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HOUSE BILL No. 663

(By Mr. Jones, of Koane)

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[Passed March 8, 1969; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirty, article three, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the taking and carrying away, destroying, injuring or defacing of any property or the breaking down, destroying, injuring, defacing or removing of any boundary monument or boundary tree; providing criminal penalties; and granting jurisdiction of such offenses to justices of the peace.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section thirty, article three, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows: Enr. H. B. No. 663] 2

ARTICLE 3. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY.

§61-3-30. Removal, injury to or destruction of property, or monuments designating land boundaries; penalties.

1 If any person unlawfully, but not feloniously, take and 2 carry away, or destroy, injure or deface any property, 3 real or personal, not his own, he shall be guilty of a 4 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced 5 to a fine in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars. 6 or confinement in the county jail for a period not to 7 exceed one year, or both such fine and confinement, in 8 the discretion of the court.

9 And if any person shall break down, destroy, injure, deface or remove any monument erected for the purpose 10 of designating the boundaries of a municipality, tract or 11 lot of land, or any tree marked for that purpose, he shall 12 be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall 13 be sentenced to a fine in an amount of not less than twenty 14 15 dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, or confinement in the county jail for a period of not less than one 16 nor more than six months, or both such fine and con-17

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18 finement, in the discretion of the court. Justices of the19 peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction of all offenses20 arising under the provisions of this section.

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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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