

(b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or [to] imprisonment for not more than 10 years or both.

[(c) In a prosecution for a violation of this section, a verbal threat shall be corroborated by a third person.]

COMMITTEE NOTE: The changes in subsections (a) and (b) are stylistic. See Committee Note for § 5 on the definition of "structure".

The Committee recommended that the corroboration requirement in subsection (c) be stricken. Other verbal types of crimes (e.g., assault, conspiracy, attempted bribery) do not require third party corroboration. Further, other "threat offenses" in the Code, such as threats against public officials in Article 27, § 561A, threatening verbally in Article 27, § 562, and the other extortion offenses in the "Threats and Threatening Letters" subheading of Article 27, do not require corroboration of this type. In the alternative, if the legislature wishes to require corroboration of some type, the Committee recommends that the subsection read: "A person may not be convicted under this section solely on the uncorroborated testimony of the threatened person."

[9.

Any person who wilfully and with intent to injure or defraud the insurer sets fire to or burns or causes to be burned or who aids, counsels or procures the burning of any goods, wares, merchandise or other chattels or personal property of any kind, whether the property of himself or of another, which shall at the time be insured by any person or corporation against loss or damage by fire, shall upon conviction thereof be sentenced to the penitentiary for not more than five (5) years.]

COMMITTEE NOTE: See Committee Note to § 8.

9A.

(a) A person may not willfully and maliciously set fire to [, burn,] OR BURN [or attempt to burn] the contents of any dumpster or any other trash container or receptacle belonging to another person.

(b) A person [convicted of violating] WHO VIOLATES this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and ON CONVICTION is subject to [be fined up to] A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 or [imprisoned for a period up to] IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 days [, or] OR both [fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court].

COMMITTEE NOTE: The changes to this section are primarily stylistic. See note to current § 10 on the repeal of the attempt provisions.