

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 518

Session of
1979

INTRODUCED BY FISCHER, MARCH 6, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 6, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, increasing the penalty for desecration
3 of burial sites.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5509(a) of Title 18, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 5509. Desecration of venerated objects.

10 (a) Offense defined.--

11 (1) A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree
12 if he intentionally desecrates any public monument or
13 structure, or place of worship [or burial], or if he
14 intentionally desecrates any other object of veneration by
15 the public or a substantial segment thereof in any public
16 place.

17 (2) A person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree
18 if he intentionally desecrates any place of burial.

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