

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 215

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; PRESCRIBING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR  
DESTRUCTION OF A LETTER BOX.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. DESTRUCTION OF A LETTER BOX. --

A. Destruction of a letter box consists of  
intentionally and without the consent of the owner:

(1) tearing down, taking, damaging or  
destroying a letter box; or

(2) breaking open a letter box.

B. Whoever commits destruction of a letter box is  
guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced pursuant to the  
provisions of Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

C. As used in this section, "letter box" means any  
mail receptacle intended or used, by the United States postal

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underscored material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1 service or postal customers, for the receipt or delivery of  
2 mail on a mail route.

3 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the  
4 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.