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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2590 Session of  
2020

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INTRODUCED BY RABB, McNEILL, GALLOWAY, HANBIDGE, SCHLOSSBERG,  
MURT, LEE, HOWARD, HILL-EVANS, DELLOSO, YOUNGBLOOD, ROZZI,  
SANCHEZ, WEBSTER AND TOOIL, JUNE 15, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 15, 2020

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in theft and related offenses, further  
3 providing for the offense of theft of leased property.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3932 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 3932. Theft of leased property.

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10 (c.1) Defense.--It is a defense to the offense of theft of  
11 leased property that the lessor, or any person on behalf of the  
12 lessor, has made payments in connection with the lease of such  
13 property which exceed the retail value of the property stated  
14 in the contract. If the retail value of the property is not  
15 stated in the contract, the value of the leased property shall  
16 be deemed not to exceed \$50. A court may review the amount set  
17 forth as retail value and, if it finds such value is not  
18 reasonable, it shall set the retail value at \$50 to determine if

1 a defense under this section applies.

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