

(2) "CITATION" MEANS A WRITTEN CHARGING DOCUMENT, OTHER THAN AN INDICTMENT, AN INFORMATION, OR A STATEMENT OF CHARGES, ALLEGING THAT A DEFENDANT HAS COMMITTED AN OFFENSE, ISSUED TO A DEFENDANT BY A ~~PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ISSUE CITATIONS~~ POLICE OFFICER.

(3) "POLICE OFFICER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 594B OF THIS SUBHEADING.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE ALLOWING AN OFFENSE TO BE CHARGED BY CITATION, THE FOLLOWING OFFENSES MAY BE CHARGED BY CITATION:

(1) MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY VALUED UNDER \$300 UNDER § 111(B) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) DISTURBING THE PEACE UNDER § 122 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(3) DISORDERLY CONDUCT UNDER § 123 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(4) MISDEMEANOR THEFT, AS DEFINED UNDER § 342(F)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(5) ~~ASSAULT; OR~~

(6) ~~BATTERY.~~

(C) ~~A PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A CITATION~~ POLICE OFFICER MAY CHARGE A DEFENDANT ~~OF~~ WITH AN OFFENSE SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION BY CITATION IF:

(1) THE DEFENDANT FURNISHES SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY; AND

(2) ~~THE ISSUER OF THE CITATION~~ POLICE OFFICER HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENDANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

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