

AN ACT relating to the protection of venerated objects.

***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. KRS 525.110 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A person is guilty of desecration of venerated objects in the second degree when he intentionally:
  - (a) Desecrates any public monument or object or place of worship; or
  - (b) Desecrates in a public place the national or state flag or other patriotic or religious symbol which is an object of veneration by the public or a substantial segment thereof.
- (2) Desecration of venerated objects in the second degree is a Class A misdemeanor.
- (3) If a national or state flag is in the process of being burned and that flag becomes abandoned property, a person may use reasonable efforts to extinguish the abandoned burning flag.***
- (4) Engaging in conduct authorized by subsection (3) of this section shall not constitute a breach of the peace or a violation of any offense contained in KRS Chapter 525.***