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**A BILL**

To amend sections 9.06, 2909.03, and 2909.11 of the Revised Code to eliminate lack of the property owner's consent as an element of arson when the property is not an occupied structure and to make the consent of the owner of a structure that is not an occupied structure an affirmative defense, and to modify the provisions regarding the private operation and management of intensive program prisons.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 9.06, 2909.03, and 2909.11 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 9.06.** (A) (1) The department of rehabilitation and correction may contract for the private operation and management pursuant to this section of the initial intensive program prison

established pursuant to section 5120.033 of the Revised Code, if 15  
one or more intensive program prisons are established under that 16  
section, and may contract for the private operation and 17  
management of any other facility under this section. Counties 18  
and municipal corporations to the extent authorized in sections 19  
307.93, 341.35, 753.03, and 753.15 of the Revised Code may 20  
contract for the private operation and management of a facility 21  
under this section. A contract entered into under this section 22  
shall be for an initial term specified in the contract with an 23  
option to renew for additional periods of two years. 24

(2) The department of rehabilitation and correction, by 25  
rule, shall adopt minimum criteria and specifications that a 26  
person or entity, other than a person or entity that satisfies 27  
the criteria set forth in division (A) (3) (a) of this section and 28  
subject to division (I) of this section, must satisfy in order 29  
to apply to operate and manage as a contractor pursuant to this 30  
section the initial intensive program prison established 31  
pursuant to section 5120.033 of the Revised Code, if one or more 32  
intensive program prisons are established under that section. 33

(3) Subject to division (I) of this section, any person or 34  
entity that applies to operate and manage a facility as a 35  
contractor pursuant to this section shall satisfy one or more of 36  
the following criteria: 37

(a) The person or entity, at the time of the application, 38  
operates and manages one or more facilities accredited by the 39  
American correctional association. 40

(b) The person or entity satisfies all of the minimum 41  
criteria and specifications adopted by the department of 42  
rehabilitation and correction pursuant to division (A) (2) of 43  
this section, provided that this alternative shall be available 44

only in relation to the initial intensive program prison 45  
established pursuant to section 5120.033 of the Revised Code, if 46  
one or more intensive program prisons are established under that 47  
section. 48

(4) Subject to division (I) of this section, before a 49  
public entity may enter into a contract under this section, the 50  
contractor shall convincingly demonstrate to the public entity 51  
that it can operate the facility with the inmate capacity 52  
required by the public entity and provide the services required 53  
in this section and realize at least a five per cent savings 54  
over the projected cost to the public entity of providing these 55  
same services to operate the facility that is the subject of the 56  
contract. No out-of-state prisoners may be housed in any 57  
facility that is the subject of a contract entered into under 58  
this section, unless the contractor can convincingly demonstrate 59  
to the director of rehabilitation and correction that all out- 60  
of-state prisoners will be functionally segregated from inmates 61  
from this state at all times. 62

(B) Subject to division (I) of this section, any contract 63  
entered into under this section shall include all of the 64  
following: 65

(1) A requirement that, if the contractor applied pursuant 66  
to division (A) (3) (b) of this section, the contractor continue 67  
complying with the applicable criteria and specifications 68  
adopted by the department of rehabilitation and correction 69  
pursuant to division (A) (2) of this section; 70

(2) A requirement that all of the following conditions be 71  
met: 72

(a) The contractor begins the process of accrediting the 73

facility with the American correctional association no later 74  
than sixty days after the facility receives its first inmate. 75

(b) The contractor receives accreditation of the facility 76  
within twelve months after the date the contractor applies to 77  
the American correctional association for accreditation. 78

(c) Once the accreditation is received, the contractor 79  
maintains it for the duration of the contract term. 80

(d) If the contractor does not comply with divisions (B) 81  
(2) (a) to (c) of this section, the contractor is in violation of 82  
the contract, and the public entity may revoke the contract at 83  
its discretion. 84

(3) A requirement that the contractor comply with all 85  
rules promulgated by the department of rehabilitation and 86  
correction that apply to the operation and management of 87  
correctional facilities, including the minimum standards for 88  
jails in Ohio and policies regarding the use of force and the 89  
use of deadly force, although the public entity may require more 90  
stringent standards, and comply with any applicable laws, rules, 91  
or regulations of the federal, state, and local governments, 92  
including, but not limited to, sanitation, food service, safety, 93  
and health regulations. The contractor shall be required to send 94  
copies of reports of inspections completed by the appropriate 95  
authorities regarding compliance with rules and regulations to 96  
the director of rehabilitation and correction or the director's 97  
designee and, if contracting with a local public entity, to the 98  
governing authority of that entity. 99

