

THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 328 of 1931

750.78 Fire or explosive; prohibited acts; violation as misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 78.

- (1) Except as provided in sections 72 to 77, a person shall not do any of the following:
- (a) Willfully and maliciously burn, damage, or destroy by fire or explosive any of the following or its contents:
 - (i) Any personal property having a value of \$200.00 or more but less than \$1,000.00.
 - (ii) Any personal property having a value of less than \$200.00, if the person has 1 or more prior convictions.
 - (iii) Any personal property having a value of less than \$200.00.
 - (b) Negligently, carelessly, or recklessly set fire to a hotel or motel or its contents, and, by setting that fire, endanger the life or property of another person.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether the person owns the building, structure, hotel, motel, or its contents, or the personal property.
- (3) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable as follows:
- (a) If the person violates subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii), imprisonment for not more than 1 year and a fine of not more than \$2,000.00 or 3 times the value of the property damaged or destroyed, whichever is greater.
 - (b) If the person violates subsection (1)(a)(iii) or (b), imprisonment for not more than 93 days and a fine of not more than \$500.00 or 3 times the value of the property damaged or destroyed, whichever is greater.

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