

**CHAPTER 99**  
**PENALTIES FOR CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**  
*S.F. 76*

**AN ACT** relating to the penalties for criminal mischief.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 716.5, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

Criminal mischief is criminal mischief in the third degree if the cost of replacing, repairing, or restoring the property so damaged, defaced, altered, or destroyed exceeds ~~one~~ two hundred dollars, but does not exceed five hundred dollars, or if the property is a deed, will, commercial paper or any civil or criminal process or other instrument having legal effect, or if the act consists of rendering substantially less effective than before any light, signal, obstruction, barricade, or guard which has been placed or erected for the purpose of enclosing any unsafe or dangerous place or of alerting persons to an unsafe or dangerous condition. Criminal mischief in the third degree is an aggravated misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. Section 716.6, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

716.6 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IN THE FOURTH DEGREE AND FIFTH DEGREES. Criminal mischief is criminal mischief in the fourth degree if the cost of replacing, repairing, or restoring the property so damaged, defaced, altered, or destroyed exceeds one hundred dollars, but does not exceed two hundred dollars. Criminal mischief in the fourth degree is a serious misdemeanor. All criminal mischief which is not criminal mischief in the first degree, second degree, ~~or~~ third degree, or fourth degree is criminal mischief in the ~~fourth~~ fifth degree. Criminal mischief in the ~~fourth~~ fifth degree is a simple misdemeanor.

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