(4) A requirement that the contractor report for 100  
investigation all crimes in connection with the facility to the 101  
public entity, to all local law enforcement agencies with 102

jurisdiction over the place at which the facility is located, 103  
and, for a crime committed at a state correctional institution, 104  
to the state highway patrol; 105

(5) A requirement that the contractor immediately report 106  
all escapes from the facility, and the apprehension of all 107  
escapees, by telephone and in writing to all local law 108  
enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over the place at which 109  
the facility is located, to the prosecuting attorney of the 110  
county in which the facility is located, to the state highway 111  
patrol, to a daily newspaper having general circulation in the 112  
county in which the facility is located, and, if the facility is 113  
a state correctional institution, to the department of 114  
rehabilitation and correction. The written notice may be by 115  
either facsimile transmission or mail. A failure to comply with 116  
this requirement regarding an escape is a violation of section 117  
2921.22 of the Revised Code. 118

(6) A requirement that, if the facility is a state 119  
correctional institution, the contractor provide a written 120  
report within specified time limits to the director of 121  
rehabilitation and correction or the director's designee of all 122  
unusual incidents at the facility as defined in rules 123  
promulgated by the department of rehabilitation and correction 124  
or, if the facility is a local correctional institution, that 125  
the contractor provide a written report of all unusual incidents 126  
at the facility to the governing authority of the local public 127  
entity; 128

(7) A requirement that the contractor maintain proper 129  
control of inmates' personal funds pursuant to rules promulgated 130  
by the department of rehabilitation and correction for state 131  
correctional institutions or pursuant to the minimum standards 132

for jails along with any additional standards established by the 133  
local public entity for local correctional institutions and that 134  
records pertaining to these funds be made available to 135  
representatives of the public entity for review or audit; 136

(8) A requirement that the contractor prepare and 137  
distribute to the director of rehabilitation and correction or, 138  
if contracting with a local public entity, to the governing 139  
authority of the local entity annual budget income and 140  
expenditure statements and funding source financial reports; 141

(9) A requirement that the public entity appoint and 142  
supervise a full-time contract monitor, that the contractor 143  
provide suitable office space for the contract monitor at the 144  
facility, and that the contractor allow the contract monitor 145  
unrestricted access to all parts of the facility and all records 146  
of the facility except the contractor's financial records; 147

(10) A requirement that if the facility is a state 148  
correctional institution designated department of rehabilitation 149  
and correction staff members be allowed access to the facility 150  
in accordance with rules promulgated by the department; 151

(11) A requirement that the contractor provide internal 152  
and perimeter security as agreed upon in the contract; 153

(12) If the facility is a state correctional institution, 154  
a requirement that the contractor impose discipline on inmates 155  
housed in the facility only in accordance with rules promulgated 156  
by the department of rehabilitation and correction; 157

(13) A requirement that the facility be staffed at all 158  
times with a staffing pattern approved by the public entity and 159  
adequate both to ensure supervision of inmates and maintenance 160  
of security within the facility and to provide for programs, 161

transportation, security, and other operational needs. In 162  
determining security needs, the contractor shall be required to 163  
consider, among other things, the proximity of the facility to 164  
neighborhoods and schools. 165

(14) If the contract is with a local public entity, a 166  
requirement that the contractor provide services and programs, 167  
consistent with the minimum standards for jails promulgated by 168  
the department of rehabilitation and correction under section 169  
5120.10 of the Revised Code; 170

(15) A clear statement that no immunity from liability 171  
granted to the state, and no immunity from liability granted to 172  
political subdivisions under Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code, 173  
shall extend to the contractor or any of the contractor's 174  
employees; 175

(16) A statement that all documents and records relevant 176  
to the facility shall be maintained in the same manner required 177  
for, and subject to the same laws, rules, and regulations as 178  
apply to, the records of the public entity; 179

(17) Authorization for the public entity to impose a fine 180  
on the contractor from a schedule of fines included in the 181  
contract for the contractor's failure to perform its contractual 182  
duties or to cancel the contract, as the public entity considers 183  
appropriate. If a fine is imposed, the public entity may reduce 184  
the payment owed to the contractor pursuant to any invoice in 185  
the amount of the imposed fine. 186

