**§3. All crimes defined by statute; civil actions**

**1.**  No conduct constitutes a crime unless it is prohibited

A. By this code; or [PL 1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

B. By any statute or private act outside this code, including any rule, regulation or ordinance authorized by and lawfully adopted under a statute. [PL 1977, c. 510, §13 (AMD).]

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**2.**  This code does not bar, suspend, or otherwise affect any right or liability for damages, penalty, forfeiture or other remedy authorized by law to be recovered or enforced in a civil action, regardless of whether the conduct involved in such civil action constitutes an offense defined in this code.

[PL 1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW). PL 1975, c. 740, §12 (AMD). PL 1977, c. 510, §13 (AMD).

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