

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing the crime of riot to the crime of criminal mischief.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Padden and Carrell).

Senate Committee on Law & Justice
House Committee on Public Safety

Background: A person is guilty of the crime of riot if, acting with three or more persons, the person knowingly and unlawfully uses or threatens to use force, or in any way participates in the use of such force, against any other person or against property.

The crime of riot is a gross misdemeanor unless the actor is armed with a deadly weapon. If armed with a deadly weapon, the crime of riot is a class C felony.

Summary: The crime of riot is changed to the crime of criminal mischief.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	45	4
House	92	0

Effective: January 1, 2014.

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