(18) A statement that all services provided or goods 187  
produced at the facility shall be subject to the same 188  
regulations, and the same distribution limitations, as apply to 189  
goods and services produced at other correctional institutions; 190

(19) If the facility is a state correctional institution, 191  
authorization for the department to establish one or more prison 192  
industries at the facility; 193

(20) A requirement that, if the facility is an intensive 194  
program prison established pursuant to section 5120.033 of the 195  
Revised Code, the facility shall comply with all criteria for 196  
intensive program prisons of that type that are set forth in 197  
that section; 198

(21) If the facility is a state correctional institution, 199  
a requirement that the contractor provide clothing for all 200  
inmates housed in the facility that is conspicuous in its color, 201  
style, or color and style, that conspicuously identifies its 202  
wearer as an inmate, and that is readily distinguishable from 203  
clothing of a nature that normally is worn outside the facility 204  
by non-inmates, that the contractor require all inmates housed 205  
in the facility to wear the clothing so provided, and that the 206  
contractor not permit any inmate, while inside or on the 207  
premises of the facility or while being transported to or from 208  
the facility, to wear any clothing of a nature that does not 209  
conspicuously identify its wearer as an inmate and that normally 210  
is worn outside the facility by non-inmates. 211

(C) No contract entered into under this section may 212  
require, authorize, or imply a delegation of the authority or 213  
responsibility of the public entity to a contractor for any of 214  
the following: 215

(1) Developing or implementing procedures for calculating 216  
inmate release and parole eligibility dates and recommending the 217  
granting or denying of parole, although the contractor may 218  
submit written reports that have been prepared in the ordinary 219  
course of business; 220

(2) Developing or implementing procedures for calculating	221
and awarding earned credits, approving the type of work inmates	222
may perform and the wage or earned credits, if any, that may be	223
awarded to inmates engaging in that work, and granting, denying,	224
or revoking earned credits;	225
(3) For inmates serving a term imposed for a felony	226
offense committed prior to July 1, 1996, or for a misdemeanor	227
offense, developing or implementing procedures for calculating	228
and awarding good time, approving the good time, if any, that	229
may be awarded to inmates engaging in work, and granting,	230
denying, or revoking good time;	231
(4) Classifying an inmate or placing an inmate in a more	232
or a less restrictive custody than the custody ordered by the	233
public entity;	234
(5) Approving inmates for work release;	235
(6) Contracting for local or long distance telephone	236
services for inmates or receiving commissions from those	237
services at a facility that is owned by or operated under a	238
contract with the department.	239
(D) A contractor that has been approved to operate a	240
facility under this section, and a person or entity that enters	241
into a contract for specialized services, as described in	242
division (I) of this section, relative to an intensive program	243
prison established pursuant to section 5120.033 of the Revised	244
Code to be operated by a contractor that has been approved to	245
operate the prison under this section, shall provide an adequate	246
policy of insurance specifically including, but not limited to,	247
insurance for civil rights claims as determined by a risk	248
management or actuarial firm with demonstrated experience in	249

public liability for state governments. The insurance policy 250  
shall provide that the state, including all state agencies, and 251  
all political subdivisions of the state with jurisdiction over 252  
the facility or in which a facility is located are named as 253  
insured, and that the state and its political subdivisions shall 254  
be sent any notice of cancellation. The contractor may not self- 255  
insure. 256

A contractor that has been approved to operate a facility 257  
under this section, and a person or entity that enters into a 258  
contract for specialized services, as described in division (I) 259  
of this section, relative to an intensive program prison 260  
established pursuant to section 5120.033 of the Revised Code to 261  
be operated by a contractor that has been approved to operate 262  
the prison under this section, shall indemnify and hold harmless 263  
the state, its officers, agents, and employees, and any local 264  
government entity in the state having jurisdiction over the 265  
facility or ownership of the facility, shall reimburse the state 266  
for its costs in defending the state or any of its officers, 267  
agents, or employees, and shall reimburse any local government 268  
entity of that nature for its costs in defending the local 269  
government entity, from all of the following: 270

(1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by the 271  
contractor, person, or entity performing or supplying services 272  
in connection with the performance of the contract; 273

(2) Any failure of the contractor, person, or entity or 274  
its officers or employees to adhere to the laws, rules, 275  
regulations, or terms agreed to in the contract; 276

