

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY SEMMEL, SCHULER, MELIO, BELARDI, BELFANTI, NAILOR,  
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BARD, ARGALL AND GODSHALL, JUNE 14, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 14, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the unauthorized taking of  
3 items of value from municipal recycling containers placed for  
4 collection.

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

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 3934. Theft from municipal recycling containers.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits a summary offense if  
11 the person, without authorization to do so, removes any item of  
12 value from a municipal recycling container of another person  
13 which has been placed for collection.

14 (b) Penalty.--A person committing an offense under this  
15 section shall be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed \$300 or,  
16 in the alternative and at the discretion of the court, to  
17 perform community service for not less than eight hours nor more  
18 than 16 hours.

1     (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term  
2     "municipal recycling container" means a container that is owned  
3     by a municipality or a party under contract with a municipality  
4     and is clearly marked as to ownership and supplied to a person  
5     for the deposit of materials to be collected.

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