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AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE; PROHIBITING CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY OF A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WITH THE INTENT TO INTIMIDATE, THREATEN OR HARASS; PROHIBITING DEPRIVATION OF PROPERTY; PROVIDING PENALTIES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE CRIMINAL CODE.

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

Section 1. Section 30-3-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 221, Section 1) is amended to read:

"30-3-10. SHORT TITLE.--Sections 30-3-10 through 30-3-18 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Crimes Against Household Members Act"."

Section 2. A new section of the Crimes Against Household Members Act, Section 30-3-18 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"30-3-18. CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER--DEPRIVATION OF PROPERTY OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.--

A. Criminal damage to the property of a household member consists of intentionally damaging real, personal, community or jointly owned property of a household member with the intent to intimidate, threaten or harass that household member.

B. Whoever commits criminal damage to the property of a household member is guilty of a misdemeanor, except that

