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§ 151. Burning of dwelling house; when murder

Whoever willfully and maliciously sets fire to or causes fire to be set to the dwelling house or any building occupied in part for dwelling or lodginghouse purposes and belonging wholly or in part to himself, his wife or to another, or to any building adjoining thereto owned wholly or in part by himself, his wife or another, with intent to burn such dwelling house or building, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 20 years. Whoever willfully and maliciously sets fire to or causes fire to be set to a dwelling house or any building owned by himself, and thereby endangers a dwelling house or other property of his wife or of another, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 20 years. Should the life of any person be lost in consequence of any such burning such offender shall be deemed guilty of murder and punished accordingly.

R.S.1954, c. 131, § 1.

§ 152. Public and private buildings

Whoever willfully and maliciously sets fire to any meeting-house, courthouse, jail, town house, college, academy or other building erected for public use, or to any store, shop, office, barn or stable of his wife or another within the curtilage of a dwelling house, so that such dwelling house is thereby endangered and such public or other building is thereby burned in the nighttime, shall be punished by imprisonment for any term of years; but if such offense is committed in the daytime or without the curtilage of and without endangering a dwelling house, by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 10 years.

R.S.1954, c. 131, § 2.

§ 153. Other buildings, vessels and bridges

Whoever willfully and maliciously burns any building of his wife or of another not mentioned in section 152, or any motor vehicle, aircraft, vessel, bridge, lock, dam or flume of his wife or of another, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 10 years.

R.S.1954, c. 131, § 3; 1957, c. 62.

§ 154. Assault with intent to commit

Whoever assaults another with intent to commit arson, if armed with a dangerous weapon, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 20 years; when not so armed, by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 10 years.

R.S.1954, c. 131, § 4.

§ 155. Produce and trees

Whoever willfully and maliciously burns any corn, grain, hay, vegetables or other produce or any soil, trees, underwood or other property of his wife or of another shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 3 years.

R.S.1954, c. 131, § 5.

§ 156. Liability of wife

Sections 151 to 155 are applicable to a married woman committing either of such offenses without the consent of her husband, although the property set on fire and burned belonged wholly or in part to him.

R.S.1954, c. 131, § 6.

§ 157. Burning for insurance

If an owner or person in any way concerned, interested or in possession of any building, goods or other property insured against loss or damage by fire, willfully burns the same or causes it to be burned, with intent to defraud the insurer, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 20 years.

R.S.1954, c. 131, § 7.