

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1772 Session of 2019

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 22, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal
3 intrusion, further providing for the offense of criminal
4 trespass.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 3503(b)(1) of Title 18 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 3503. Criminal trespass.

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11 (b) Defiant trespasser.--

12 (1) A person commits an offense if, knowing that he is
13 not licensed or privileged to do so, he enters or remains in
14 any place as to which notice against trespass is given by:

15 (i) actual communication to the actor;

16 (ii) posting in a manner prescribed by law or
17 reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders;

1 (iii) fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed  
2 to exclude intruders;

3 (iv) notices posted in a manner prescribed by law or  
4 reasonably likely to come to the person's attention at  
5 each entrance of school grounds that visitors are  
6 prohibited without authorization from a designated  
7 school, center or program official; [or]

8 (v) an actual communication to the actor to leave  
9 school grounds as communicated by a school, center or  
10 program official, employee or agent or a law enforcement  
11 officer[.]; or

12 ~~(vi) vertical lines, using industry standard no~~ <--  
13 ~~hunting purple paint at least eight inches long and one~~  
14 ~~inch wide and between three and five feet above the~~  
15 ~~ground on trees or posts around the property. The paint~~  
16 ~~marks may not be more than 100 feet apart from the next~~  
17 ~~closest paint mark and shall be placed so that the paint~~  
18 ~~marks are readily visible to a person approaching the~~  
19 ~~property.~~

20 (VI) THE PLACEMENT OF IDENTIFYING PURPLE PAINT MARKS <--  
21 ON TREES OR POSTS ON THE PROPERTY WHICH ARE:

22 (A) VERTICAL LINES OF NOT LESS THAN EIGHT INCHES  
23 IN LENGTH AND NOT LESS THAN ONE INCH IN WIDTH;

24 (B) PLACED SO THAT THE BOTTOM OF THE MARK IS NOT  
25 LESS THAN THREE FEET FROM THE GROUND NOR MORE THAN  
26 FIVE FEET FROM THE GROUND; AND

27 (C) PLACED AT LOCATIONS THAT ARE READILY VISIBLE  
28 TO A PERSON APPROACHING THE PROPERTY AND NO MORE THAN  
29 100 FEET APART.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.