

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1605 Session of
1981

INTRODUCED BY TELEK, WOZNIAK, COLAFELLA, GRUPPO, DAWIDA, COSLETT
AND OLASZ, JUNE 16, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 16, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, restricting the disclosure of certain
3 information in retail theft cases.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3929 of Title 18, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 3929. Retail theft.

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11 (h) Senior citizens.--Law enforcement records and files
12 concerning a person 60 years of age or older who has been
13 charged under this section shall not be open to public
14 inspection or their contents disclosed to the public until the
15 issuing authority shall determine that such disclosure would not
16 result in life threatening mental or emotional trauma for the
17 defendant. In making its determination, the issuing authority
18 may utilize the services of the defendant's physician or

1 psychiatrist or may appoint a physician or psychiatrist to
2 examine the defendant. The determination required by this
3 subsection shall be made by the issuing authority within ten
4 days of the commencement of criminal proceedings.

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