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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 733

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INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA AND SWEET, APRIL 12, 1983

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 12, 1983

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for institutional  
3 vandalism.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3307 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3307. Institutional vandalism.

9 (a) Offenses defined.--A person commits the offense of  
10 institutional vandalism if he knowingly desecrates, as defined  
11 in section 5509 (relating to desecration of venerated objects),  
12 vandalizes, defaces or otherwise damages:

13 (1) any church, synagogue or other facility or place  
14 used for religious worship or other religious purposes;

15 (2) any cemetery, mortuary or other facility used for  
16 the purpose of burial or memorializing the dead;

17 (3) any school, educational facility [or], community  
18 center, juvenile detention center, county or State prison;

1           (4) the grounds adjacent to and owned or occupied by any  
2 facility set forth in paragraph (1), (2) or (3); or

3           (5) any personal property located in any facility set  
4 forth in paragraph (1), (2) or (3).

5       (b) Grading.--An offense under this section is a felony of  
6 the third degree if the actor causes pecuniary loss in excess of  
7 \$5,000. Pecuniary loss includes the cost of repair or  
8 replacement of the property affected. Otherwise, institutional  
9 vandalism is a misdemeanor of the second degree.

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