(3) Any constitutional, federal, state, or civil rights 277  
claim brought against the state related to the facility operated 278  
and managed by the contractor; 279

(4) Any claims, losses, demands, or causes of action	280
arising out of the contractor's, person's, or entity's	281
activities in this state;	282
(5) Any attorney's fees or court costs arising from any	283
habeas corpus actions or other inmate suits that may arise from	284
any event that occurred at the facility or was a result of such	285
an event, or arise over the conditions, management, or operation	286
of the facility, which fees and costs shall include, but not be	287
limited to, attorney's fees for the state's representation and	288
for any court-appointed representation of any inmate, and the	289
costs of any special judge who may be appointed to hear those	290
actions or suits.	291
(E) Private correctional officers of a contractor	292
operating and managing a facility pursuant to a contract entered	293
into under this section may carry and use firearms in the course	294
of their employment only after being certified as satisfactorily	295
completing an approved training program as described in division	296
(A) of section 109.78 of the Revised Code.	297
(F) Upon notification by the contractor of an escape from,	298
or of a disturbance at, the facility that is the subject of a	299
contract entered into under this section, the department of	300
rehabilitation and correction and state and local law	301
enforcement agencies shall use all reasonable means to recapture	302
escapees or quell any disturbance. Any cost incurred by the	303
state or its political subdivisions relating to the apprehension	304
of an escapee or the quelling of a disturbance at the facility	305
shall be chargeable to and borne by the contractor. The	306
contractor shall also reimburse the state or its political	307
subdivisions for all reasonable costs incurred relating to the	308
temporary detention of the escapee following recapture.	309

(G) Any offense that would be a crime if committed at a 310  
state correctional institution or jail, workhouse, prison, or 311  
other correctional facility shall be a crime if committed by or 312  
with regard to inmates at facilities operated pursuant to a 313  
contract entered into under this section. 314

(H) A contractor operating and managing a facility 315  
pursuant to a contract entered into under this section shall pay 316  
any inmate workers at the facility at the rate approved by the 317  
public entity. Inmates working at the facility shall not be 318  
considered employees of the contractor. 319

(I) In contracting for the private operation and 320  
management pursuant to division (A) of this section of any 321  
intensive program prison established pursuant to section 322  
5120.033 of the Revised Code, the department of rehabilitation 323  
and correction may enter into a contract with a contractor for 324  
the general operation and management of the prison and may enter 325  
into one or more separate contracts with other persons or 326  
entities for the provision of specialized services for persons 327  
confined in the prison, including, but not limited to, security 328  
or training services or medical, counseling, educational, or 329  
similar treatment programs. If, pursuant to this division, the 330  
department enters into a contract with a contractor for the 331  
general operation and management of the prison and also enters 332  
into one or more specialized service contracts with other 333  
persons or entities, all of the following apply: 334

(1) The contract for the general operation and management 335  
shall comply with all requirements and criteria set forth in 336  
this section, and all provisions of this section apply in 337  
relation to the prison operated and managed pursuant to the 338  
contract. 339

(2) Divisions (A) (2), (B), and (C) of this section do not 340  
apply in relation to any specialized services contract, except 341  
to the extent that the provisions of those divisions clearly are 342  
relevant to the specialized services to be provided under the 343  
specialized services contract. Division (D) of this section 344  
applies in relation to each specialized services contract. 345

(J) If, on or after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 346  
June 30, 2011, a contractor enters into a contract with the 347  
department of rehabilitation and correction under this section 348  
for the operation and management of any facility described in 349  
Section 753.10 of the act in which this amendment was adopted, 350  
if the contract provides for the sale of the facility to the 351  
contractor, if the facility is sold to the contractor subsequent 352  
to the execution of the contract, and if the contractor is 353  
privately operating and managing the facility, notwithstanding 354  
the contractor's private operation and management of the 355  
facility, all of the following apply: 356

(1) Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this 357  
section, the facility being privately operated and managed by 358  
the contractor shall be considered for purposes of the Revised 359  
Code as being under the control of, or under the jurisdiction 360  
of, the department of rehabilitation and correction. 361

(2) Any reference in this section to "state correctional 362  
institution," any reference in Chapter 2967. of the Revised Code 363  
to "state correctional institution," other than the definition 364  
of that term set forth in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code, 365  
or to "prison," and any reference in Chapter 2929., 5120., 366  
5145., 5147., or 5149. or any other provision of the Revised 367  
Code to "state correctional institution" or "prison" shall be 368  
considered to include a reference to the facility being 369

privately operated and managed by the contractor, unless the 370  
context makes the inclusion of that facility clearly 371  
inapplicable. 372

