

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2747 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY COLE, COY, LUCYK, MRKONIC, VAN HORNE, MICHLOVIC,
PETRONE, GAMBLE, BOOK AND JACKSON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1986

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1986

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing penalties for theft of
3 certain flags.

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 § 2104. Theft of Federal or Commonwealth flag.

9 (a) General rule.--A person who unlawfully takes an American
10 flag or the flag of the Commonwealth which is on display commits
11 a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall, upon conviction, be
12 sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$2,500 or to
13 imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

14 (b) Burial flags.--A person who unlawfully takes an American
15 flag which has been presented as a burial flag by the government
16 of the United States to the survivors of an American veteran
17 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree and shall, upon
18 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$5,000

1 or to imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

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