
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND GANNON, DECEMBER 7, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 7, 1983

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the solicitation, offer for sale or distribution of
2 sexually oriented materials to juveniles.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Juvenile
7 Pandering Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Doing business." The sale, solicitation, offer for sale or
13 distribution of sexually oriented materials by a person,
14 corporation or commercial entity.

15 "Juvenile." An unemancipated child under 16 years of age.

16 "Sexually oriented material." Includes magazines, pamphlets,

1 photographs, books, drawings, videotapes or audio tapes or the
2 playing of the tapes or display of the material for compensation
3 or the use of any other medium used to depict sex acts, sexually
4 related acts or sexually suggestive acts. The term does not
5 include materials which are designed, produced, marketed and
6 sold as educational materials to be used for legitimate
7 educational purposes.

8 "Substituted service of process." Service of a copy of the
9 complaint on the Secretary of the Commonwealth and sent by
10 certified mail to the last known address of the defendant.

11 Section 3. Solicitation prohibited.

12 (a) Offense defined.--It is unlawful to solicit or offer for
13 sale to a juvenile any sexually oriented material.

14 (b) Knowledge or intent.--It is not a defense that the
15 solicitor did not have actual knowledge as to the age of the
16 juvenile nor is it a defense that the solicitor did not intend
17 the solicitation if the offer, in fact, reached a juvenile.

18 Section 4. Sale prohibited.

19 (a) Offense defined.--It is unlawful to sell sexually
20 oriented material to a juvenile.

21 (b) Knowledge or intent.--It is not a defense that the
22 seller did not have actual knowledge as to the age of the
23 juvenile nor is it a defense that the seller did not intend to
24 sell the material to a juvenile if the sale, in fact, was
25 completed.

26 Section 5. Civil action.

27 (a) General rule.--A person, corporation or entity found to
28 be in violation of this act shall be civilly liable to the legal
29 guardian of the minor involved in the amount of \$1,000.

30 (b) Jurisdiction.--A person, corporation or entity doing

1 business in this Commonwealth shall be subject to personal
2 jurisdiction.

3 (c) Service of process.--A person, corporation or entity
4 subject to personal jurisdiction shall be amenable to
5 substituted service of process.

6 Section 6. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect in 60 days.