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INTRODUCED BY O'BRIEN, BARD, TRELLO, TIGUE, BOSCOLA, HERMAN,  
SCHULER, OLASZ, HENNESSEY, MICOZZIE, LYNCH, KELLER AND  
BUTKOVITZ, JANUARY 28, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 28, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for facsimile bombs.

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

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

7 § 5516. Facsimile bombs.

8 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if the  
9 person knowingly manufactures, sells, purchases, transports,  
10 possesses or uses a facsimile bomb with the intent to do any of  
11 the following:

12 (1) Terrify, intimidate, threaten or harass an  
13 individual.

14 (2) Cause alarm or reaction on the part of any of the  
15 following:

16 (i) A public or volunteer organization that deals  
17 with emergencies involving danger to life or property.

1           (ii) A law enforcement organization.

2       (b) Grading.--An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
3 of the second degree.

4       (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term  
5 "facsimile bomb" means a device which:

6           (1) resembles in appearance and external qualities an  
7 explosive or incendiary device; but

8           (2) does not have the capability to cause an explosion  
9 or fire.

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