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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY REBER, ANGSTADT, E. Z. TAYLOR, CIVERA AND CORNELL,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, deleting provisions relating to  
3 fingerprinting in retail theft offenses.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3929(g) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3929. Retail theft.

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10 [(g) Fingerprinting.--Prior to the commencement of trial or  
11 entry of plea of a defendant 16 years of age or older accused of  
12 the summary offense of retail theft, the issuing authority shall  
13 order the defendant to submit within five days of such order for  
14 fingerprinting by the municipal police of the jurisdiction in  
15 which the offense allegedly was committed or the State Police.  
16 Fingerprints so obtained shall be forwarded immediately to the  
17 Pennsylvania State Police for determination as to whether or not  
18 the defendant previously has been convicted of the offense of

1 retail theft. The results of such determination shall be  
2 forwarded to the Police Department obtaining the fingerprints if  
3 such department is the prosecutor, or to the issuing authority  
4 if the prosecutor is other than a police officer. The issuing  
5 authority shall not proceed with the trial or plea in summary  
6 cases until in receipt of the determination made by the State  
7 Police. The district justice shall use the information obtained  
8 solely for the purpose of grading the offense pursuant to  
9 subsection (b).]

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