

Public Law 97-298  
97th Congress

An Act

To amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of offenses involving explosives and fire.

Oct. 12, 1982  
[H.R. 6454]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Anti-Arson Act of 1982".*

Anti-Arson Act  
of 1982.  
18 USC 841 note.

OFFENSES INVOLVING FIRE

SEC. 2. (a) Subsections (e) and (f) of section 844 of title 18, United States Code, are each amended by inserting "fire or" after "by means of" each place it appears.

(b) Section 844(h)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting "fire or" after "uses".

(c) Section 844(i) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting "fire or" after "by means of".

SEC. 3. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is authorized and directed to classify the offense of arson as a Part I crime in its Uniform Crime Reports. In addition, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is authorized and directed to develop and prepare a special statistical report in cooperation with the National Fire Data Center for the crime of arson, and shall make public the results of that report.

Special  
statistical  
report.

Approved October 12, 1982.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 6454:

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Aug. 2, considered and passed House.  
Sept. 22, considered and passed Senate, amended.  
Sept. 28, House agreed to Senate amendment.