

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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1997

INTRODUCED BY L. I. COHEN, YOUNGBLOOD, BELARDI, COWELL, CASORIO,
ITKIN, CIVERA, STEELMAN, DeLUCA, SERAFINI AND JAMES,
APRIL 17, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 17, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of leaving an
3 unattended animal in a motor vehicle; and providing
4 penalties.

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

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5511.2. Leaving an unattended animal in motor vehicle.

10 (a) General rule.--A person driving or in charge of a motor
11 vehicle may not permit an animal to remain unattended in the
12 vehicle when the motor vehicle is out of the person's sight and
13 under circumstances which endanger the health, safety or welfare
14 of the animal.

15 (b) Applicability.--This section shall apply to the highways
16 and trafficways of this Commonwealth and, for the purposes of
17 this section only, the term "trafficways" shall include, but not
18 be limited to, parking lots.

1 (c) Penalty.--A violation of this section constitutes a
2 summary offense.

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