no right to do so nor any reasonable ground to believe that they
7 have such right, such person:

8 (a) damages any real or personal property, including but not limited
9 to any commemorative monument, marker or street sign, relating to any
10 person, living or dead, who has historical or cultural significance; or

11 (b) with intent to steal personal property, such person steals
12 personal property, including but not limited to any commemorative monu-
13 ment, marker or street sign, relating to any person, living or dead, who
14 has historical or cultural significance.

15 Desecration of property commemorating a historical figure is a class C
16 felony.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
18 ing 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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