

HB 954 -- THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL TRESPASS ON A CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY

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This bill creates the offense of willful trespass on a critical infrastructure facility. "Critical infrastructure facility" is defined in the bill. A person commits the offense of willful trespass on a critical infrastructure facility if he or she willfully trespasses or enters property containing a critical infrastructure facility without the permission of the property owner or a lawful occupant of the property. The offense of willful trespass on a critical infrastructure facility is a class B misdemeanor. However, if it is determined that the intent of the trespasser is to damage, destroy, vandalize, deface, tamper with equipment, or impede or inhibit operations, the person will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

A person commits the offense of willful damage of a critical infrastructure facility if he or she willfully damages, destroys, vandalizes, defaces, or tampers with equipment in a critical infrastructure facility. Such offense is a class C felony.

If an organization is found to be a conspirator with persons who are found to have committed any of the specified offenses, the conspiring organization will be punished by a fine that is 10 times the amount of the fine set forth in the bill.

This bill contains an emergency clause.