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SYNOPSIS

Makes desecration of a military monument a crime of the third degree.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning desecration of venerated objects and amending
2 N.J.S.2C:33-9.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. N.J.S.2C:33-9 is amended to read as follows:

8 2C:33-9. Desecration of Venerated Objects. A person commits a
9 disorderly persons offense if he purposely desecrates any public
10 monument, insignia, symbol, or structure, or place of worship or
11 burial.

12 A person commits a crime of the third degree if he purposely
13 desecrates a military monument.

14 "Desecrate" means defacing, damaging or polluting.

15 "Military monument" means any monument that was erected
16 with the intent to honor a current or former member or members of
17 the armed forces or to mark or commemorate a past military action
18 or battle.

19 (cf: N.J.S.2C:33-9)

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill makes purposely desecrating a military monument a
27 crime of the third degree. As used in the bill, the term "military
28 monument" means any monument that was erected with the intent
29 to honor a current or former member or members of the armed
30 forces or to mark or commemorate a past military action or battle.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.