

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 188

Session of
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, adding a definition of catastrophe to
3 the provisions or destruction of property.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3302 of Title 18, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 3302. Causing or risking catastrophe.

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11 (c) Catastrophe defined.--Catastrophe means serious bodily
12 injury to five or more people or substantial damage to five or
13 more separate habitations, or property loss in excess of
14 \$100,000.

15 Section 2. Section 3303 of Title 18 of the act, is amended
16 to read:

17 § 3303. Failure to prevent catastrophe.

18 A person who knowingly or recklessly fails to take reasonable

1 measures to prevent or mitigate a catastrophe as defined in
2 section 3302(c) (relating to causing or risking catastrophe),
3 when he can do so without substantial risk to himself, commits a
4 misdemeanor of the second degree if:

5 (1) he knows that he is under an official, contractual
6 or other legal duty to take such measures; or

7 (2) he did or assented to the act causing or threatening
8 the catastrophe.

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