THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 12, 2005

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restitution for
- 3 injuries to person or property.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 1106(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and subsection (h) is amended
- 8 by adding a definition to read:
- 9 § 1106. Restitution for injuries to person or property.
- 10 (a) General rule.--Upon conviction for any crime wherein
- 11 property has been stolen, converted or otherwise unlawfully
- 12 obtained, or its value substantially decreased as a direct
- 13 result of the crime, or wherein the victim suffered personal

- 1 injury or collateral injury directly resulting from the crime,
- 2 the offender shall be sentenced to make restitution in addition
- 3 to the punishment prescribed therefor.
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- 5 (h) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
- 6 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 7 subsection:
- 8 <u>"Collateral injury." Any moneys paid by the victim to any</u>
- 9 professional, including an attorney, a psychologist or an
- 10 accountant, for professional services required to address
- 11 <u>adverse consequences suffered by a victim as a direct result of</u>
- 12 <u>a crime</u>, including correcting credit reports, contesting
- 13 unwarranted debt collection efforts, conducting forensic audits,
- 14 <u>defending against false criminal charges and counseling.</u>
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- Section 2. The amendment of 18 Pa.C.S. § 1106(a) and (h)
- 17 shall apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date
- 18 of the amendment of 18 Pa.C.S. § 1106(a) and (h).
- 19 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.