

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

SSB 5671

Title: An act relating to anarchy and sabotage.

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to anarchy and sabotage.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Fairley, Johnson and Thibaudeau).

Brief Summary of Bill

- Repeals the laws relating to anarchy and sabotage.
- Creates the new crime of aggravated criminal trespass.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Background:

A person is guilty of anarchy if he or she advocates that organized government should be overthrown by force, violence, assassination, or any other unlawful means. A person is guilty of sabotage if he or she destroys property or deranges— any mechanism or appliance with the intent to disrupt any agricultural, stock raising, lumbering, mining, quarrying, fishing, manufacturing, transportation, mercantile, or building enterprise. It is also unlawful to take any piece of property used in an enterprise listed above with the intent to disrupt an owner's management or control of that business.

Summary of Bill:

The law relating to anarchy and sabotage is repealed.

A person is guilty of aggravated criminal trespass if he or she:

- knowingly enters or remains unlawfully on the premises of another in a manner that impairs the owner's management, operation, or control of a commercial enterprise conducted on the premises; or
- knowingly enters or remains unlawfully on the premises of another in a manner that creates a substantial risk to the safety of the people employed therein or any peace officer.

Fiscal Note: Requested March 25, 1999.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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