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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MAYERNIK, READSHAW, HERSHEY, MARKOSEK, WOGAN,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 20, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for grading of theft  
3 offenses.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3903(a) and (a.1) of Title 18 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 3903. Grading of theft offenses.

9 (a) Felony of the second degree.--Theft constitutes a felony  
10 of the second degree if [the]:

11 (1) The offense is committed during a manmade disaster,  
12 a natural disaster or a war-caused disaster and constitutes a  
13 violation of section 3921 (relating to theft by unlawful  
14 taking or disposition), 3925 (relating to receiving stolen  
15 property), 3928 (relating to unauthorized use of automobiles  
16 and other vehicles) or 3929 (relating to retail theft).

17 (2) The property stolen is a firearm.

18 (3) In the case of theft by receiving stolen property,

1     the property received, retained or disposed of is a firearm  
2     and the receiver is in the business of buying or selling  
3     stolen property.

4     (a.1) Felony of the third degree.--Except as provided in  
5 subsection (a), theft constitutes a felony of the third degree  
6 if the amount involved exceeds \$2,000, or if the property stolen  
7 is [a firearm,] an automobile, airplane, motorcycle, motorboat  
8 or other motor-propelled vehicle, or in the case of theft by  
9 receiving stolen property, if the receiver is in the business of  
10 buying or selling stolen property.

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