

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 1257 Session of  
2002INTRODUCED BY SCARNATI, M. WHITE, WENGER, LAVALLE, WAUGH, COSTA,  
ERICKSON, LEMMOND AND MUSTO, JANUARY 10, 2002

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JUNE 11, 2002

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of environmental  
3 harassment; and providing a penalty.

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 § 5518. Environmental harassment.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of  
10 environmental harassment if the person communicates to another  
11 person a threat to commit or cause to be committed a crime of  
12 violence dangerous to human life or destructive to property or  
13 business practices, for the primary purpose of expressing a  
14 perspective on an environmental or natural resource issue  
15 against a person or business and the natural and probable  
16 consequence of such a threat is one of the following:

17 (1) To place the person or business to whom the threat  
18 is communicated or the person threatened in reasonable fear

1 that the crime will be committed.

2 (2) To cause injury in fact to persons or damage to  
3 property or business.

4 (3) To cause an interruption in business that results in  
5 loss of revenues or compensable damages.

6 (b) Restitution.--A person convicted under this section  
7 shall, in addition to any other sentence imposed, be sentenced  
8 to pay the business restitution in an amount equal to the cost <—  
9 of the, INCLUDING ANY interruption of business, directly <—  
10 relating to the act of environmental harassment.

11 (c) Grading.--An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
12 of the third degree.

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