THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 3, 2007

AN ACT

1 2 3	Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for theft of leased property.
4	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5	hereby enacts as follows:
6	Section 1. Section 3932(b) and (c)(2) of Title 18 of the
7	Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
8	§ 3932. Theft of leased property.
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10	(b) DefinitionAs used in this section[, a]:
11	<u>(1) A</u> person "deals with the property as his own" if he
12	sells, secretes, destroys, converts to his own use or
13	otherwise disposes of the property.
14	(2) A "written demand to return the property is
15	delivered" when it is sent by first class mail, evidenced by
16	a certificate of mailing, to the address provided by the
17	lessor.

(c) Presumption.--A person shall be prima facie presumed to
 have intent if he:

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4 (2) fails to return the property to its owner within
5 seven days after a written demand to return the property is
6 delivered [by registered or certified mail to the person's
7 last known address].

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