(3) Upon the sale and conveyance of the facility, the 373  
facility shall be returned to the tax list and duplicate 374  
maintained by the county auditor, and the facility shall be 375  
subject to all real property taxes and assessments. No exemption 376  
from real property taxation pursuant to Chapter 5709. of the 377  
Revised Code shall apply to the facility conveyed. The gross 378  
receipts and income of the contractor to whom the facility is 379  
conveyed that are derived from operating and managing the 380  
facility under this section shall be subject to gross receipts 381  
and income taxes levied by the state and its subdivisions, 382  
including the taxes levied pursuant to Chapters 718., 5747., 383  
5748., and 5751. of the Revised Code. Unless exempted under 384  
another section of the Revised Code, transactions involving a 385  
contractor as a consumer or purchaser are subject to any tax 386  
levied under Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code. 387

(4) After the sale and conveyance of the facility, all of 388  
the following apply: 389

(a) Before the contractor may resell or otherwise transfer 390  
the facility and the real property on which it is situated, any 391  
surrounding land that also was transferred under the contract, 392  
or both the facility and real property on which it is situated 393  
plus the surrounding land that was transferred under the 394  
contract, the contractor first must offer the state the 395  
opportunity to repurchase the facility, real property, and 396  
surrounding land that is to be resold or transferred and must 397  
sell the facility, real property, and surrounding land to the 398  
state if the state so desires, pursuant to and in accordance 399

with the repurchase clause included in the contract. 400

(b) Upon the default by the contractor of any financial 401  
agreement for the purchase of the facility and the real property 402  
on which it is situated, any surrounding land that also was 403  
transferred under the contract, or both the facility and real 404  
property on which it is situated plus the surrounding land that 405  
was transferred under the contract, upon the default by the 406  
contractor of any other term in the contract, or upon the 407  
financial insolvency of the contractor or inability of the 408  
contractor to meet its contractual obligations, the state may 409  
repurchase the facility, real property, and surrounding land, if 410  
the state so desires, pursuant to and in accordance with the 411  
repurchase clause included in the contract. 412

(c) If the contract entered into under this section for 413  
the operation and management of a state correctional institution 414  
is terminated, both of the following apply: 415

(i) The operation and management responsibilities of the 416  
state correctional institution shall be transferred to another 417  
contractor under the same terms and conditions as applied to the 418  
original contractor or to the department of rehabilitation and 419  
correction. 420

(ii) The department of rehabilitation and correction or 421  
the new contractor, whichever is applicable, may enter into an 422  
agreement with the terminated contractor to purchase the 423  
terminated contractor's equipment, supplies, furnishings, and 424  
consumables. 425

(K) Any action asserting that section 9.06 of the Revised 426  
Code or ~~section~~ Section 753.10 of the act in which this 427  
amendment was adopted violates any provision of the Ohio 428

~~constitution~~ Constitution and any claim asserting that any 429  
action taken by the governor or the department of administrative 430  
services or the department of rehabilitation and correction 431  
pursuant to section 9.06 of the Revised Code or ~~section~~ Section 432  
753.10 of the act in which this amendment was adopted violates 433  
any provision of the Ohio ~~constitution~~ Constitution or any 434  
provision of the Revised Code shall be brought in the court of 435  
common pleas of Franklin county. The court shall give any action 436  
filed pursuant to this division priority over all other civil 437  
cases pending on its docket and expeditiously make a 438  
determination on the claim. If an appeal is taken from any final 439  
order issued in a case brought pursuant to this division, the 440  
court of appeals shall give the case priority over all other 441  
civil cases pending on its docket and expeditiously make a 442  
determination on the appeal. 443

(L) If, on or after the effective date of this amendment, 444  
the department of rehabilitation and correction enters into a 445  
contract with an owner, operator, or manager of a facility 446  
described in division (M) (5) (c) of this section for the housing 447  
of inmates, all of the following apply: 448

(1) Except as expressly provided to the contrary under 449  
this section, the facility that is privately owned, operated, or 450  
managed by the contractor shall be considered for purposes of 451  
the Revised Code to be under the control of, or under the 452  
jurisdiction of, the department of rehabilitation and 453  
correction. 454

