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MICHLOVIC, JUNE 11, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 11, 1991

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 3304 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3304. Criminal mischief.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of criminal
10 mischief if he:

11 (1) damages tangible property of another intentionally,
12 recklessly, or by negligence in the employment of fire,
13 explosives, or other dangerous means listed in section
14 3302(a) [of this title] (relating to causing or risking
15 catastrophe);

16 (2) intentionally or recklessly tampers with tangible

1 property of another so as to endanger person or property; or

2 (3) intentionally or recklessly causes another to suffer
3 pecuniary loss by deception or threat.

4 (b) Grading.--Criminal mischief is a felony of the third
5 degree if the actor intentionally causes pecuniary loss in
6 excess of \$5,000, or a substantial interruption or impairment of
7 public communication, transportation, supply of water, gas or
8 power, or other public service. It is a misdemeanor of the
9 second degree if the actor intentionally causes pecuniary loss
10 in excess of \$1,000, or causes an unsubstantial interruption or
11 impairment of public communication, transportation, supply of
12 water, gas or power, or other public service. It is a
13 misdemeanor of the third degree if he intentionally or
14 recklessly causes pecuniary loss in excess of \$500. Otherwise
15 criminal mischief is a summary offense.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.