

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1257 Session of
2002INTRODUCED BY SCARNATI, M. WHITE, WENGER, LAVALLE, WAUGH, COSTA,
ERICKSON, LEMMOND AND MUSTO, JANUARY 10, 2002SENATOR M. WHITE, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AS
AMENDED, MAY 8, 2002

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of environmental
3 ~~terrorism~~ HARASSMENT; and providing a penalty. <—

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

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

8 § 5518. Environmental ~~terrorism~~ HARASSMENT. <—

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of
10 environmental ~~terrorism~~ HARASSMENT if the person communicates to <—
11 another person a threat to commit or cause to be committed a
12 crime of violence dangerous to human life or destructive to
13 property or business practices, for the primary purpose of
14 expressing a perspective on an environmental or natural resource
15 issue against a person or business and the natural and probable
16 consequence of such a threat is one of the following:

17 (1) To place the person or business to whom the threat
18 is communicated or the person threatened in reasonable fear

that the crime will be committed.

(2) To cause injury in fact to persons or damage to property or business.

(3) To cause an interruption in business that results in loss of revenues or compensable damages.

(b) Restitution.--A person convicted under this section shall, in addition to any other sentence imposed, be sentenced to pay the business restitution in an amount equal to the cost of the interruption of business directly relating to the act of environmental terrorism HARASSMENT.

(c) Grading.--An offense under this section is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

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