## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 1204 Session of 1995

INTRODUCED BY LEMMOND, BAKER, SHAFFER, SALVATORE, O'PAKE, GERLACH, MUSTO, DELP, ULIANA, HECKLER, TOMLINSON BRIGHTBILL AND HART, AUGUST 18, 1995

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 14, 1996

## AN ACT

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania 2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for hindering 3 apprehension or prosecution. 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 5 Section 1. Section 5105 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania 6 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read: 8 § 5105. Hindering apprehension or prosecution. 9 (a) Offense defined. -- A person commits an offense if, with intent to hinder the apprehension, prosecution, conviction or 10 11 punishment of another for crime OR VIOLATION OF PROBATION, PAROLE, INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT OR ACCELERATED REHABILITATIVE 12 13 **DISPOSITION**, he: 14 (1) harbors or conceals the other; 15 (2) provides or aids in providing a weapon,

transportation, disguise or other means of avoiding

apprehension or effecting escape;

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- 1 (3) conceals or destroys evidence of the crime, or
- 2 tampers with a witness, informant, document or other source
- of information, regardless of its admissibility in evidence;
- 4 (4) warns the other of impending discovery or
- 5 apprehension, except that this paragraph does not apply to a
- 6 warning given in connection with an effort to bring another
- 7 into compliance with law; or
- 8 (5) [volunteers] provides false information to a law
- 9 enforcement officer.
- 10 (b) Grading. -- The offense is a felony of the third degree if
- 11 the conduct which the actor knows has been charged or is liable
- 12 to be charged against the person aided would constitute a felony
- 13 of the first or second degree. Otherwise it is a misdemeanor of
- 14 the second degree.
- 15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.