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Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

- Prohibits a person from purposely removing any item or adornment from any tomb, monument, gravestone, or similar structure that is used as a memorial for the dead.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Vandalism – memorial for the dead

The bill expands the offense of "vandalism" to prohibit a person, without privilege to do so, from purposely removing any item or adornment from any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other similar structure that is used as a memorial for the dead. Any item or adornment left at or placed on or by any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other similar structure that is used as a memorial for the dead is not considered abandoned property.[1]

The bill applies the existing law penalties to the offense. The penalty is generally a fifth degree felony with up to a $2,500 fine. If the value of the property or the amount of physical harm involved is $7,500 or more but less than $150,000, the penalty is a fourth degree felony. If the value of the property or the amount of physical harm involved is $150,000 or more, the penalty is a third degree felony.[2]

[1] R.C. 2909.05(C)(2).

[2] R.C. 2909.05(E).

HISTORY

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