

**318.6 Public nuisance.**

1. Any person who places, or causes to be placed, any obstruction in a highway right-of-way as prohibited under [section 318.3](#) is deemed to have created a public nuisance punishable as provided in [chapter 657](#).

2. If a person is found guilty of placing an obstruction within a highway right-of-way, the court may, in addition to any fine imposed, or judgment for damages or costs for which a separate execution may issue, order that the obstruction be abated or removed at the expense of the defendant. The costs for abatement or removal of the obstruction may be entered as a personal judgment against the defendant or assessed against the property where the obstruction occurred, or both.

[2006 Acts, ch 1097, §6](#)