

(a) Any individual, company, corporation, private or public institution who intentionally and knowingly commits the crime of theft or disturbance of a cultural resource protected by the Commission as stated in Section 8 of the Alabama Act 00-595 shall be punishable, upon conviction, as provided by law.

(b) Any violation of the Alabama Act 00-595 caused by activities conducted for purposes not related to the exploration, excavation, or salvaging of cultural resources may be cured if the activities causing the violation are halted and the Commission is notified immediately and an application for any contract or permit determined to be necessary is submitted to and approved by the Commission.

(c) In all cases of arrest and conviction under Section 8 of the Alabama Act 00-595, all boats, instruments, and other equipment used directly in conjunction 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.

(d) All law enforcement agencies and officers, state and local, shall assist the commission in the enforcement of the Alabama Act 00-595.

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