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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1493 Session of  
2001

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INTRODUCED BY BUNT, DALEY, STERN, HERMAN, ARMSTRONG, BASTIAN,  
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J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WALKO, WATSON, WILT AND YOUNGBLOOD,  
MAY 2, 2001

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
MAY 2, 2001

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the criminal offense of  
3 agricultural crop destruction.

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 § 3310. Agricultural crop destruction.

9 (a) Offenses defined.--A person commits a felony of the  
10 second degree if he intentionally and knowingly damages any  
11 field crop that is grown for personal or commercial purposes, or  
12 for testing or research purposes for a product development  
13 program in conjunction with a public or private research  
14 facility or a university or any Federal, State or local

1 government agency.

2 (b) Restitution; costs and fees.--Any person convicted under  
3 subsection (a) may also be sentenced to make restitution and be  
4 ordered to pay attorney fees and court costs.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.