

(2) Knowingly buys, receives, conceals, aids in the concealment of, or possesses any illegally obtained cultural resources as defined in subsection (a).

(b) Intentional and knowing theft or disturbance of a cultural resource having a value of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall constitute a Class A misdemeanor and be punishable, upon conviction, as provided by law.

(c) Intentional and knowing theft or disturbance of a cultural resource with a value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more shall constitute a Class C felony and shall be punishable, upon conviction, as provided by law.

Section 9. In all cases of arrest and conviction under Section 8, all boats, instruments, and other equipment used in connection with the offenses are declared to be contraband and shall be seized and brought before the court having jurisdiction of the offense for proper disposal.

Section 10. All law enforcement agencies and officers, state and local, shall assist the commission in the enforcement of this act.

Section 11. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act to the contrary, no contract with or permit from or fee paid to the commission shall be required for activities performed pursuant to United States Army Corps of Engineers' permits, including general permits.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act to the contrary, any violation of this act caused by activities conducted for purposes not related to the exploration, excavation, or salvaging of cultural resources may be cured and any otherwise applicable crimes, penalties, or seizures will no longer apply if the activities in violation of this act are halted as soon as practicable after notice from the commission and an application for any contract or permit determined to be necessary is submitted to the commission.

Section 12. The provisions of this act are severable. If any part of this act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part which remains.

Section 13. This act shall be construed in pari materia with Section 41-9-249.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 14. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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