

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1463 Session of
2000

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MAY 30, 2000

AN ACT

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

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of
10 environmental terrorism 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 interruption of business directly relating to the act of
10 environmental terrorism.

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.