(2) Any reference in this section to "state correctional 455  
institution," any reference in Chapter 2967. of the Revised Code 456  
to "state correctional institution," other than the definition 457  
of that term set forth in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code, 458

or to "prison," and any reference in Chapter 2929., 5120., 459  
5145., 5147., or 5149. or any other provision of the Revised 460  
Code to "state correctional institution" or "prison" shall be 461  
considered to include a reference to the facility being 462  
privately owned, operated, or managed by the contractor, unless 463  
the context makes the inclusion of that facility clearly 464  
inapplicable. 465

(M) As used in this section: 466

(1) "Public entity" means the department of rehabilitation 467  
and correction, or a county or municipal corporation or a 468  
combination of counties and municipal corporations, that has 469  
jurisdiction over a facility that is the subject of a contract 470  
entered into under this section. 471

(2) "Local public entity" means a county or municipal 472  
corporation, or a combination of counties and municipal 473  
corporations, that has jurisdiction over a jail, workhouse, or 474  
other correctional facility used only for misdemeanants that is 475  
the subject of a contract entered into under this section. 476

(3) "Governing authority of a local public entity" means, 477  
for a county, the board of county commissioners; for a municipal 478  
corporation, the legislative authority; for a combination of 479  
counties and municipal corporations, all the boards of county 480  
commissioners and municipal legislative authorities that joined 481  
to create the facility. 482

(4) "Contractor" means a person or entity that enters into 483  
a contract under this section to operate and manage a jail, 484  
workhouse, or other correctional facility. 485

(5) "Facility" means any of the following: 486

(a) The specific county, multicounty, municipal, 487

municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail, workhouse, 488  
prison, or other type of correctional institution or facility 489  
used only for misdemeanants that is the subject of a contract 490  
entered into under this section; 491

(b) Any state correctional institution that is the subject 492  
of a contract entered into under this section, including any 493  
facility described in Section 753.10 of the act in which this 494  
amendment was adopted at any time prior to or after any sale to 495  
a contractor of the state's right, title, and interest in the 496  
facility, the land situated thereon, and specified surrounding 497  
land; 498

(c) Any other correctional institution located in this 499  
state that is owned, operated, or managed by a person or entity 500  
that meets the criteria established in division (A) (3) (a) of 501  
this section. 502

(6) "Person or entity" in the case of a contract for the 503  
private operation and management of a state correctional 504  
institution, includes an employee organization, as defined in 505  
section 4117.01 of the Revised Code, that represents employees 506  
at state correctional institutions. 507

**Sec. 2909.03.** (A) No person, by means of fire or 508  
explosion, shall knowingly do any of the following: 509

(1) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm 510  
to any property of another without the other person's consent; 511

(2) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm 512  
to any property of the offender or another, with purpose to 513  
defraud; 514

(3) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm 515  
to the statehouse or a courthouse, school building, or other 516

building or structure that is owned or controlled by the state, 517  
any political subdivision, or any department, agency, or 518  
instrumentality of the state or a political subdivision, and 519  
that is used for public purposes; 520

(4) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm, 521  
through the offer or the acceptance of an agreement for hire or 522  
other consideration, to any property of another without the 523  
other person's consent or to any property of the offender or 524  
another with purpose to defraud; 525

(5) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm 526  
to any park, preserve, wildlands, brush-covered land, cut-over 527  
land, forest, timberland, greenlands, woods, or similar real 528  
property that is owned or controlled by another person, the 529  
state, or a political subdivision without the consent of the 530  
other person, the state, or the political subdivision; 531

(6) With purpose to defraud, cause, or create a 532  
substantial risk of, physical harm to any park, preserve, 533  
wildlands, brush-covered land, cut-over land, forest, 534  
timberland, greenlands, woods, or similar real property that is 535  
owned or controlled by the offender, another person, the state, 536  
or a political subdivision. 537

(B) No person, by means of fire or explosion, shall 538  
knowingly do any of the following: 539

(1) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm 540  
to any structure of another that is not an occupied structure; 541

(2) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm, 542  
through the offer or the acceptance of an agreement for hire or 543  
other consideration, to any structure of another that is not an 544  
occupied structure; 545

(3) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm 546  
to any structure that is not an occupied structure and that is 547  
in or on any park, preserve, wildlands, brush-covered land, cut- 548  
over land, forest, timberland, greenlands, woods, or similar 549  
real property that is owned or controlled by another person, the 550  
state, or a political subdivision. 551

