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AND KING, APRIL 2, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 2, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for murder and for  
3 endangering the welfare of children.

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

6 Section 1. The definition of "perpetration of a felony" in  
7 section 2502(d) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 2502. Murder.

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11 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section the following  
12 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
13 subsection:

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15 "Perpetration of a felony." The act of the defendant in  
16 engaging in or being an accomplice in the commission of, or an  
17 attempt to commit, or flight after committing, or attempting to

1 commit robbery, rape, or deviate sexual intercourse by force or  
2 threat of force, arson, burglary [or], kidnapping or the felony  
3 offense of endangering the welfare of a child.

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5 Section 2. Section 4304 of Title 18 is amended to read:

6 § 4304. Endangering welfare of children.

7 (a) Offense defined.--A parent, guardian, or other person  
8 supervising the welfare of a child under 18 years of age commits  
9 [a misdemeanor of the first degree] an offense if he knowingly  
10 endangers the welfare of the child by violating a duty of care,  
11 protection or support.

12 (b) Grading.--An offense under this section constitutes a  
13 misdemeanor of the first degree. However, where there is a  
14 protracted pattern or multiple incidents of endangering the  
15 welfare of the child, the offense constitutes a felony of the  
16 third degree.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.