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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 272

Session of  
1987

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INTRODUCED BY STEIGHNER, LaGROTTA, MARKOSEK, FISCHER, DeWEESE, VROON, DAVIES, COWELL, SEVENTY, KOSINSKI, JOHNSON, JAROLIN, DeLUCA, CAPPABIANCA, DALEY, LANGTRY, WOZNIAK, CALTAGIRONE, WAMBACH, BATTISTO, COY, BOYES, SCHEETZ, COLE, CARLSON, TRELLO, TIGUE, BELFANTI, VAN HORNE, PUNT, GEIST, HERSHEY, MICOZZIE, HERMAN, OLASZ, JACKSON, RAYMOND, COLAFELLA, BOWSER, BLACK, CIVERA, FEE, BLAUM, FARGO, STAIRS, CLYMER, HALUSKA, LEH, BURD, FOX, BUNT, E. Z. TAYLOR AND ROBBINS,  
FEBRUARY 10, 1987

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SENATOR CORMAN, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
FEBRUARY 24, 1988

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled "An  
2 act concerning townships of the second class; and amending,  
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating  
4 thereto," further providing for the penalty for destroying,  
5 removing, injuring or defacing signs.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1161 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103,  
9 No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, reenacted and  
10 amended July 10, 1947 (P.L.1481, No.567) and amended May 17,  
11 1972 (P.L.298, No.76), is amended to read:

12 Section 1161. Penalty for Destroying, Et Cetera.--It shall  
13 be unlawful for any person to wilfully destroy, remove, injure,  
14 or deface any guidepost or sign or index board LEGALLY erected  
15 upon or near any public street, road, or bridge by the

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1 supervisors, or by any club, association, or other organized  
2 body for the direction, guidance, or safety of travelers. It  
3 shall also be unlawful for any person to wilfully destroy,  
4 remove, injure or deface any temporary traffic-control device  
5 LEGALLY erected for the purpose of enhancing traffic or worker <—  
6 safety in a construction or maintenance work zone, including,  
7 but not limited to, cones, batons, barrels, barricades, signs,  
8 sign trucks, arrow boards or other devices specified in a  
9 traffic safety plan approved by the township or the Department  
10 of Transportation. Any person violating this section shall, upon  
11 conviction in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine  
12 of [not more than fifty dollars] not less than two hundred  
13 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for the first  
14 offense, and a mandatory fine of five hundred dollars for the  
15 second or any subsequent offense, with costs of prosecution,  
16 together with the value of such sign so destroyed, removed or  
17 defaced, and in default of such payment, shall be sentenced to  
18 imprisonment of not more than ten days. All fines and moneys so  
19 imposed and collected shall be paid to the township treasurer.  
20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.