(C) (1) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under 552  
division (B) (1) or (2) of this section that the defendant acted 553  
with the consent of the other person. 554

(2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under 555  
division (B) (3) of this section that the defendant acted with 556  
the consent of the other person, the state, or the political 557  
subdivision. 558

(D) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of arson. 559

(2) A violation of division (A) (1) or (B) (1) of this 560  
section is one of the following: 561

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(B)~~ (D) (2) (b) 562  
of this section, a misdemeanor of the first degree; 563

(b) If the value of the property or the amount of the 564  
physical harm involved is one thousand dollars or more, a felony 565  
of the fourth degree. 566

(3) A violation of division (A) (2), (3), (5), or (6) or 567  
(B) (3) of this section is a felony of the fourth degree. 568

(4) A violation of division (A) (4) or (B) (2) of this 569  
section is a felony of the third degree. 570

**Sec. 2909.11.** (A) When a person is charged with a 571  
violation of division (A) (1) or (B) (1) of section 2909.03 of the 572  
Revised Code involving property value or an amount of physical 573

harm of one thousand dollars or more or with a violation of 574  
section 2909.05 of the Revised Code involving property value or 575  
an amount of physical harm of one thousand dollars or more, the 576  
jury or court trying the accused shall determine the value of 577  
the property or amount of physical harm and, if a guilty verdict 578  
is returned, shall return the finding as part of the verdict. In 579  
any such case, it is unnecessary to find or return the exact 580  
value or amount of physical harm, section 2945.75 of the Revised 581  
Code applies, and it is sufficient if either of the following 582  
applies, as appropriate, relative to the finding and return of 583  
the value or amount of physical harm: 584

(1) If the finding and return relate to a violation of 585  
division (A) (1) or (B) (1) of section 2909.03 of the Revised Code 586  
and are that the value or amount of the physical harm was one 587  
thousand dollars or more, the finding and return shall include a 588  
statement that the value or amount was one thousand dollars or 589  
more. 590

(2) If the finding and return relate to a violation of 591  
section 2909.05 of the Revised Code and are that the value or 592  
amount of the physical harm was in any of the following 593  
categories, the finding and return shall include one of the 594  
following statements, as appropriate: 595

(a) If the finding and return are that the value or amount 596  
was one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, a statement that 597  
the value or amount was one hundred fifty thousand dollars or 598  
more; 599

(b) If the finding and return are that the value or amount 600  
was seven thousand five hundred dollars or more but less than 601  
one hundred fifty thousand dollars a statement that the value or 602  
amount was seven thousand five hundred dollars or more but less 603

than one hundred fifty thousand dollars; 604

(c) If the finding and return are that the value or amount 605  
was one thousand dollars or more but less than seven thousand 606  
five hundred dollars, a statement that the value or amount was 607  
one thousand dollars or more but less than seven thousand five 608  
hundred dollars. 609

(B) The following criteria shall be used in determining 610  
the value of property or amount of physical harm involved in a 611  
violation of division (A) (1) or (B) (1) of section 2909.03 or 612  
section 2909.05 of the Revised Code: 613

(1) If the property is an heirloom, memento, collector's 614  
item, antique, museum piece, manuscript, document, record, or 615  
other thing that is either irreplaceable or is replaceable only 616  
on the expenditure of substantial time, effort, or money, the 617  
value of the property or the amount of physical harm involved is 618  
the amount that would compensate the owner for its loss. 619

(2) If the property is not covered under division (B) (1) 620  
of this section and the physical harm is such that the property 621  
can be restored substantially to its former condition, the 622  
amount of physical harm involved is the reasonable cost of 623  
restoring the property. 624

(3) If the property is not covered under division (B) (1) 625  
of this section and the physical harm is such that the property 626  
cannot be restored substantially to its former condition, the 627  
value of the property, in the case of personal property, is the 628  
cost of replacing the property with new property of like kind 629  
and quality, and, in the case of real property or real property 630  
fixtures, is the difference in the fair market value of the 631  
property immediately before and immediately after the offense. 632

(C) As used in this section, "fair market value" has the 633  
same meaning as in section 2913.61 of the Revised Code. 634

(D) Prima-facie evidence of the value of property, as 635  
provided in division (E) of section 2913.61 of the Revised Code, 636  
may be used to establish the value of property pursuant to this 637  
section. 638

**Section 2.** That existing sections 9.06, 2909.03, and 639  
2909.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 640