

HOUSE BILL NO. 1653

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDANIEL.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 569, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to tampering with farm equipment, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 569, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 569.098, to read as follows:

569.098. 1. A person commits the offense of tampering with farm equipment if he or she knowingly and without authorization or without reasonable grounds to believe that he or she has such authorization:

(1) Defaces, marks, disturbs, or vandalizes any farm equipment owned by another;

(2) Modifies or destroys any component necessary to the operation of any farm equipment owned by another; or

(3) Accesses and relocates any farm equipment owned by another.

2. The offense of tampering with farm equipment is a class A misdemeanor, unless the offense causes pecuniary loss in excess of one thousand dollars, in which case it is a class D felony if committed prior to January 1, 2017, and a class E felony if committed on or after January 1, 2017.

3. For the purposes of this section, the term “farm equipment” shall mean equipment including, but not limited to, tractors, trailers, combines, tillage implements, bailers, and other equipment including attachments and repair parts thereof used in the planting, cultivating, irrigation, harvesting, and marketing of agricultural products, excluding self-propelled machines designed primarily for the transportation of persons or property on a street or highway.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.