

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 12, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for posting  
3 advertisements on another's property.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6503 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6503. Posting advertisements on property of another.

9 (a) [Offense] Offenses defined.--

10 (1) A person [is guilty of] commits a summary offense if  
11 he pastes, paints, brands or stamps or in any manner  
12 whatsoever places upon or attaches to any building, fence,  
13 bridge, gate, outbuilding or other object, upon the grounds  
14 of any charitable, educational or penal institution of the  
15 Commonwealth, or upon any property belonging to the  
16 Commonwealth government, any political subdivision, or  
17 municipal or local authority, any written, printed, painted

1 or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign or poster, or  
2 pastes, paints, brands, stamps or in any manner whatsoever  
3 places upon, or attaches to any building, fence, bridge,  
4 gate, outbuilding or property of another, whether within or  
5 without the limits of a highway, any written, printed,  
6 painted or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign, card or  
7 poster, without first having obtained the written consent of  
8 the owner, or tenant lawfully in possession or occupancy  
9 thereof.

10 (2) A person commits a summary offense if he causes any  
11 unsolicited newspaper, magazine, advertising circular,  
12 handbill, flyer, advertising supplement, coupon, leaflet,  
13 pamphlet or other related material to be deposited into or  
14 upon the property of another if a previously distributed  
15 unsolicited newspaper, magazine, advertising circular,  
16 handbill, flyer, advertising supplement, coupon, leaflet,  
17 pamphlet or other related material which advertises the same  
18 event, business, company, enterprise, facility, show,  
19 meeting, product, product line or service is visible in or on  
20 the property of another from a vantage point outside the  
21 property. The advertising materials of bona fide scientific,  
22 charitable, religious, educational or literary institutions  
23 are not exempt from these restrictions.

24 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) of this section shall not  
25 prevent the posting or placing of any notice required by law or  
26 order of court, nor to prevent the posting or placing of any  
27 notice particularly concerning or pertaining to premises upon  
28 which the same is so posted or placed.

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