

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 147 Session of  
2001

INTRODUCED BY MUSTO, COSTA AND SCHWARTZ, JANUARY 29, 2001

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 29, 2001

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 other persons have sorted, bundled or baled for  
13 recycling or placed in a municipal recycling container of  
14 another person for collection by a municipality.

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.