

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 498 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY GANNON, READSHAW, TIGUE, BLAUM, HERMAN,
CALTAGIRONE, HENNESSEY, JAMES, ARMSTRONG, MUSTIO, J. EVANS,
WALKO, BROWNE, GEIST, WANSACZ, GOOD, CURRY AND MANDERINO,
FEBRUARY 14, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for false swearing.

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

5 Section 1. Section 4903(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 4903. False swearing.

8 (a) False swearing in official matters.--A person who makes
9 a false statement under oath or equivalent affirmation, or
10 swears or affirms the truth of such a statement previously made,
11 when he does not believe the statement to be true is guilty of a
12 misdemeanor of the second degree if any of the following

13 paragraphs apply:

14 (1) [the] The falsification occurs in an official
15 proceeding[; or].

16 (2) [the] The falsification is intended to mislead a
17 public servant in performing his official function.

1 (3) The falsification is intended to mislead
2 shareholders or the public about the true financial condition
3 of the corporation and is included in:

4 (i) a report under 15 Pa.C.S. § 1554 (relating to
5 financial reports to shareholders) or 5553 (relating to
6 annual report of directors or other body); or

7 (ii) a document required to be filed with a Federal
8 or Commonwealth agency.

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