

609.591 DAMAGE TO TIMBER OR WOOD PROCESSING AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section and section 609.592, "timber" means trees, whether standing or down, that will produce forest products of value including but not limited to logs, posts, poles, bolts, pulpwood, cordwood, lumber, and decorative material.

Subd. 2. **Crime.** Whoever, without claim of right or consent of the owner, drives, places, or fastens in timber any device of iron, steel, ceramic, or other substance sufficiently hard to damage saws or wood processing or manufacturing equipment, with the intent to hinder the logging or the processing of timber, is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subdivisions 3 and 4.

Subd. 3. **Penalties.** A person convicted of violating subdivision 2 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) if the violation caused great bodily harm, to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both;

(2) otherwise, to imprisonment for not more than 364 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

Subd. 4. **Restitution.** In addition to any sentence imposed under subdivision 3, the sentencing court may order a person convicted of violating this section, or of violating section 609.595 by damaging timber or commercial wood processing, manufacturing, or transportation equipment to pay restitution to the owner of the damaged property.

History: 1991 c 180 s 1; 2023 c 52 art 6 s 16