

CRIMES CODE (18 PA.C.S.) - AMEND FACSIMILE BOMBS
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HB 41

AN ACT

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for facsimile bombs.

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

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

§ 5516. Facsimile bombs.

(a) **Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if the person knowingly manufactures, sells, purchases, transports or causes another to transport, possesses or uses a facsimile bomb with the intent to do any of the following:**

(1) **Terrify, intimidate, threaten or harass an individual.**

(2) **Cause alarm or reaction on the part of any of the following:**

(i) **A public or volunteer organization that deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property.**

(ii) **A law enforcement organization.**

(b) **Grading.--An offense under this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree.**

(c) **Definition.--As used in this section, the term "facsimile bomb" means a device which:**

(1) **resembles in appearance and external qualities an explosive or incendiary device; but**

(2) **does not have the capability to cause an explosion or fire.**

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

APPROVED--The 31st day of October, A. D. 1997.

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