

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 511 Session of
1999

INTRODUCED BY MUSTO, STAPLETON, BELAN, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, SLOCUM
AND LEMMOND, MARCH 8, 1999

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 8, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the unauthorized taking of
3 newspapers from municipal recycling containers placed for
4 collection.

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 § 3935. Theft from municipal recycling containers.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits a summary offense if
11 the person, without prior authorization to do so, removes any
12 newspapers that have been sorted, bundled or baled for recycling
13 or placed in a recycling container of another person which has
14 been placed for collection.

15 (b) Penalty.--A person who commits an offense under this
16 section shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300
17 or, in the alternative and at the discretion of the court, to
18 perform community service for not fewer than eight hours nor

1 more than 16 hours.

2 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
3 "municipal recycling container" means a container that is owned
4 by a municipality or a party under a contract with a
5 municipality and is clearly marked as to ownership and supplied
6 to a person for the deposit of newspapers and other materials to
7 be collected.

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